

Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2022

COVID-19 Protocols

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The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to pose significant challenges for state agencies, districts, and schools, while also affecting us all personally. PISA representatives' top priority is to protect the health and safety of students and school staff.

Our COVID-19 mitigation protocol has been developed using CDC guidelines with the input of health professionals. These protocols are intended to be flexible to adapt to the changing landscape presented by COVID-19. PISA representatives will work with districts and schools to ensure that their COVID-19 protocols are also followed.



Provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

PISA will provide field staff with PPE:



Disposable Masks



Face Shields



Disposable Gloves



Hand Sanitizer



Sanitizing Wipes & Spray

To the extent federal, state, or local agencies recommend the use of additional PPE, PISA will ensure that field staff are provided with the same.



Sanitizing and PPE Protocols

Multiple times during the assessment day, field staff will follow protocols to:





All used PPE will be discarded in PISA-supplied trash bags and removed from the school by field staff.

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Field Staff COVID-19 Protocol Training

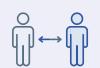
All field staff will be trained on COVID-19 protocols, including the following:



Donning and removal of PPE



Proper disposal of used PPE



Social distancing on/off the clock



Sanitizing equipment and equipment cases



Other school protocols



Health Monitoring and Testing Protocols

Health monitoring and testing protocols will include the following:



Field staff will be tested for COVID-19 before assessments begin in **September 2021** and regularly throughout the field period, assuming commercial availability nationwide.

Field staff will be expected to perform a COVID-19 Daily Checklist of their health and symptoms before reporting for work at a school. Any field staff who do not successfully pass the daily health assessment will not report to school that day, and will be required to either:



Test negative for COVID-19 in accordance with CDC guidelines.



Be free of COVID-19 symptoms for a 14-day period before conducting any assessments in school.



Provide written documentation from their healthcare provider releasing their return to work.

Before entering school buildings, field staff will take their temperature using a noncontact thermometer, and acknowledge that they are symptom-free.



School Protocols

Field staff will follow any and all school-specific required COVID-19 protocols, which may include but are not limited to the following:



Temperature checks and other symptom assessments by the school upon arrival at the school



Social distancing guidelines of staff and students



Additional school-required PPE



Additional sanitizing requirements

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