

WWP HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS 2021 - 2022

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

AUGUST 31, 2021

NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE ROAD FORWARD

- “LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES (LEA) MUST PLAN TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY, FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS FOR THE 2021 – 2022 SCHOOL YEAR.”
- “THE ABSENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE STRATEGIES OUTLINES IN THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE REOPENING OF A SCHOOL FACILITY FOR FULL-DAY IN-PERSON OPERATION WITH ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS AND STAFF PRESENT.”
- THE ROAD FORWARD PROVIDES “RECOMMENDATIONS” AND “STRATEGIES” AS OPPOSED TO MANDATORY STANDARDS

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

WWP FALL 2021

- GOVERNOR MURPHY'S [ORDER](#), EXECUTIVE ORDER 251, CALLS FOR ALL STUDENTS IN PRESCHOOL THROUGH 12TH GRADE, AS WELL TEACHERS, STAFF MEMBERS, AND VISITORS, TO WEAR MASKS INSIDE ALL SCHOOLS.

VACCINATIONS

- **VACCINES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER 253 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR MURPHY.**

PROOF OF VACCINATION STATUS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL WW-P STAFF MEMBERS.

- **EVERY EMPLOYEE WILL NEED TO CONFIRM THEIR VACCINATION STATUS IN THE [GENESIS EMPLOYEE PORTAL](#). ANY VACCINE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN THE U.S. (CURRENTLY MODERNA, PFIZER, AND JOHNSON & JOHNSON) WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL STAFF MEMBERS WILL NEED TO PROVE VACCINATION STATUS.**

WEEKLY TESTING OF UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS

- *ONSITE TESTING WILL OCCUR FOR DISTRICT STAFF THAT ARE UNVACCINATED ON A WEEKLY BASIS.*

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- **NJDOE – THE ROAD FORWARD, “THOUGH PHYSICAL DISTANCING RECOMMENDATIONS MUST NOT PREVENT A SCHOOL FROM OFFERING FULL-DAY, FULL-TIME, IN PERSON LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, LEAs SHOULD CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING PHYSICAL DISTANCING MEASURES AS AN EFFECTIVE COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGY TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO DO SO WHILE STILL PROVIDING REGULAR SCHOOL OPERATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF IN-PERSON. “**
- **“CONSIDER MAINTAINING THREE FEET OF DISTANCE BETWEEN STUDENTS IN CLASSROOM SETTINGS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WHILE OFFERING FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS.”**

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM SETTINGS

- **WW-P WILL FOLLOW PHYSICAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.**
- **WW-P WILL CONTINUE TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF SHARED OBJECTS, ENSURE INDOOR FACILITIES HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION, PREPARE AND MAINTAIN HAND SANITIZING STATIONS, AND ENSURE STUDENTS AND STAFF WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY.**
- **LAYERED MITIGATION STRATEGIES (MASKING, HANDWASHING, RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE, TEMPERATURE CHECKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, CONTACT TRACING, VACCINATION, ETC.)**

AIR QUALITY MEASURES

- PRIOR TO DECEMBER 2019, THE DISTRICT WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (ESIP) AND REFERENDUM. THE ESIP INCLUDES IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HVAC SYSTEMS, WE WERE ABLE TO INSTALL BI-POLAR AIR IONIZERS IN ALL HVAC UNITS IN THE DISTRICT. THE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED MEETS UL 2998 STANDARD CERTIFICATION FOR ZERO OZONE EMISSIONS FROM AIR CLEANERS.
- ALL UPDATED UNITS ALSO RECEIVED NEW DIGITAL CONTROLS TO OPERATE THE EXISTING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING CLASSROOM UNIT VENTILATORS.
- DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE ALSO OUTFITTED EACH CLASSROOM WITH STAND-ALONE HEPA FILTRATION UNITS. THE DISTRICT TOOK THIS THREE-PRONGED APPROACH FOR THE OPENING OF THE 20-21 YEAR WITH SUCCESS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE IT IN PLACE FOR THE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR.
- FURTHER, WE HAVE INCREASED THE UTILIZATION OF OUTSIDE AIR FLOW TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AIR EXCHANGES IN CLASSROOMS AND THROUGHOUT EACH BUILDING.

SCREENING, PPE, AND RESPONSE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF PRESENTING SYMPTOMS

- DAILY FORM WILL BE PASSIVE AND REQUIRED FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE SYMPTOMATIC, QUARANTINED, OR TRAVELERS.
- TEMPERATURE CHECKS WILL OCCUR DAILY.
- STUDENTS AND STAFF WITH SYMPTOMS RELATED TO COVID-19 SHOULD STAY HOME.

CONTACT TRACING

- CONTACT TRACING IS THE PROCESS USED TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, INCLUDING COVID-19. CONTACT TRACING IS A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE NOT ONLY IN NEW JERSEY BUT AROUND THE WORLD AND IS AN INTEGRAL FUNCTION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINING

- **UNVACCINATED STUDENTS OR STAFF MEMBERS MAY BE ASKED TO BE MEDICALLY EXCLUDED SHOULD THEY EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE OF THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, BASED ON CDC GUIDANCE, THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE EXPLAINED:**
 - **ANY TWO SYMPTOMS: FEVER, CHILLS, RIGORS (SHIVERS), MYALGIA (MUSCLE ACHES), HEADACHE, SORE THROAT, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, DIARRHEA, FATIGUE, CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE.**
 - **ANY ONE SYMPTOM: COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, DIFFICULTY BREATHING, NEW LOSS OF SMELL, NEW LOSS OF TASTE.**
 - **ALL INDIVIDUALS -10 DAY ISOLATION AND 24 HOURS FEVER FREE AND SYMPTOMS HAVE IMPROVED OR A NEGATIVE COVID TEST RESULT.**

UNVACCINATED STUDENTS - TRAVEL NURSES MESSAGE TO PARENTS – TO BE SENT 8/19

- **“PURSUANT TO THE BELOW HEALTH GUIDELINES, UNVACCINATED STUDENTS WHO TRAVEL WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR 10 CALENDAR DAYS (OR 7 WITH A NEGATIVE TEST) FROM THE DATE OF RETURN IF THEY TRAVELED INTERNATIONALLY OR DOMESTICALLY OUTSIDE OF NEW JERSEY, NEW YORK, DELAWARE OR PENNSYLVANIA. IF YOUR FAMILY’S TRAVEL PLANS FALL WITHIN THIS WINDOW PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL NURSE. THE BELOW EXCLUSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND/OR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.”**

TRANSPORTATION

- **THE DISTRICT WILL ADOPT BEST PRACTICES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING ALL VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS.**
- **MASKS MUST BE WORN BY ALL PASSENGERS ON BUSES, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS PER CDC'S FEDERAL ORDER.**
- **OPEN WINDOWS TO INCREASE AIRFLOW IN BUSES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION, IF POSSIBLE.**
- **REGULARLY CLEAN HIGH TOUCH SURFACES ON SCHOOL BUSES AT LEAST DAILY. UPON REPORTING FOR WORK IN THE MORNING, DRIVERS WILL HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN.**

SCHOOL NUTRITION-FOOD SERVICES

- ENSURE CONTINUITY OF MEAL PROGRAMS
- ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR DAILY MEALS AT NO COST.
- FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEAL SELECTION WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FOR THE 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

REMOTE INSTRUCTION/180 DAY REQUIREMENT

- **THE ROAD FORWARD DOCUMENTATIONS PROVIDE THAT WHERE A SCHOOL IS “REQUIRED TO EXCLUDE A STUDENT, GROUP OF STUDENTS, A CLASS, OR MULTIPLE CLASSES AS A RESULT OF THE SCENARIOS LISTED ABOVE [MEANING A CLOSURE IS REQUIRED FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL DAYS DUE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR A DIRECTIVE AND/OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE APPROPRIATE HEALTH AGENCY OR OFFICER TO CLOSE], WHILE THE SCHOOL ITSELF REMAINS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, THE LEA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTION TO THOSE STUDENTS IN A MANNER COMMENSURATE WITH IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.”**

VISITOR POLICY

- **SCHOOL VISITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS UNLESS DOING SO WOULD INHIBIT THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH OR THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE.**
- **NONESSENTIAL BUILDING VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LIMITED.**

VOLUNTEER POLICY

- **EXAMPLES - LIBRARY ASSISTANCE OR PTA ASSISTANCE AT THE ELEMENTARY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR (MUST HAVE APPROVAL OF BUILDING ADMINISTRATION)**
- **ATTESTATION FORM DEMONSTRATING PROOF OF VACCINATION.**

EVENING/WEEKEND EVENTS

- **THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO LIMIT THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES TO ALL OUTSIDE GROUPS. THIS INCLUDES ALL EVENING AND WEEKEND HOURS.**
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE VIRTUAL.**
- **COLLEGE FAIRS WILL BE LIMITED TO 11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS.**
- **STUDENT CLUBS/ACTIVITIES MEETING AFTER 6 WILL BE VIRTUAL EXCEPT FOR ATHLETICS AND CLUBS/ACTIVITIES LED BY AN ADVISOR AND APPROVED BY THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATION**