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## *Safety Plan for the Reopening of School*

**COHORT-** A cohort is a group of students in the same grade, most cases, this is a single homeroom but, in some situations, it could be a larger group.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING-** Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.

### **CATHOLIC IDENTITY**

- Morning prayers will be said by the Principal.
- The Prayer of Pope Francis will be read each day for the end of the virus.
- The students will watch the Mass once a month from their classrooms.
- Prayers at dismissal will be said by the principal at the end of the day.

### **STUDENT SCREENING**

- Parents are to take their child(ren)'s temperatures each morning.
- Parents are to monitor their child(ren)'s health and look for signs of coughing, chills, fever, shortness of breath etc.
- The teachers will do a health check at recess.
- If a child has a fever or is displaying symptoms, they will be removed from the classroom and

sent to a separate room to wait for their ride home. The room will be supervised by a staff member.  
Children must be picked up in a timely fashion.

## **MASKING**

- After careful consideration and reviewing the plan put into effect by Dr. Levine, all students (Grades Pre-K to 8) must wear a mask throughout the day, with intermittent breaks. If students are 6 feet apart, then the masks may be removed at the discretion of the teacher, when students are in their cohorts. Ensure that your child has the proper mask size and fit and provide them with frequent reminders and education on the importance and proper wear of masks.
- Masks are to be appropriate for school. Please send in a brown paper bag for students to keep their masks in when they are eating lunch or taking a mask break.
- Teachers will be wearing masks and may wear a face shield as well.
- The plastic shields for desks are still being reviewed. The cost is \$20.00 per shield.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

- Desks will be from 3-6 feet apart. Desks will be facing the same direction.
- Pre-K and K may have a different configuration if tables are being used.
- Students will be expected to social distance while eating lunch and at recess.
- Students will remain in their classrooms for lunch with their teacher.
- Students will go outside at recess, but have to maintain social distancing.
- Specials teachers will go to each classroom.
- Physical Education classes will be held outside, weather permitting.

## **HYGIENE**

- Each classroom will have hand sanitizer for student use.

- Bathroom breaks will be spread out with minimal number of students going in at a time.
- Students will be reminded to wash their hands frequently.
- Students must have their own supplies. There will be no sharing. This includes pencils, pens, crayons, etc.
- Classroom windows will be opened for ventilation.
- School will be disinfected each night and railings, doorknobs, light switches, remotes and bathrooms will be wiped down during the day.

## **BUSSING**

- Students will be bussed from their current school districts.
- You will be contacted by your district's bus company.
- Students are to wear masks on the bus and sit with their siblings.

## **FOOD**

- Hot lunch will be available from McGuillicuddy's.
- Pretzels will be available at recess. They are individually wrapped.
- Students are not to share food with each other.
- The water fountains are shut off. Students are to bring their own water to school.  
Students may bring in any kind of water bottle, disposable or reusable. If they bring in reusable, please wash and clean it every night.
- Students will be eating in their classrooms with their teachers.

## **RECESS**

- Students will have recess outside, weather permitting.
- Students will stay with their class mates for safety reasons.

## **VIRTUAL LEARNING**

- The teachers will be using Google Classroom as the Learning Management System.
- Cameras and microphones are being explored for classroom use. We are exploring alternative methods to bring instruction virtually.

- Students will follow the regular classroom schedule. Students will be expected to be dressed in school apparel and be in an appropriate place to learn.
- Students are to sign into Google Classroom each day.
- At this time, we do not have enough Chromebooks for each student to supply them for virtual learning.

### **DCIU**

- DCIU (Delaware County Intermediate Unit will continue to provide services for our students.
- Masks will be worn by all personnel.

### **VISITATION**

- No outside persons will be allowed in the building during the day.
- If you have to bring in something for your child, you can give it to Mrs. Spurrier at the office window.
- If you are picking up a sick child, you will be asked to wait in the vestibule.
- This is for the safety of all of our students, faculty and staff.

### **CARES**

- CARES will take place beginning Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- The children will be in their cohorts according to age.
- The rooms will be sanitized after each day.
- Students need to have a snack and a drink for CARES.

### **SUSPECTED CASE OF COVID 19**

- Any child displaying signs of sickness, will immediately be removed from the classroom and sent to the isolation room. Their parents will be called to come and pick them up. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are.
- It will be determined when we will close a classroom and the students would go onto virtual learning mode. The Chester County Health Department will be notified and we will follow their directives.

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID 19, the Chester County Health Department will be notified immediately and they will take jurisdiction of the situation. We will comply with their recommendations.
- All names of children will remain confidential. If a child comes down with COVID19, the child's name will not be disclosed.
- Students or staff that may have been out due to COVID 19 may return:
  1. 3 days with no fever **and**
  2. Symptoms improved **and**
  3. 10 days since symptoms first appeared or,
  4. If cleared by a medical professional
- There are many other types of illnesses that can occur. Flu season will be returning as well as colds, allergies, etc. If you are unsure if your child has COVID 19, please call your pediatrician or family doctor immediately, so testing can be arranged if the physician deems it necessary.