

Return to School FAQs

What will the school day look like for my child?

The school day will be as close to a regular day as possible. At the High School students will move to all classes and at the Elementary students will remain in their homeroom and teachers will come to them.

Will my child be required to wear a mask?

Yes, but only in areas that cannot be socially distanced. Examples of when your child would need to wear a mask would be morning and afternoon transportation on the school bus and in hallways at the High School.

Will my child wear a mask the entire school day?

No, when students are in areas that are able to be socially distanced, they can take their mask off.

Do I need to buy masks for my child?

No, the school will provide 2 masks for each student. Masks must/should be washed between each daily use.

I do not want my child to wear a mask, what do I do?

Any individualized personal needs should be addressed and discussed with your child's building principal. Contact the respective school office to schedule an appointment with the principal.

What do I need to do if an immediate family member or my child contracts the CoVid virus?

Notification should be made to the School District immediately so that contact tracing can begin and individuals can be notified that they have been exposed to the virus.

What will happen if a student or staff member is infected with the CoVid virus?

Immediately upon notification of an infected student or staff member, the school will be in contact with the PA Department of Health and they will determine the school's course of action.

Can school be closed if there is a confirmed positive case of CoVid in the School District?

Each situation will be evaluated and the best course of action will be taken with guidance from the health care professionals. Should the school building be closed, distance learning will begin immediately with all students using the online platforms of the District.

How will I know if there is a positive CoVid case and school is moved to distance learning?

The School District will maintain active communication with parents and students at all times through the School Social Media sites, the School Website, personal communications, and mass communication. Due to HIPAA laws, individual names will not be released.

I do not have internet access at my home, how can my child do distance learning?

Contact your building principal so that arrangements can be for your child.

I do not want to send my child to school for fear they will bring the virus home. What are my options?

Union School District can provide multiple options to you and your child. Can and make an appointment to speak with your child's building principal to make the necessary arrangements.

How will parent meetings take place with the CoVid restrictions that are inplace?

Telephone conferences and Google Meet Meetings will be highly recommended and encouraged in lieu of face to face meetings.

The inside maximum number of people in one area is 25. How is school able to be held?

All Pennsylvania schools do not fall under these guidelines. All schools must follow the school guidelines set forth by the PA Department of Education.

Will Fall sports be held?

Union School District will comply and follow all regulations set forth by the PA Department of Education and PIAA. When we are given more information, we will pass that information to players and family members.

Will my child still receive a hot lunch?

Yes. At the Elementary students will receive their lunch and then eat in their classrooms, at the High School students will receive their lunch and then eat in the cafeteria which has been outfitted with plexiglass barriers to maintain social distancing.

Will my child have gym and music classes?

Students will still participate in physical education classes as well as all music classes. Instructors have adapted lessons and classrooms to CoVid safety protocols.

What if my child becomes ill during the school day?

The School District Nurse and Nurse Assistant are ready to attend to all situations that may occur during the school day. If a student shows any symptoms of CoVid during the day, they will be sent home immediately. Parents should provide two emergency contact numbers in case you cannot be reached to pick up your child from school.

If the county is moved to the yellow or red phase, will school be held?

School will be held without interruption if the county is moved to either the yellow or red phase. Schooling during these phases will be determined based upon current data and recommendations. Distance learning platforms with no on site instruction will be in place if in-person education is not feasible.

At the end of last year, school work could be done on my child's own time frame. Will that be the same this year?

No. Last year the PA Department of Education waived the required number of hours required for a complete school year. At this time, those hours have not been waived. Through distance learning platforms, all classes will be live streamed and students will be expected to be present virtually throughout the school day.