

Pleasant Valley District 62

2023-2024 SCHOOL GUIDANCE PLAN



Note:

The school guidance plan may change throughout the year based on CDC, ISBE, and IDPH Guidelines. This document is a fluid document and may be revised through the 2023-2024 school year.



ILLINOIS ADOPTS CDC GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS



On July 27, 2021 Illinois Department of Public Health fully adopted the **CDC Guidance for Schools**.

ISBE DECLARATION TO RETURN TO IN-PERSON



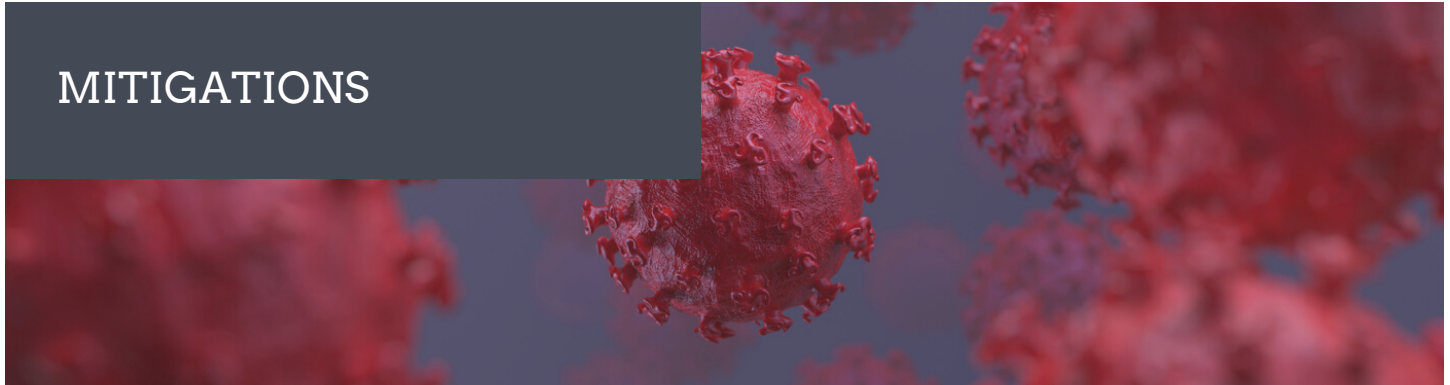
On July 9, 2021 Dr. Carmen Ayala, State Superintendent of Education declared:
"Beginning with the 2021-22 school year, all schools must resume fully in-person learning for all student attendance days."

Therefore, Pleasant Valley will be in session five days a week. All students are expected to attend school five days a week.

Parents wishing to keep their students at home during any part of the 2023-2024 school year will be responsible for homeschooling their students. Parents will need to provide written documentation of their intent to homeschool their student by August 16, 2023.



MITIGATIONS



The CDC recommends mitigation strategies to combat the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses:

- Vaccination
- Masks
- Physical Distance
- Ventilation, Cleanliness, and Hygiene
- Staying Home when an Individual is Sick or has Signs of any Infectious Illness
- Monitor Data in the Community

Based on the most recent CDC/IDPH guidance, which recommends implementing layered prevention strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other viruses, we have developed the following plan to ensure that our students can achieve their fullest potential while providing a safe learning environment.

Our plan includes Tiered Mitigation Levels that will be implemented based on school and community COVID-19 data or other virus data that may be used during a state of emergency



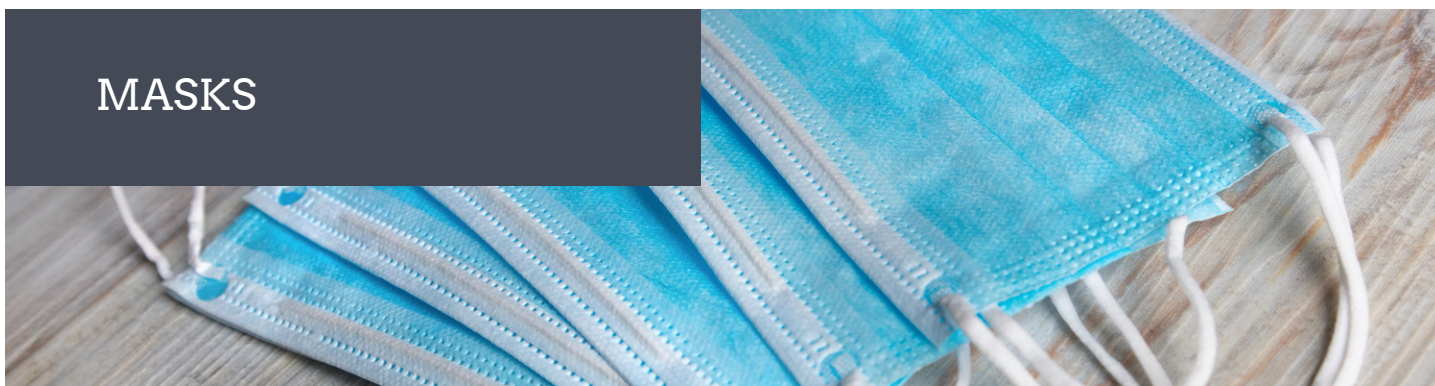
VACCINATIONS



Respectful of each individuals' opinion of the COVID-19 vaccine or other vaccines, those individuals 3 years or older, who wish to get vaccinated against COVID-19 can visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where they can get vaccinated in our community. Achieving high levels of COVID-19 vaccination among eligible students as well as teachers, staff, and household members is one of the most critical strategies to help our District safely resume full operations. Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are at low risk of symptomatic or severe infection. A growing body of evidence suggests that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are less likely to have an asymptomatic infection or transmit COVID-19 to others than people who are not fully vaccinated. If your child is eligible for a vaccination, please consider getting him/her vaccinated prior to the start of the school year.



MASKS



For the 2023-2024 school year, masks are not required

PHYSICAL DISTANCING



The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance or to the best of our abilities whichever allows for in-person learning to resume. Pleasant Valley Schools will attempt to keep the recommended physical distance, but know that it is not possible in all situations for many reasons. Physical distancing should also not hinder the education of our students, including collaboration in the classroom setting.



CLEANLINESS, HYGIENE, & VENTILATION



Handwashing and hand sanitizer will continue to be available and encouraged for all individuals in the school setting. Cleaning and disinfection, and ventilation protocols in place last year will continue. Families are asked (as you should without a pandemic) to continue to monitor your child for sickness and if sick or shows signs of any illness (not just COVID) to keep your child home and contact the school for a return date.

QUARANTINE & ISOLATION



Pleasant Valley will follow recommendations from the IDPH

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Increased instructional time



The school day start and dismissal times have been adjusted to allow for increased instructional minutes.

Pleasant Valley Intermediate (4-8): 7:45 am - 2:45 pm -- Doors open at 7:30 am
Wednesdays 7:45 am- 1:35 pm

Pleasant Valley Primary (PreK - 3) 8:20 am - 3:20 pm -- Doors open at 8:00 am
Wednesdays 8:20 am - 2:20 pm

All students in Pre-k through 8th grade will continue to their homeroom upon arrival to school. Breakfast in the classroom will continue.

LOCKERS & DRINKING FOUNTAINS



For the 2023-2024 school, the use of lockers will continue at Pleasant Valley Intermediate. Drinking fountains will also be open and available as they were last year.



BREAKFAST & LUNCH



Breakfast for students will continue to be in their classroom and lunches will be in the cafeteria. Students will be socially distanced to the greatest extent possible.

RECESS



Students in the grades K-8 will be provided their lunch recess.

VISITORS



Visitors are welcome at school with a pre-approved appointment.



BAND, CHORUS, & MUSIC



Music programs will resume regular programming for the 2023-2024 school year. This will include competitions (as available), concerts, and programs.

EXTRA-CURRICULARS ACTIVITIES



IESA athletics is scheduled to take place as a traditional season and schedule. Teams, coaches, and players will be expected to follow the sports guidance.

Those students who are under quarantine order will not be able to participate in any extra-curricular or on-site activities. This includes all athletics & all in-person learning,

FIELD TRIPS



Field trips that align with instructional outcomes and/or are an extension of the learning environment may be permitted during the 2023-2024 school year based on the guidance and data in the community.