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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 model proper mask wearing with their students at the beginning of the school day.
- 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. The K-6 schools will utilize desk shields at the start of our school year. Our MSHS students will have face shields to use where physical distancing is not possible. 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 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. An agreement to do so will be in Genesis, and parents/guardians will be asked to certify the fact that they will comply.
- 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 currently have a vaccination clinic attending our Community Wellness Event this September.
- 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.

The following is taken from NJDOE/NJDOH's publication, The Road Forward, as it applies to a Moderate Area, which is our current status.

<p>Tested positive for COVID-19 or have COVID-19 compatible symptoms as listed below:</p> <p>At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose; OR At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.</p> <p><i>For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.</i></p>	<p>Stay home 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</p>	<p>If person tests positive for COVID-19, but is asymptomatic = stay home for 10 days from the positive test result.</p>
<p>Close contacts as defined below:</p> <p><i>In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.</i></p>	<p>If fully vaccinated and have no COVID-like symptoms = do not need to quarantine or be tested.</p> <p>If symptoms start = isolate self from others and be tested for COVID-19.</p>	<p>If unvaccinated = excluded from school for 10 days (or 7 days with a negative test collected at 5-7 days).</p>