What happens if I suspect my child has Coronavirus?

The district, school, and Department of Health will work collaboratively regarding any suspicion of corona reports. Please visit the following link for the protocols we will follow.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cETYDqFON68&feature=youtu.be

When can I return my device if I moved out of Pinellas County?

If your family has moved or will be leaving Pinellas County Schools and checked out a device (computer, iPad etc.) please contact Starkey Elementary’s office at 727-547-7841 to schedule an appointment to return item.

Can I walk my child to class the 1st day of school?

Parents are not able to walk their child the first day to the gates or class. We are encouraging all parents to use the car circle to further promote social distancing.

Is there a supply list?

To better support your health and safety, we have decided to not request classroom supplies this year. However, we are asking for students to provide earbuds/headphones in a bag labeled with their name and a personal water bottle. We hope this helps limit exposure to stores and financial hardship.

I am not able to drive by and pick up supplies on August 21. How will we get what we need?

It is not required to pick up your supplies early. If you are unable to do so, then the supplies will be sent home the first day of school with your child.

Can my child wear any type of face mask?

We will give each student five gray cloth masks. If they’d rather continue wearing their own mask, it must be solid cloth that covers the mouth and nose. Designs are permitted. Please abide by the Pinellas County School Board dress code policy.

What is the dress code policy for “My PCS Online” learners?

Dress code for our “My PCS Online” learners is the same as our uniform dress code (see dress code policy in the “About Us” tab)

How do I find out who my child’s teacher will be?

You can find out who your child’s teacher is by going into the parent portal in Focus.

Are students eating in the lunchroom?

Lunch will be in the cafeteria unless a teacher opts to use her lunch break to eat with the students in the classroom. If that’s the case, then hot/cold entrée lunches will be pre-ordered and sent to the classroom. Otherwise, students will go through the cafeteria social distancing at all times and following much of the protocols in the video you may have seen on the district site. We have marked seats 5-6’ apart and masks will be worn, except when they’re eating. They will have assigned seats and a flow of foot traffic will be followed. Of course, students are still welcome to bring their own lunch as always.
Will online learners get meals at no charge too?
Yes, five breakfasts and five lunches will be provided for My PCS Online learners to pick up on Fridays between 9:30-10:00 am. It will be a curbside pick up in our car line near the cafeteria doors.

Will students be moving to other classes?
Movement will only occur for PE/Art/Music, recess, and lunch. Classes will stay with their own group at all times and will not be around others. The only exception is when they are outside at PE, in the lunchroom or during arrival and dismissal. During those times, our processes are very controlled to ensure social distancing and masks are worn.

Are there changes to PE or recess?
Yes, equipment will not be shared by multiple students as in the past. They will wash hands before/after going out and are limited to sharing equipment with 1-2 other students, such as when playing catch. Equipment will be sanitized between uses. PE won’t be using equipment at all the first half of the grading period. Recess areas are isolated to one class being together. If they are able to social distance outside, then they may take a mask break.

How is Starkey social distancing?
We are social distancing 5-6’ in the classroom, lunchroom, hallways, and the car/bus circle. It is tight in some classrooms, so plexiglass will be used between students and masks are worn.

How are you social distancing during dismissal?
Dismissal will be staggered to accommodate less students in the hallways at one time. The below dismissal schedule will include wearing masks and social distancing to the best extent possible.

2:30 pm PreK dismissed at car circle
2:40 pm Kindergarten and all bike riders and walkers dismissed
2:45 pm First bus/day care van riders in line dismissed
(All bus riders will line up in order of loading back to front with assigned seats.)
2:50 pm YMCA students and second bus/day care van riders in line dismissed
2:55 pm Gr. 1-5 car riders and third bus/day care van riders in line dismissed

Where should I drop off and pick up my child if my child is a walker and we don’t want to use the car circle?
Coordinate a designated spot on 86 Ave to meet your child at dismissal time. That spot should be used for drop off as well. The only exception is PreK and kindergarten students. They can have one adult wearing a mask meet them along the sidewalk between the office and the car line.

How will instruction change?
The flow of instruction will be the same with all content areas being taught daily. Differences for face-to-face include, less students in the room who are spaced out and have their own individual supplies at hand. If small group instruction or cooperative work is expected, it is limited to three students wearing masks and handwashing before/after. During those times, addition protective barriers include the use of plexiglass and face shields will be used as needed. Technology is compromised at this point due to sending much of our laptops home. However, this should be remedied soon as the district is just waiting on shipment of more laptops. MyPCS Online learners will go through Clever to access Canvas where their curriculum is located. Teams will be their presentation venue, which is also in Clever.