

Penny Creek Covid FAQ

Dear Parents,

We appreciate the difficult choices you must make amidst the Covid pandemic. We understand you may be working through the decision to place your child in the Everett Virtual Academy, or to have them attend in person learning here at Penny Creek. The following questions and answers are provided to support you with this decision. Please reach out to us if we can assist you any further.

1. When will students be able to remove masks?

Students will have the choice to not wear masks while outside at recess. They will be required to wear masks when walking among buildings during instructional periods.

Students will also be able to remove masks when seating to eat lunch in the cafeteria and/or a snack in class. Once a student finishes eating, they will replace their mask prior to getting up from the seated position.

2. What will recess supervision be like?

Recess supervision will be as it has been under typical circumstances. Students are not required to remain in specific zones. They may move about the various play areas as they choose.

We will teach and encourage three-foot social distancing. There may be times, however, when students run past each other, or inadvertently bump into each other.

3. Where will students eat breakfast and lunch?

Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria. Students will sit on every other seat, sometimes every two seats. Seating will be staggered so that no one sits directly across from another student.

4. How many students will be in a class?

Class sizes range from 18-27—depending on the number of students enrolled at each grade level. We are seating students 3 feet apart to the best of our ability. Most rooms allow for this. CDC guidelines allow for some flexibility here if needed.

5. How will you respond if a student tests positive for Covid?

Students' families will be notified if need be—that is if they are considered at risk of getting Covid. Our nurses assist with contact tracing and the Snohomish Health Department is notified. We follow their guidelines as to who is notified.

6. How do you respond if a child displays symptoms of Covid?

If a student presents with symptoms, the nurse or Health Room Assistant is notified, and the student is brought to the Cares room. This space is separate from the health room in the office. Parents are notified to pick their child up as soon as they possibly can. The nurse will give further instructions if a COVID test is recommended.

7. How will a child's attendance be impacted if they are absent due to Covid Symptom?

Their absence will be marked as illness. Teachers will work with families to make up assignments within a reasonable amount of time.

8. Is virtual learning set up in case of shut down, or if an entire class needs to stay home?

Not at this time. If an entire class needed to quarantine, we would certainly look into the option of providing virtual learning for the period of time needed.

9. Will there be daily temperature screening or Covid testing?

The following is from our district website: There will not be paper attestations this year, but we do ask you keep your child home from school if they appear sick or are experiencing any of the [COVID symptoms](#).

10. How will Social Distancing be maintained in restrooms? How often are restroom cleaned? How are they going to keep the distance in the bathroom and also how is it going to keep it sanitized?

Students use separate stalls when in the bathroom, and teachers send just one or two at a time. We clean restrooms daily, and intermittently throughout the day as needed. We also teach students to maintain cleanliness and thoroughly wash hands after using the toilet.

11. If I choose to go enroll my child in Everett Virtual Academy at this time, can I return to Penny Creek at a later time, if I feel it is in the best interest of my child?

The EVA asks for a one-year commitment. We will, however, consider enrolling students from EVA later in the year if our class sizes can accommodate this.

12. Will students be sharing school supplies in class?

Teachers are planning to keep sharing at a minimum. You may arrange with your child's teacher to supply items so that your child does not need to share.

13. What if I still have questions or concerns that are not answered here?

Please contact Penny Creek Administrators, Marti Shefveland, principal and Stephanie Kirkpatrick, Assistant Principal, to discuss specific concerns and consider ways we can support your child.