




Pocosin Innovative Charter is excited to start the 2021-'22 school year. All public schools were charged with creating a return to school plan. The state has designated the following plans A, B, and C that are summarized below:

Plan A All students in school at same time	Plan B Limit student density in facilities to no greater than 50% occupancy	Plan C No students in school facilities
Daily In-Person Instruction: Under this plan, K-8 students will attend class in their designated school building, in-person with their teachers and classmates every school day.	Blended Instruction: K-8 students will experience a combination of in-person learning and online instruction. Instructional activities and assigned work will be graded and attendance will be required both in-person and online to earn credit for assignments and to complete the academic course.	Fully-Online Instruction: Under this plan, all students will experience fully-online instruction and the school campus will be closed. Instructional activities and assigned work will be graded and attendance will be required online to earn credit for assignments and to complete the academic course.

It is important to note that we will open the 2021-2022 school year fully in person. Included in this document is more specific information on the school's plan.

	Health and Safety Practices for Pocosin Innovative Charter
	Instructional Plans and Practices for Pocosin Innovative Charter
	Facilities and Procedural Changes for Safety




We encourage all of our parents to carefully review the information below. We will be sure to update our families with any changes to plans as they are made.

Thank you for your continued support!

Pocosin Innovative Charter Administration

Return To Learn 2021-2022 Plan

Daily In-Person Instruction: After much local research, consideration and discussion, Pocasin Innovative Charter will offer full time in-person instruction. In-person instruction will not require the use of full-time mask coverings for students and/or staff. Staff and parents of students will choose individual mask use regardless of vaccination status while indoors and outdoors. Staff and students will continue to wear a mask while on buses as required. Staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to maintain social distancing as recommended by the state, utilize provided hand-sanitizer, and frequent hand washing as appropriate. Masks will be available upon request. The school will continue to provide thorough and extensive daily cleaning. Parents should keep home children who are not feeling well, who have knowingly been exposed to COVID or are exhibiting signs related to COVID, and contact the school regarding their absence and any protocols that must be followed. Exposure and confirmed cases will be subject to quarantine guidelines on a case-by-case basis. The school will monitor increases in COVID-19 cases in our area and adapt accordingly for the best interest of all stakeholders. These guidelines are further subject to change per state requirements.
(mask policy is subject to monthly renewal or modification by the school board as required by the state.)

	<p>Enhanced health protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Staff are asked to conduct a personal wellness check before arriving to school. <input type="checkbox"/> Bus drivers will require that students wear face masks while on the bus and will provide students with a mask should they not have one. <input type="checkbox"/> The school recommends all families also complete daily health screenings at home. <input type="checkbox"/> Isolation of any student who becomes ill while at school. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly facility cleaning to include enhanced procedures to sanitize surface areas, high-contact areas, and restroom facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Masks available to any staff or student who needs one. <input type="checkbox"/> On-site COVID testing option for students and staff.
	<p>Impact on Instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional instruction with remote learning days built into the school calendar (see school calendar). 5 remote learning days will have students completing instruction provided by the school at their homes. <input type="checkbox"/> Normal class daily schedules with a focus on building experience with electronic access to learning materials by staff, parents, and students to ensure a smooth transition to alternate learning plans as required by the state. <input type="checkbox"/> No option for virtual learning exclusively for the year will be offered in 2021-2022.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Carpool will be run as usual, while maintaining social distance. <input type="checkbox"/> School-based COVID testing will be offered to families who wish to have this in the case PCR testing is needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend social distancing in hallways, commons areas, food consumption areas, restrooms, and including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No indoor school-wide assemblies <input type="checkbox"/> Lunches will be eaten in the classrooms and not in a common area <input type="checkbox"/> Lunches delivered to the school will continue to be individually wrapped for distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Provide hand sanitizer at all building entrances and exits, within each classroom for easy access <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage frequent handwashing and provide instruction as needed to ensure proper handwashing techniques are utilized.

