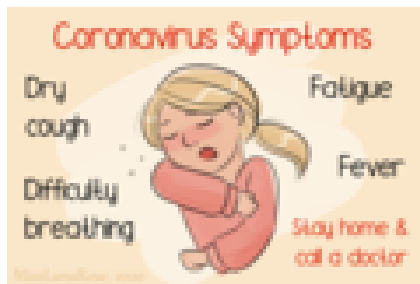


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PONCE DE LEON HIGH SCHOOL
2020-2021 REOPENING

Reopening Questions & Answers



What will we do when we arrive on the first day of school?

7:30-7:45

When students arrive on campus, they will enter through the gym lobby and will report directly to 1st period. If a student needs to pick up his/her class schedule, he/she will report to the gym, then report to his/her 1st period class. On the first day of school, students will be called during 1st period by grade levels to eat breakfast.

What will happen during 1st period on the first day of school?

Students will be called by grade level to the cafeteria, if a student chooses to eat breakfast, he/she will eat at this time. While students are in the cafeteria, school administration will be explaining the new cafeteria procedures for breakfast and lunch. During the time students are not in the cafeteria, 1st period teachers will review school rules, Code of Conduct, and social distancing guidelines.

Will we have a school supply list?

If a teacher has a specific supply list for their classroom it will be provided on the first day of school. If you purchase supplies during the tax free weekend, we recommend that you pick up the basics supplies for your child. We are working hard to keep each supply list to a minimum. All classrooms will gladly accept any donations of hand sanitizer, tissue boxes, and antibacterial wipes.

What will the regular school arrival procedures be?

When students arrive on campus, they will enter through the gym lobby and will report to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. If the student chooses not to eat breakfast, he/she will report to the gym. The visitor side of the gym bleachers will be for middle school students, and the home side of the bleachers will be for high school students. Students will be encouraged to gather in groups of 10 or smaller and keep a 6 ft distance while sitting in the gym. The cafeteria will have designated seating to encourage social distancing. Once the bell rings at 7:45, students will report to 1st period. Students that arrive after 7:50 will be required to enter through the front office lobby.

Students will be encouraged to not congregate in the hallways, and to maintain social distancing between classes. Physical guides will be used in the cafeteria and hallways to encourage social distancing.

Will there be Covid-19 signage throughout the school?

Yes. Throughout the school there will be physical guides such as floor signs, wall signs, and Covid-19 information signs to encourage social distancing and safe practices. The signage will have explicit directions to direct the flow of student traffic on campus.

Are lunch procedures going to change?

Yes. This year we will have 3 lunch periods to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria at one time. Designated seating and line spacing will be part of the lunch procedures to help maintain social distancing. Cafeteria capacity will be 50% or less by having 3 lunch periods. The students will be facing the same direction while sitting in the cafeteria. There will also be an automatic hand sanitizing station set up in the cafeteria. Once students eat they will be taken outside for fresh air.

6th & 7th Grade: 10:24-10:54

8th & 9th Grade: 11:17-11:47

10th – 12th Grade: 12:10-12:40

How will students dismiss at the end of the day?

Bus riders will exit through the gym lobby and go directly to their bus. Car riders and student drivers will exit through hallway 500.

How will the school communicate with me?

PDLHS will be utilizing four main channels for communication with parents and the community:

Automated Phone Calls

HDSB Mobile App

District & School Facebook Pages

District & School Web Pages

Parents: Emails and phone calls are HIGHLY encouraged over in person visits to the school. We recommend scheduling an appointment for in person visits with administration.

Are masks required ?

At this time, masks are NOT required! Faculty, staff, and students may wear a mask that is self-provided. The school district is not responsible for ensuring that the student wears the self-provided mask.

Will students have access to hand sanitizer?

Yes. Hand sanitizer will be in all classrooms, plus automatic hand sanitizer will be located throughout the school in high traffic areas.

Will the school provide extra cleaning and sanitizing of the school?

Yes. Each classroom teacher will be provided a high grade antibacterial disinfectant, plus the custodians will be using the same high grade antibacterial disinfectant throughout the school before students arrive, while students are at school, and after students leave school in the afternoons.

Can the school ensure that social distancing will take place during school hours?

Faculty & staff will highly encourage students to maintain social distancing throughout the school day, students will practice the new procedures, students will be reminded of the importance for social distancing daily, the school will have signage throughout the campus about protecting yourself from Covid-19, and designated seating in crowded areas will be provided. Students will be encouraged to gather in groups of 10 or smaller and keep a 6 ft distance when possible.

What happens if someone on the school campus exhibits signs or symptoms of COVID?

Should a student, faculty, or staff member exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID, the individual will be referred to the school nurse immediately for initial evaluation. If the individual is found to test positive for COVID, the local health department, in conjunction with the Florida Department of Health, will assist the school in implementing the proper steps to prevent further exposure or transmission of COVID. An affected COVID positive individual will not be able to return to work or school until cleared by a physician with a doctor's note reflecting the date of allowed return. For the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals, this requirement cannot be waived. Student absences will be excused for the duration of time reflected only on the doctor's note. Students with any illness that exhibits a fever must remain at home and will not be allowed to return to school until cleared in accordance with the current CDC guidelines. The student's temperature will be checked by the school health technician prior to re-entry to class.

Is it true that all students will receive a laptop to check out for the school year?

Yes. Students will not receive them the first day of school, but our goal is by when we return from Labor Day. The laptops will be treated like a textbook. They will need to come to school each day and home at night. We will have more details during the first month of school.

Will water fountains be turned off?

Yes. Water fountains will be turned off to keep germs from spreading. We highly encourage students to bring their own water bottles to school. Students cannot have glass containers, and all containers must be see through. We are accepting donations of cases of bottle water that will be freely available to students and staff. Anyone donating cases of bottle water can drop the water off at the front office. The office staff will make sure the water is available and cold. Students and staff needing a bottle of the donated water will be able to get it from Mrs. Garner's office at NO COST!

What will classrooms look like?

Teachers will position student seating to reflect social distancing. The routine and procedures in the classroom will be designed to encourage social distancing.

How will the hallways look?

Physical guides on the floor and walls will be used to direct the flow of traffic between classes. Faculty & staff will monitor students between class periods to encourage social distancing and safety procedures.

Will students be grouped differently?

Middle school students will be with the same section of students for all 7 periods. When possible, the amount of movement between classes have been minimized. High school classes have been scheduled for core classes before lunch, to open up more possibilities for dual enrollment and job opportunities.

Will the amount of visitors on campus be limited?

Yes. To protect students, faculty, and staff we ask that people needing to visit our campus do one of the following:

- Schedule an appointment
- Send an email
- Call the school

The less amount of exposure from non essential visitors on campus will help keep everyone safe. I appreciate your understanding.

How can the parents and communicate help the school?

The district office has supplied our school with antibacterial cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer refill liquid. However, we will gladly accept donations of bottled water. If you would like to donate cases of bottled water, they can be dropped off at the front office. The school plans to purchase a small refrigerator to keep the water cold and available for students and staff. We will have a safe procedure for the handling of the bottle water.

HDSB 20/21 BUS PLAN

- 75% maximum occupancy (including driver)
- 71 passenger bus – 52 students & driver
- 77 passenger bus – 57 students & driver
- All bus windows down at ALL times (unless raining)
- Water containers with recloseable tops allowable on all buses
- Personal hand sanitizer may be carried by students on buses
- Hand sanitizer will be available for student use upon exiting bus at school facility
- School appropriate face mask are highly recommended, but not required
- Routes/riders will be altered as needed to adhere to 75% occupancy
- Same family riders SHALL sit together with all riders given permanent assigned seats
- As a morning rider, parents/students agree they are entering the bus free of any symptoms of illness and are fever free
- Daily request for bus changes are currently suspended
- Buses sanitized with spray disinfectant after each morning and afternoon route
- Field trips discontinued until further notice (excluding sports as approved)
- We ask that any family with additional guests traveling to or from school with bus riders please remember, at the current time, HDSB buses may only run at 75% occupancy. Due to limited seating room, we are asking families to make alternate plans for transportation to and from school when additional guests will be present.
- Please contact your school if your child's bus is running 20 minutes (or longer) behind schedule in the afternoons. This delay may be due to the holding and/or transfer of students to other buses or routes to alleviate overcrowding.
- Each school will work out routing for students and buses as needed
- These guidelines are subject to change as needed

We realize you may have other questions, and you are welcome to call the school at 850-836-4242 or Anissa Locke's cell phone at 850-307-8589. Information from DOE and the state of Florida changes daily. We may not be able to answer all your questions, but we will do our very best to locate the information for you. Just remember, good overall hygiene and illness prevention will continue to be stressed at school. Please stress this importance at home as well. PdLHS' goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy, while providing compassion and grace.