



November 6, 2020

PCS Families,

Please take a moment to read through important information and updates -

Second-Semester Plans

In preparation for the second semester, we have thoroughly evaluated current school operations, health and safety guidelines, curriculum and instruction, learning options, and other information relevant to this school year. **On Monday, November 9, parents/guardians will receive an email with details about what we've learned and our plans for the second semester.** Please be sure to check your inbox for this information.

Save the Date: Parent Q & A Meeting on November 12

After you receive the email on November 9, Pelham City Schools administrators will be hosting a Parent Q & A Meeting on Thursday, November 12 to discuss our second-semester plans and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will also include a discussion about the Rezoning Plans for Pelham Oaks Elementary and Pelham Ridge Elementary which will be implemented for the 2021-2022 school year. The meeting will take place at 6:00 pm in the Pelham High School auditorium. Masks and social distancing will be required. The meeting will be recorded for those who are unable to attend.

COVID Data

The Alabama Department of Public Health recently launched a COVID-19 Dashboard which captures reported positive cases in school systems across the state. [You can view the ADPH dashboard here.](#)

We've added our system's COVID data to our district website on a dashboard that is being updated with our weekly numbers. Going forward, we ask that you access the information by clicking [this page](#). We will not continue sending the COVID data to you via email weekly, but you can still access the information at any time on the website. The information on the dashboard is the same information shared below.

For the week ending November 6:

We have 5 reported COVID positive cases under quarantine which includes 4 students (0.2% of our on-campus student population) and 1 staff member (0.3% of our staff population).

We had 50 total quarantine cases which include the reported COVID positive cases, close contacts of positive cases, and people who are exhibiting COVID symptoms as identified by the ADPH. These 50 cases include 44 students (1.9% of our on-campus student population) and 6 staff members (1.5% of our staff population).

Disclaimer: our information is self-reported and often dependent on what people tell us, so that should be considered when evaluating our data. Reporting of system data has been a local decision, and there is no process or consistent format currently required by the state.

Comparisons of information from other local systems may not be evaluating the same data sets. For Pelham City Schools, our numbers are based on current cases that are causing a school absence. Therefore, a positive case or quarantine case will likely be counted for at least two weeks in the data until that person is returned to school.

Have a great weekend!

Dr. Scott Coefield
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Pelham City Schools