

2023-24 Pringle-Morse School Opening Plan

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Welcome back! We are looking forward to students joining us for the first day of school, Wednesday, August 9th! We have some exciting news! The school will provide most classroom supplies this year! Check out the very short school supply list at <http://www.pringlemorsecisd.net>.

We are preparing a safe and productive environment for all. We will provide traditional in-person classroom instruction and when necessary, we will provide virtual instruction for our students. Masks are not required but are optional at Pringle-Morse CISD for 2023-24. Parents and students may have more questions about the new school year, and we want to continue the partnership with our parents to mitigate COVID-19 on our campus.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate through changing circumstances. On May 4, 2021, Texas Governor Greg Abbot issued Executive Order No. GA-36, relating to the prohibition of government entities and officials from mandating face coverings or restricting activities in response to the COVID-19 disaster. His order states “that, effective 11:59 p.m. on June 4, 2021, **“no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor may be required to wear a face covering.”** Students, staff, and visitors who wear masks shall adhere to the CDC’s recommendation for the universal and correct positioning of a mask on the face. We will keep you informed throughout the year as we receive guidance from the Texas Governor, Texas Education Agency, and the local authorities. Please do not hesitate to email us at pringle-morse@region16.net or call 806-733-2507 with your questions or concerns.

Learning options for students beginning August 9, 2023

- Pringle-Morse CISD will open 2023-24 with full-time traditional in-person classroom instruction with disinfection protocols.
- Pringle-Morse participates in the USDA paid, reduced, and free meal programs. Meal applications will be available in the registration packet. Please return applications to the school office as soon as possible.
- Throughout 2023-24, the school, teachers, and students will remain prepared for full-time at-home virtual instruction and be ready to respond to governing orders, quarantine, bad weather, or unforeseen circumstances. Should the school shift to at-home instruction, the Superintendent or office staff will notify teachers,

parents, and students through text, television news channels 4, 7, 10, and 14; KXDJ 98.3 radio; and the District’s Facebook account, Pringle-Morse CISD; and web page, www.pringlemorsecisd.net.

- In addition to ensuring the continuity of educational services in the event of an unforeseen circumstance, Pringle-Morse CISD will continue to provide food services through the cooperation of the Pringle-Morse meal service staff. Pringle-Morse will continue to address students’ and staff social, emotional, and mental health counseling through cooperation with High Plains SSA and the school counselor in the event the school moves to full-time at-home virtual instruction.
- Appropriate educational accommodations for children with special needs would continue to be provided through cooperation with High Plains SSA.

“Synchronous and/or Asynchronous Instruction” would be provided remotely depending on the child’s grade level and would include district-provided technology devices as needed.

Grades PK-2 (and as necessary for grades 3-12) Asynchronous Instruction:

The instructor and student may not be engaged at the same time. The teacher will instruct through pre-recorded video lessons, live video, online assignments, and through *Google Classroom*. Student engagement will be measured by the teacher daily. Instruction will address the required curriculum per Texas Education Code (TEC) 28.002, and daily contact with the school will be required for student attendance per TEA.

Grades 3-12 Synchronous Instruction:

All participants are required to be present at the same time in a virtual classroom. We will use *Google Classroom* for live on-line instruction. The required amount of synchronized instruction is scheduled each day. Teacher instruction will address the required curriculum per TEC 28.002, and daily student attendance will be taken by the teacher per TEA.

New 2023-24 school calendar, registration, and start-time

- The **school supply list** and **calendar** are available at <http://www.pringlemorsecisd.net>
- On July 27, 2023, registration packets may be picked up at the:

Pringle-Morse Office	8:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Spearman Bus Stop (Lowe’s Grocery)	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Stinnett Bus Stop (Public Pool)	5:00 - 5:15 p.m.
Borger Bus Stop (Wildcatter’s)	5:30 - 5:45 p.m.

- On August 3, 2023, parents and students are welcome to [Meet the Teachers](#) and bring school supplies to the school. Teachers will be available at school from:

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

- **Please return registration packets on or before August 3rd for a smooth transition into the attendance system and school lunch program.**
- August 9, 2023, is the first day of classes for the 2023-24 school year.
- School breakfast will begin at 7:45 a.m. Grades PK - 1 will go directly to their classrooms and receive breakfast there. Grades 2 -12 will go directly to the cafeteria for breakfast. Classroom instruction will begin at 8:09 a.m. and release at 3:35 p.m. The office will close at 4:30 p.m.

Partnership with parents and caregivers to mitigate COVID-19 and infectious illnesses on campus

We want to know your child is safe; please call the school office at 806-733-2507 if your child will be absent in the future or is absent for any reason.

Together we can mitigate COVID-19 and other infectious illness on our campus. Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school with symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illness. Check your child for symptoms before they go to school and consult with your doctor's office for medical advice if you are unsure. Contact the school if the child has tested positive for COVID-19 or other infectious illnesses such as influenza (flu), respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and gastrointestinal (stomach and intestinal) infections. Parents should contact the school to begin at-home instruction and continue until the return-to-school criteria is met. A child may return to school with a note from a doctor's office if tested positive for COVID-19 or other infectious illness.

The CDC recommends completing a [Personal COVID-19 Plan](#) and provides tools, information, and action steps to share with your family, friends, and healthcare providers.

Parents and caregivers should consider if their child has recently begun experiencing symptoms in a way that is not normal for him or her. Use symptom screening to determine if your child currently has an infectious illness that they might pass on to others.

The presence of any of the symptoms below generally suggests a student has an infectious illness and should not attend school, regardless of whether or not the illness is COVID-19. For students with chronic conditions, the symptoms below should represent a change from their typical health status.

Check your child for these infectious illness symptoms before they go to school:

- Temperature of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, fever, or chills
- Cough (for students with chronic cough due to allergies or asthma, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (for students with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
- Congestion, runny nose, loss of taste or smell
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- Unusual muscle or body aches and/or fatigue

Students should not attend school in-person if they or their caregiver identifies new development of any of the symptoms above. Check symptoms for changes from usual or baseline health.

Learn what you should know about [COVID-19 variants](#).

If your child DOES have any of the symptoms above:

1. Keep them home from school.
2. Consult with your medical provider about infectious illness and care.
3. Contact your child's school and report that your child is sick. The school may ask some additional questions to help determine when it is safe for your child to return to school and about other people who may have been exposed.
4. CDC has a [Coronavirus Self Checker](#)* available on its website, which may help you make decisions about seeking medical care for possible COVID-19.
5. If your child has **an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing)**, call 911.

If your child is at risk for COVID-19 but DOES NOT have any of the symptoms above:

Consider whether your child needs to see a healthcare provider and be tested for COVID-19. Even if they don't have symptoms, your child should be tested if he or she:

1. has been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, or
2. has taken part in activities that puts them at higher risk for COVID-19 because they cannot physically distance as needed, such as participating in contact sports, attending a gathering with other children or family, or

3. was asked or referred to get testing by a state, county, or local health department or healthcare provider.

If they do not have symptoms and do not meet any of the criteria above, send them to school as usual. The “Coronavirus Self Checker” is available at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>

When to stay home, quarantine, and isolate

Quarantine and stay away from others when you have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/daily-life-coping/COVID-19-How-to-Determine-Close-Contacts-HTML.pdf>. Isolate when you are sick or when you have COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms.

The date of exposure is considered day 0. Day 1 is the first full day after your last contact with a person who has had COVID-19. Please refer to CDC for steps for determining close contact at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/K-12-infographic.html>

- If exposed to COVID-19 and are NOT up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, stay home, quarantine for at least 5 days, get tested, wear a well-fitted mask and watch for symptoms until 10 days after last contact with someone with COVID-19. Isolate immediately and get tested if symptoms develop.
- If exposed to COVID-19 and up-to-date on COVID-19 vaccinations, NO quarantine. Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19, wear a well-fitted mask, and watch for symptoms until 10 days after last contact with someone with COVID-19. Isolate immediately and get tested if symptoms develop.
- If exposed to COVID-19 and had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (tested positive using a viral test), NO quarantine, wear a mask and watch for symptoms until 10 days after last contact with someone with COVID-19. Isolate immediately and get tested if symptoms develop.
- If tested POSITIVE for COVID-19, or have symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, stay home for at least 5 days and isolate from others in the home. Wear a well-fitted mask and end isolation after 5 full days if fever free for 24-hours without medication and symptoms are improving. If you did not have symptoms, wear a well-fitted mask and end isolation after 5 full days following positive test.

- If you get very sick from COVID-19 or have a weakened immune system, you should isolate, and consult your doctor before ending isolation. Please bring a note for return to school if you have been under a doctor's care for any infectious illness.

Students and school staff who become sick at school

Some students and school staff might develop symptoms of infectious illness while at school. The nurse and school staff will work with students and their caregivers to base school exclusion and return decisions on the same symptom screening above.

When students and/or staff develop symptoms of infectious illness, the nurse or school staff will take action to isolate them from other students and staff.

Students with any of the symptoms listed on pages 3 to 4 should follow the Pringle-Morse Schools Student Handbook, Section Two, to minimize transmission to others and allow for these symptoms to resolve. The symptoms should have improved for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medications or according to school policy. Parents please call your doctor and/or the school for assistance.

Students who develop any of the symptoms listed on page 3 while at school will be placed in an isolation area (ideally with a restroom) separate from staff and other students:

- School nursing staff that interact with a student who becomes ill while at school should use [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) when caring for sick people.
- Students who are sick and not already wearing a mask should be provided one to wear unless the student has a contraindication to doing so.
- Students and staff who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow [CDC guidance on caring for yourself and others](#) who are sick.
- If an ambulance is called to transport a student or staff member to the hospital, the school should first alert the healthcare staff that the student/staff might have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- After the student or staff member leaves an isolation area, school staff will clean and disinfect the area.
- Students with symptoms will be placed in an isolation area in a non-threatening manner, within the line of sight of adults, and for the shortest possible period. If more than one individual at a school becomes sick at

the same time, ideally each person should be isolated separately to avoid unnecessary exposures in case one or more of those who are sick do not have COVID-19.

Social emotional and mental health

Our school counselor, Modesta Gonzalez, is available to support students academically, socially, and emotionally and can provide mental health support and/or resources for families who may be struggling emotionally. Access to schedule a meeting with the PMCISD counselor or to find a list of local counseling-based resources can be found on the district website pringlemorsecisd.net.

Your mental health matters! Pringle-Morse CISD is partnering with Texas Tech Health Science Center Campus Alliance for Telehealth Resources to support mental health needs. For free services please contact them at 806-743-2291 or go to <https://www.ttuhscc.edu/catr/default.aspx>.

Parent/Guardian conferencing

- A parent/guardian conference to discuss educational progress is best conducted in person with the student's teacher.
- Elementary teachers will contact parents to schedule conferences each semester as required by the Every Student Achieves Act (ESSA).
- A parent/guardian of an elementary, junior high, or high school student may call the teacher to discuss or schedule conference as needed.

Pringle-Morse School Health and Safety Measures School nurse procedures related to COVID-19 and other infectious illnesses

- The school nurse and those assisting students in the nurse's office should follow the updated recommendations for use of masks outlined in the Infection Control: Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-coV-2) guidance at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>
- Students, teachers, or staff who feel feverish or present symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illness will have their temperature taken and be evaluated by the school nurse (or designee).
- When symptoms of COVID-19 or other infectious illness are present in the nurse's station, masks may be recommended. The symptomatic student will be isolated until pick up, and the symptomatic staff members will be sent home.
- The nurse will contact a parent and tell them to wait in the parking lot for child.
- The nurse will contact the school office to move the class and have it disinfected.
- The student will be escorted to the parking lot once his/her ride arrives. The parent may call the school office 806-733-2507 for assistance.

- The nurse or office staff will sign out the student at the office to mitigate infection.
- Please refer to “Partnership with parents and caregivers to mitigate COVID-19 and other infectious illness” section.
- Anyone who attends Pringle-Morse CISD and gets a positive lab-confirmed COVID-19 or other infectious disease should contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Schools must close off areas that were heavily used by an individual who reports a lab-confirmed case (student, teacher, or staff) until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected, unless more than 7 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
- Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, school must respond to COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools. Please refer to [Responding to COVID-19 Cases in K-12 Schools: Resources for School Administrators | CDC](#)

Personal infection control measures

- We ask all parents to daily screen their children for COVID-19 or other infectious illness symptoms before school.
- CDC recommends people stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>
- Masks are optional and will be available at the front entrance.
- Floor decals will guide student distancing as students move throughout the building.
- All persons will be distanced at least three (3) feet whenever possible.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will receive instruction on effective 20-second handwashing techniques and proper covering of the face when sneezing or coughing. Used tissues should be thrown in a trash receptacle and hands washed immediately for 20 seconds.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be expected to wash and/or sanitize hands frequently throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at every entrance, classroom, and common area.
- Buses will have hand sanitizer available for students as they get on and off the bus.

Transportation infection control measures

- Should the local counties experience a spike in COVID-19 or other infectious illness, the safest means of transportation is the family car to and from school, but for many working parents that is not an option.
- Pringle-Morse CISD will provide bus transportation and arrange student seating.
- Please temperature check and screen your child for COVID-19 and other infectious illness before leaving home to travel to school.
- All buses will be sanitized thoroughly after each bus route.

Breakfast and lunch Infection control measures

- Upon arrival, grades PK to 1 will go directly to their classrooms each morning for breakfast. Grades 2 to 8 will go directly to the cafeteria.
- Floor decals will guide student distancing through the cafeteria line.
- Hand sanitizer will be available prior to entering the food area.
- Pre-wrapped plastic ware will be utilized in the cafeteria.
- Students may not share any food, milk, or drinks from the cafeteria or home.
- Classroom desks and cafeteria tables will be sanitized between meals.

Classroom and building infection control measures

- Pringle-Morse CISD has increased cleaning in all school areas to maintain a safe and productive environment. Custodial will regularly sanitize classrooms, restrooms, and high-traffic common areas throughout the day.
- The District will provide masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves as needed.
- Desk tops and work areas will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Teachers and classroom aides will minimize shared supplies.
- A Victory electrostatic applicator will be utilized according to manufacturer's recommendations for disinfection when necessary.
- The nurse's station and library is equipped with an air purifier.

School Opening Frequently Asked Questions:

When will students and staff be required to wear a mask at school?

Refer to page 5 and 6 of this document.

Where can I find updated information about COVID-19 Disease?

<https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Are COVID-19 vaccinations required for school employees and eligible students: **No.**

How will schools monitor crowding in bathrooms, cafeterias, gyms, and other commons areas?

All areas of the campus will be monitored frequently to ensure there is no student crowding. Classrooms will be assigned specific bathroom, breakfast, lunch, and gym access times to limit the number of students in any given area. Signage reminding students and staff about handwashing and infection prevention will be posted throughout the school.

What precautions will be in place on campus?

PMCISD will comply with all health and safety recommendations established by the Texas Governor, Texas Department of State Health Services, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Texas Education Agency, the local health authorities, local government officials, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

Will there be an attendance requirement for credit this year?

Yes. The TEC 25.092 will be in full effect for the 2023-24 year. Students will have to attend 90 percent of the time to be promoted to the next grade or get credit for classes.

What do I do if my child is struggling with school work and/or attitude about school?

Please call the school at the first sign of a problem. Student engagement and attendance is paramount for your child(ren)'s education. We want success for every child according to his or her abilities, and communication with teachers, the counselor, the nurse, and the principal will be the key to a great year.

May I visit the school, attend student conferences, eat in the cafeteria with my child, or volunteer to help a teacher?

Yes. Pringle-Morse CISD encourages family engagement and parental/guardian involvement in the education of our students. Please do not hesitate to call the school if you want to schedule a conference, volunteer to help in the classroom, or volunteer through Cougar Pride. Every parent is considered a member of our school booster club, Cougar Pride. Cougar Pride is always busy and appreciates volunteers. Parents are welcome to eat at school with their children. Please call ahead if you want to purchase adult school meals.