

# Pike County Middle School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year, Pike County Schools developed a health and safety plan which included COVID-19 protocols and procedures. This plan can be found on the district website at <https://pike.k12.ga.us/covid19/>.

As noted in the plan, if any school has 2% of the population (students and staff) that have tested positive within a 7-day period, more restrictive measures will be taken to ensure the welfare of staff and students. Unfortunately, Pike County Middle School now has 2% of the population that have tested positive. We will begin to implement protocols that are very similar to but no more restrictive than what we used last year. These new protocols will begin immediately and are listed below.

- Temperature of staff and students will be checked each morning upon arriving at school.
- Students will be distanced 3 feet apart when possible.
- During lunch, students will sit every other seat. Some grades will rotate days in the cafeteria.
- No visitors will be allowed in the building. This includes breakfast and lunch visitors.
- Students will not gather in large groups unless they can maintain 3 feet apart.
- We will have separate clinic rooms for students who have fevers and those who do not.
- Non-vaccinated students and staff who are considered in close contact to someone who tests positive will be required to quarantine.
- There will be no field trips.
- Foods that are brought to school for the purposes of sharing with the class must be individually wrapped and in unopened containers.
- Teachers will look for opportunities to reduce the use of shared materials whenever possible.

In addition, masks continue to be encouraged but are not required for students or staff. These protocols will remain in place if the number of positive cases continues to increase. Procedures will remain in place until we see a downturn in the infection rate. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Amy Veal.

Sincerely,