



July 19, 2020

Palmerston Area School District Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to modify the PASD's *Path to Reopening: Health and Safety Plan (HSP)* based on the latest guidance available. As the name indicates, the *health* and *safety* of our students and staff are of the utmost importance.

On July 16, the day after the PASD's draft HSP was posted on the district's webpage, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Department of Education released [additional public health guidance](#) that "serves as minimum standards for practices across all PreK-12 schools with the understanding that more rigorous measures may be required". Additionally, the CDC updated the COVID-19 [symptom-based criteria](#) on July 17. Because of this new guidance and out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our students and staff, we are making substantial modifications to several focus areas on the July 15 draft HSP that was posted on the PASD website. Please note that if you contacted me via email regarding the July 15 draft, the information in my original reply may no longer be accurate due to the pending changes to our HSP.

The updated HSP draft will be available on the PASD website no later than Wednesday, July 22. Again, thank you for your patience as we navigate these uncharted waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jodi Frankelli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jodi Frankelli, Ed.D.  
Superintendent