



PRAIRIE GROVE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46

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Dear Prairie Grove families,

Next week is Spring Break. Enjoy some quality time with family and friends and recharge those batteries for the final two months of school. We are excited to have our students returning for full days starting April 12th. Here are a few more pieces of information that will help us in the transition.

COVID-19 Like Symptoms

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has recently updated the student and staff exclusionary guidelines and there are three (3) symptoms that are no longer considered "COVID-19 like symptoms" and are no longer a means for school exclusion. As a result, we have updated the student self-certification pads to reflect the updated guidelines. New self-certification pads will be sent home during the week of April 5th. Families who have a student returning to school on April 12th will be mailed the self-certification pad and car-rider yellow sign during the week of April 5th.

Table 1: IDPH COVID-19 Like Symptoms

Guidance from IDPH (Updated 03/15/2021)	Former Guidance from IDPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (100.4 F or higher)• New onset of moderate to severe headache• Shortness of breath• New cough• Sore throat• Vomiting• Diarrhea• New loss of sense of taste or smell• Fatigue from an unknown cause• Muscle or body aches from an unknown cause	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever (100.4 F or higher)• New onset of moderate to severe headache• Shortness of breath• New cough• Sore throat• Vomiting• Diarrhea• Abdominal pain from an unknown cause• New congestion/runny nose• New loss of sense of taste or smell• Nausea• Fatigue from an unknown cause• Muscle or body aches

Student Lunch

The full student day means we will once again be offering students lunch. Families have the opportunity to send lunch with their students or order lunch from our food service vendor, Organic Life. Organic Life has been our new food service provider this year and they have made some exciting changes in our kitchen.

For the remainder of this school year, the lunch provided by the school will be FREE for all students. To prepare to take advantage of this option, please review the April lunch menu linked below.

Lunch menu

The weekly food pack distribution for all remote students will continue each Monday from 11:00am - 1:00pm in the circle drive. Remote students should continue to use the webstore to reserve the weekly food pack [PG46 Webstore](#).

=====The following is a repeat from Wednesday's update.=====

Table 2: Full Student Day Hybrid Timeline

Grade Level	Start Date	Description of Hybrid Change
All Grade Levels	Monday, March 29th	Spring Break begins
All Grade Levels	Monday, April 5th	Classes resume - no change from the current half day Hybrid
All Grade Levels	Friday, April 9th	Blended/Remote Planning Day - no student attendance and no asynchronous activities
Early Childhood (ECE)	Monday, April 12	Blended students will attend four days a week All ECE classes Blended/Self-Contained will resume normal length of preschool classes - AM: 9am-11:30am / PM: 12:30pm-3:00pm Snack time in ECE will resume ECE students will be contacted with each student's specific schedule
K - 5th	Monday, April 12	All K-5th classes will resume normal length of the school day - 8:45am - 3:25pm

6th - 8th	Monday, April 12	All 6th-8th classes will resume normal length of the school day - 8:10am - 2:50pm
K - 8th	Monday, April 12	<p>In-Person students will have a one hour midday break for lunch and break</p> <p>Lunch will be eaten by students in their classrooms - the required 6 foot social distance will be strictly maintained during lunch (some students will eat in the cafe)</p> <p>Break is an opportunity for a movement break, a mask break (weather permitting), or an opportunity to engage in a game or social activity</p>
K - 8th	Monday, April 12	<p>Remote students will continue to have a one hour midday break for lunch and movement</p> <p>Weekly food pack distribution for all remote students is each Monday from 11:00am - 1:00pm</p> <p>Lunch menu - Reserve your food pack order via the PG46 Webstore</p>

Please contact me or a building principal if you have any questions.

All the best,



Dr. John M Bute
Superintendent