

**Piedmont Community Charter School**  
**2021-2022 School Opening Plan**  
**August 19, 2021**

**Recommendation: Approved 6-0**

All Piedmont Community Charter School students will attend in person 5 days a week. At this time, wearing masks will be required indoors for students, staff and visitors of PCCS through September 21st. We will be following the recommendations in the Strong Schools NC Toolkit. This plan will be reviewed and may be updated at the board meeting on September 21st.

The PCCS Board of Directors reserves the right to make changes to this plan based on future COVID-19 data and its impact on school operations. A cluster outbreak, Governor mandates or high levels of quarantine are all possible situations that could lead to an adjustment in this plan.

The Head of School will continue to monitor and report COVID-19 related cases for each campus on a weekly basis.

We recommend optional mask wearing for student athletes.

NC High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) has decided to let the LEA decide if masks are required or optional for student athletes. If either team requires masks the other team will also be required to wear a mask.

**Quarantine:**

- The school will continue to follow the quarantine protocols and work closely with the Gaston County Health Department.
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 or those who are quarantined due to being a close contact to a COVID-19 positive case will have access to Google classroom/SeeSaw (K-2) and will be able to join live instruction virtually for core classes or required classes for graduation only.
- If a student is symptomatic for COVID-19 (see page 13 in Toolkit), families will need to communicate with the school nurse immediately.

**Cleaning:**

All sanitizing protocols will remain in place with an additional day of electrostatic spraying after school hours. Those days will be Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Updates:**

- All air filters have been upgraded to MERV-13 filters.

- ES and MS campuses now have touchless faucets in the bathrooms.
- The HVAC unit in the gym of the elementary campus has been replaced.
- The water fountains on each campus are still not usable, but each campus has bottle fillers.
- Vending machines will be filled and managed on each campus with sanitizing procedures.