



## WEEKLY CAREGIVER IN-PERSON LEARNING UPDATE

Dear Price Middle School Families and Caregivers,

I want to thank you for all you've done to support our return to in-person learning. It has been wonderful having students in the building again. We have amazing students and staff that have been incredibly resilient and positive despite the challenges that come with adjusting to a new Covid world in the building. I am hopeful that we will continue to work together to ensure that our schools are one of the safest places for your child to be each day. We are requesting your partnership in reinforcing the most basic, yet effective safety protocols of keeping a mask on (fully covering the face from the nose to under the chin), washing and sanitizing the hands throughout the day, and keeping a social distance of at least 3-6 feet at all times.

**Please note that student refusal to uphold these requirements, including proper mask use, will result in progressive discipline for blatant defiance.** We hope to avoid this by reminding students that these simple behaviors keep us, our families, and our communities safer.

We know how important it is to receive regular updates on health, safety, and COVID-related news and plan to send out a weekly communication on various topics including testing updates and availability, health and safety protocols, and any news regarding COVID cases within our school community.

As things change with Covid within our school, cluster, the city, we will explore all options in how we deliver instruction to our students if it will make them and our staff safer. Please know that the health and safety of our students, staff, and community continues to be our top priority.

Thank you again for all you've done to make our return to in-person learning a success. We are grateful for our students' diligence and your support in their learning. Please have discussions with them about their goals, what they are learning about themselves, and the world, and have them recite their scholar's creed! Welcome back!

Sincerely,

Luqman Abdur-Rahman  
Principal, Luther J. Price MS



## PBSA COVID-19 IN-PERSON SAFETY PLAN

**TESTING:** All in-person PBSA staff are required to test on a weekly basis. In addition, we are working to begin to make rapid, surveillance Covid testing to all students beginning the week of August 23rd. COVID-19 Surveillance Testing is a non-diagnostic test that detects the presence of COVID-19 even in individuals who may be asymptomatic, and will be available to all students whose parents sign a release to allow it, free of charge. More information on this kind of testing will be shared separately.

**MASK MANDATE:** All staff and students will be required to wear a cloth or disposable mask whenever inside the building. This is mandatory at our schools (and all APS facilities) at all times except when eating or drinking. Masks must cover the nose AND mouth.

**HANDWASHING/SANITIZING:** Washing and sanitizing hands is key to preventing the spread of germs. Staff and students are expected to follow the following steps in regard to hand washing safety:

- ✓ Washing and sanitizing hands upon entering a classroom, with each school space having a hand sanitizer station
- ✓ Washing hands after bathroom breaks and throughout the day as a preventative measure
- ✓ Drying hands with paper towels
- ✓ Washing or sanitizing hands before and after eating

**ADDITIONAL PPE:** PBSA has purchased additional PPE and other supplies that can be made available to staff based on their role and need. Additionally, the following items are available in each classroom for teacher and student use:

- ✓ Hand sanitizer station
- ✓ Disinfectant spray bottle
- ✓ Paper towels
- ✓ Face masks (limited for replacement)

**Weekly Covid Cases Update:** We will operate in the spirit of transparency in order to inform families of the number of cases that have been confirmed at our school. We will also note how many students have been isolated due to the risk of exposure to those confirmed as positive cases.

LJPrice MS Covid Reporting Summary, August 2 – August 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2021			
	Confirmed Positive Cases	Isolated/Quarantined	Total
Staff	2	2	4
Students	3	19	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>