



Quincy Public Schools
Return to Full-Time
In-Person Learning



Clarification on Commissioner Riley's Guidance

On March 5, 2021 the Board of Elementary and Secondary education voted to give Commissioner Riley the authority to determine when hybrid and remote learning models would no longer count towards structured learning time. The Commissioner has released the following timeline:

- Grades K-5 return to in-person learning by April 5, 2021
- Middle School return to in-person learning by April 28, 2021
- High School return to in person learning to be determined

Physical Distancing:

The Department's guidance indicates districts should space students more than 3 feet whenever feasible. However, ***3 foot distancing in classrooms is the recommendation of the Commissioner*** to support the return of students to full-time in-person learning.

- Current remote students should be allowed to return to in-person, although districts may require a reasonable transition period

***Important to note that families will retain the choice to continue on in remote learning through the remainder of the school year. ***

Elementary

- Beginning **March 22, 2021**, all students in **grades 4 and 5** currently participating in the Hybrid Model will attend school 4 full days and ½ day (*Wednesday*) each week
- Students and staff will maintain current social distancing and safety protocols (masks, handwashing, social distancing)
- Teachers will switch classes to continue to teach their focus areas (math, science, ELA, social studies) ***students will not switch classrooms***
- Cleaning will occur Wednesdays after students have left the building

Middle School

- Beginning March 22, 2021, all students in grades 6 through 8 currently participating in the Hybrid Model will attend school 5 days per week (*half day Wednesday every other week*)
- Students and staff will maintain current social distancing and safety protocols (masks, handwashing, social distancing)
- Teachers will switch classes to continue to teach their subject areas (math, science, ELA, social studies, etc) ***students will not switch classrooms***
- Cleaning will occur Wednesdays after students have left the building

High School

- Beginning **March 22, 2021**, all students participating in the Hybrid Model in **grade 11** will attend school 5 full days each week (*half day Wednesday once per month*)
- Beginning **March 29, 2021**, all students participating in the Hybrid Model in **grade 9 and 10** will attend school 5 full days each week (*half day Wednesday once per month*)
- Students and staff will maintain current social distancing and safety protocols (masks, handwashing, social distancing)
- Cleaning will occur Wednesdays after students have left the building

Kindergarten

The current Kindergarten model is a half day session (A.M./P.M) 4 days per week in-person with Wednesdays being remote. Remote students follow the same schedule remotely.

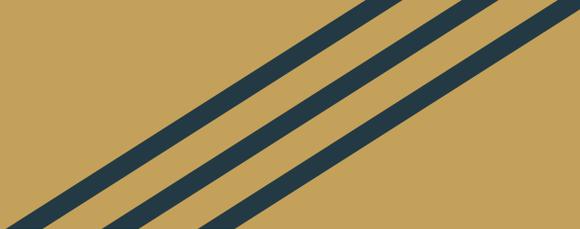
Current Challenges:

- Both hybrid and remote cohorts (A.M./P.M.) are large and would need to combine into 1 class, which in many cases would be over 25 students per class (*over 30 in the remote model*)
- Current classroom spaces in many buildings could not accommodate the space for social distancing with such large class sizes
- In order to increase the time in Kindergarten we would need to increase both the hybrid and remote learning time
- Increasing the remote time would increase screen time at the Kindergarten level and lead to large class sizes
- Changes in the current Kindergarten model will require changes in classroom teachers for both remote and in-person students

To better assess the priorities and needs of our Kindergarten students a **survey** will be going out to **all Kindergarten families this Friday**. Families will be asked to select their preferred model of instruction for the remainder of the school year. (*half day remote, full day remote, half day in-person, full day in person*)

Additional Information

- Students currently on the waiting list to return to full in-person learning will be able to return on or before April 5th
- The district is currently working on a plan for the return of Kindergarten to full day in-person instruction with the goal of an early April implementation
- Social distancing will continue to occur in our classrooms with the maximum distance possible, but no less than 3 feet
- Families wishing to move from remote to in-person, or in-person to remote instruction should contact their principal
- Changes moving from in-person to remote or remote to in-person may require changes in teachers particularly at the Kindergarten and elementary level



Questions?