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Conestoga Valley
SCHOOL DISTRICT

2020/2021 Health and Safety Reopening Plan

TIMELINE

- ★ March 13, 2020
 - Governor Wolf closes all schools for two-weeks (extensions last throughout the 2019/2020 school year)
- ★ March 16, 2020
 - CV implements a three-phase Continuity of Education Plan
- ★ May 31, 2020
 - Class of 2020 “Buckskin Farewell”
- ★ June 5, 2020
 - Lancaster County goes to “Yellow”
- ★ June 26, 2020
 - Lancaster County goes to “Green”
- ★ July 1, 2020
 - Governor Wolf issues mandatory mask order
- ★ July 15, 2020
 - Governor Wolf limits indoor gatherings to 25 people



THERE IS NO EASY ANSWER

- ★ COVID-19 has impacted CV and the world like never before
- ★ Every answer or opinion creates ten more questions
- ★ Guidance and directives are constantly changing
- ★ Not everyone agrees with how to handle the pandemic



PHILOSOPHY

- ★ Balance health and safety with education
- ★ Cannot guarantee someone won't become infected with the virus, but can put in protocols to increase health and safety
- ★ Understand the importance of in-person learning for K-12
- ★ Maximize safety protocols to help mitigate the spread of the virus



PHILOSOPHY

- ★ Empathize with those who feel the trepidation of re-opening schools
- ★ Acknowledge and address extenuating circumstances for students and staff
- ★ Provide appropriate options for our students and families
- ★ Continue to practice patience, grace, understanding and flexibility



PHILOSOPHY

- ★ Ongoing collaboration with local health care professionals, PA Department of Education and PA Department of Health, federal agencies, and Lancaster and Lebanon County School Districts
- ★ Continue to do our best to make decisions that directly impact the entire CV community



RE-OPEN SCHOOL OR STAY VIRTUAL?

★ Students need to be back in school in the safest, most practical manner possible

➤ Social/emotional learning

➤ At-risk population

- Special Education
- Economically Disadvantaged
- English Language Learners
- Homeless Students
- Those in Need of a Safe Environment



RE-OPEN SCHOOL OR STAY VIRTUAL?

- ★ Students need to be back in school in the safest, most practical manner possible
 - Make up “gaps” in learning from Spring
 - Allow for hands-on learning experiences
 - Impact on families
 - Impact on economy
 - Impact on health of students, faculty, staff, parents and community



THE BIG THREE

★ HOW TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- WEAR A MASK OR FACE SHIELD
- MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY/SITUATION
- WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY



COMPONENTS OF RE-OPENING PLAN

- ★ Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation
- ★ Social Distancing and Other Protocols
- ★ Monitoring Student and Staff Health
- ★ Other Considerations for Students and Staff



FACILITIES CLEANING, SANITIZING, DISINFECTING AND VENTILATION

- ★ Cleaning since March in preparation to reopen
- ★ Procedures have been updated and instituted to meet CDC guidelines
- ★ Disinfection supplies meet OSHA and CDC guidelines
- ★ High touch points to be cleaned throughout the day
- ★ Other services to be cleaned daily after school hours
- ★ HVAC system will be in “24/7” mode per ASHRAE recommendations
- ★ Filters will be replaced on a regular basis



SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PROTOCOL

★ To the maximum extent possible:

- Classroom/learning spaces will be reorganized to maximize social distancing
- Building schedules and routines will be reassessed to minimize contact
- Use of common areas and outdoor spaces will be maximized

★ Staff and students will be trained on hygiene protocol (increased hand washing and/or sanitizing, appropriate utilization of face masks and/or face shields, minimizing touch points, and limiting the sharing of materials, etc.)



SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PROTOCOL

- ★ Face masks and/or face shields will be strongly encouraged, but not required, unless otherwise directed by state or federal direction, for students and staff
- ★ Traditional transportation schedules will continue to be provided daily to all students; with the caveat that masks will be mandatory when riding District transportation.
- ★ With the potential of more parent-transported/self-transported students, updated procedures will be in place for the possible increase in student drop-off and pick-up.
- ★ School visitations will be limited to essential support school personnel only, and all classroom visitors will need prior approval of building administration.



SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PROTOCOL

- ★ Safety protocols will be continuously evaluated by staff to ensure fidelity of implementation.
- ★ In addition to CV's Virtual Academy, in the Yellow or Red phase, the District will deliver an online schedule to reduce the number of students present in the building at any one time.



MONITORING STUDENT AND STAFF HEALTH

- ★ Students and staff will self-check at home before coming to school
- ★ DO NOT come to school if you are ill
- ★ Staff and students should not come to school, and should notify school officials, if they become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or are exposed (less than 6 feet for more than 15 continuous minutes) to someone with COVID-19 symptoms, or to someone with a confirmed or positive case of COVID-19.
- ★ If it is known that any student or staff member within a school community becomes ill or has been exposed to an individual confirmed positive for COVID-19, they will be immediately sent home and required to quarantine as appropriate.



MONITORING STUDENT AND STAFF HEALTH

- ★ The administration, in consultation with the Department of Health will be responsible for making decisions regarding quarantine or isolation of students and/or staff.
- ★ Conditions for a student or staff member to return to school/work will be established through consultation with the School Physician, local health care professionals, and state or federal guidelines.
- ★ Consistent evaluation of the implementation of protocols will be completed and protocols may be adjusted as appropriate.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

- ★ Following the education of effective hygiene practices for all students and staff as previously referenced (including the proper use of face masks and/or face shields), face coverings (masks and/or shields) for students and staff will be strongly encouraged, unless otherwise required by state or federal mandate, or when social distancing is not feasible (ex. school vehicles, common areas, etc.).
- ★ Students and staff at higher risk for severe illness will be addressed on an individual basis to accommodate any specific needs.
- ★ The district will work closely with STS (Substitute Teaching Service) to ensure availability of substitute teachers to address potentially increased number of absences.
- ★ In addition to a modified schedule, where appropriate, professional development will be provided to all staff related to strategies to ensure all students have access to quality learning opportunities and supports while at school or at home.



OPENING WEEK OF SCHOOL (AUGUST 24 – 28)

★ August 24

- Elementary only (in-person)

★ August 25

- Elementary and Grades 7 and 9 in-person
- Grades 8, 10, 11 and 12 virtual

★ August 26

- Elementary and Grades 8 and 10 in-person
- Grades 7, 9, 11 and 12 virtual

★ August 27

- Elementary and Grades 7, 8, 11 and 12 in-person
- Grades 9 and 10 virtual

★ August 28

- All Students in-person



MOVING FORWARD

★ Monday, July 27

- Board presentation of Plan for approval

★ Wednesday, July 29

- Building principals will present an informative video to their communities of how the Plan will affect their respective buildings

★ Friday, July 31

- Survey will be sent out to all parents/guardians regarding:
 - In-person instruction or CV virtual option
 - Bus transportation or student drop-off and pick-up
 - Purchase breakfast/lunch or pack from home
- Frequently Asked Questions will be posted to the website (and updated regularly)



RESOURCES

★ Pennsylvania Department of Education

- <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/Pages/default.aspx>

★ Pennsylvania Department of Health

- <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

★ Centers for Disease Control

- <https://www.cdc.gov>





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