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Plan for Safe Return to Full-Time Instruction and Continuity of Services

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Maintaining Health & Safety

- A. Universal and correct wearing of masks
 - a. Per [Executive Order 251](#), staff, students, and visitors must wear facial masks when indoors at schools, aside from the included exemptions. Masks are also required on school buses, per Federal Order. Mask wearing will be revisited at the time of any change in the Governor's Executive Order. Teachers will continue to model proper mask wearing with their students at the beginning of the school day. Signs on how to properly wear masks have been posted in the walls and classrooms of each building.
- B. Physical distancing
 - a. The District will implement physical distancing measures as an effective COVID-19 prevention strategy to the extent it is equipped to do so while still providing regular school operations to all students and staff in-person. Desks in classrooms will be situated 3 feet apart wherever possible. Students will be continuously reminded to provide 3 feet between one another when in hallways.
- C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
 - a. The District has fully stocked Sanitation Stations at the entrance/exit doors used by our students. There is also a Sanitation Station at each classroom door. These Sanitation Stations contain hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and latex gloves. All individuals need to sanitize hands when entering and/or exiting any of the above mentioned doors. All students and staff will be reminded to use sanitizer and/or wash hands for a minimum of 20 seconds throughout the school day.
- D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
 - a. The District will change the upgraded MERV10 filters in HVAC systems quarterly. Windows and doors will stay open to maximize ventilation; and fresh air will be encouraged with the use of outdoor space, as appropriate, for eating, physical, and/or instructional activities.
 - b. Highly touched surfaces such as doorknobs and railings will continue to be cleaned throughout the school day.



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- E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
 - a. Parents, students, and staff will be informed via District and principal communications to remain home if they are exhibiting any signs of illness and to inform the School Nurse immediately if anyone in the household or recent contact has tested positive or is suspected of having COVID-19. The district will continue to follow CDC/NJDOE/NJDOE guidelines with contact tracing.
 - b. If someone is experiencing signs of illness in their household and is being tested for COVID-19 due to illness, students and staff, unless fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, should stay home until the test results are received. The district will continue to follow CDC/NJDOE/NJDOE guidelines with contact tracing.
 - c. Principals and teachers will keep seating charts and utilize school cameras wherever possible to assist in contact tracing efforts.
- F. Diagnostic and Screening Testing
 - a. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of illness every day. Parents/guardians certified their compliance via our student information system. A lab will continue to go to each building one day a week to conduct COVID testing to staff and/or students.
- G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
 - a. The District will continue to provide information regarding vaccination opportunities, as appropriate, to the school community. We had a vaccination clinic attend our Community Wellness Event this past September. We also hosted, through the NJDOH, a vaccination/booster clinic on 11/11/21 and 12/02/21.
- H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies
 - a. Individual student needs will continue to be addressed through IEPs, 504 plans, individual medical plans, and other existing mechanisms as needed to ensure access to educational services for all eligible students. Our CST members work closely with administration to ensure student needs are being met with all of the District's health and safety protocols.

Ensuring Continuity of Services

- A. We have hired three new interventionists for each of our three K-6 buildings. We have a new SAC position, and are partnering with CarePlus who will provide us with a full-time clinician to be housed on our campus daily during school hours. We also have hired an additional elementary counselor to support the three we currently have with their caseloads and schools.
- B. Each school will have a School Data Team. These data teams will meet monthly (more at the beginning of the year) to review student assessment and performance data. One Monday per month (at a minimum) will be used for the School Data Team members to share information with teachers. Students will be placed into the various three tiers of NJTSS and receive appropriate interventions.



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- A. The District reviewed the plan's requirements. We invited members from the school community, from all constituent groups, to participate in our Pandemic Response Team meeting. During this time, [information](#) was discussed and agreed upon before being disseminated to our school community with the hiring of a new superintendent. Our Pandemic Response Team meets periodically throughout the school year.

COVID-19 exclusion criteria for persons who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19:

- Individuals who test positive or individuals with COVID-19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider should stay home until at least 10 days have passed since symptom onset and at least 24 hours have passed after resolution of fever without fever reducing medications and improvement in symptoms.
- Exception: During periods of low community transmission (green), ill individuals with COVID-19 compatible symptoms who are not tested and do not have a known COVID-19 exposure may follow NJDOH School Exclusion List to determine when they may return to school.
- Persons who test positive for COVID-19, but who are asymptomatic should stay home for 10 days from the positive test result.

COVID-19 exclusion criteria for close contacts:

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and are not fully vaccinated:

- should be tested at 5-7 days after their last exposure or immediately if symptoms develop.
- If the result is again negative, individuals may return on the 8th day after their last exposure or later.
- If positive, they should isolate for 10 days.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and are fully vaccinated:

- Do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms and have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days:

- Do not need to quarantine or be excluded from school