



The School at McGuire Memorial

Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan Template

This Health and Safety Plan was developed from Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines as well as Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania and input from the School Pandemic team which is comprised of representative school stakeholders. The plan is reflective of COVID statistics and data available as of July 29, 2020. This plan was built to be flexible enough to move seamlessly between more or less restrictive settings (i.e. virtual learning, hybrid learning and total in-school learning) based on public health concerns. It is important to note that parents have the option at any time of choosing a completely virtual program for their child. We believe strongly that parents must be the primary protectors of their child's health and must, with input from their pediatrician, make the decision that best suits their child.

Type of Reopening

Key Questions

- How do you plan to bring students and staff back to physical school buildings, particularly if you still need social distancing in place? *A phased approach to total in-school reopen will be utilized. However, parents will be given the option of having their child participate in fully on-line education at any point.*
- How did you engage stakeholders in the type of re-opening your school entity selected? *A re-entry committee consisting of representatives from all stakeholder groups was formed in May.*
- How will you communicate your plan to your local community? *Zoom meetings will be held to share the plan components with staff and families. A summary of the plan will be posted on the website and emailed to all stakeholders after the meetings.*
- Once you reopen, what will the decision-making process look like to prompt a school closure or other significant modification to operations? *The plan will be evaluated every two weeks. In addition, conditions in the counties served by the school will be monitored for COVID positivity rates and government restrictions/recommendations.*

Based on your county's current designation and local community needs, which type of reopening has your school entity selected?

Our students are unique and require specialized education based on incremental steps guided by data. Therefore, our plan is also unique implementing a specialized approach based on incremental steps guided by data. Our goal for total reopen for all students will be achieved in three phases:

Phase 1 – Virtual learning for the first month of school. (Aug.31 through Sept. 30)

Phase 2 – Hybrid model using in-school and virtual learning for second month of school (Oct. 1 through Oct. 30)

Phase 3 – The model after November 3 will be determined by COVID-related data. Potential models include full return to building; continued hybrid or return to full virtual model

Anticipated launch date for in-person learning (i.e., start of blended, scaffolded, or total reopening): **August 31, 2020**

Health and Safety Plan Summary

Anticipated Launch Date: **August 31 2020**

Use these summary tables to provide your local education community with a detailed overview of your Health and Safety Plan. LEAs are required to post this summary on their website. To complete the summary, copy and paste the domain summaries from the Health and Safety Plan tables above.

Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)</p>	<p>Prior to the return of staff and students, the school will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected according to recommended guidelines and using approved products/methods. After the return of staff and students, instructional areas, bathrooms, common spaces and frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned multiple times during the school day. The entire building will be cleaned/disinfected every evening. Increased ventilation will be achieved through open classroom windows weather permitting. Water fountains will be closed and environmental modifications will be used to maintain social distancing in classrooms, restrooms, etc. Reduced capacity will be maintained in all classrooms and school vehicles.</p>

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</p> <p>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as</p>	<p>Small instructional groups will be established to ensure no more than 9 bodies in any classroom. Environmental modifications including but not limited to spaced furniture and dividers will be used to maintain social distancing.</p> <p>All meals will be served in classrooms using boxed lunches.</p>

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<p>classrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices * Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs * Handling sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports for recess and physical education classes 	<p>All large group activities will be cancelled.</p> <p>Students and staff will wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day including before/after eating, after using the restroom, after touching face, etc.</p> <p>Signs will be posted in hallways, inside and outside the building and in classrooms.</p> <p>All physical education classes will occur in small instructional groups within the classroom or on the playground.</p>
<p>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</p>	<p>Students will be provided with individual learning materials. All shared materials will be disinfected between use. Students and staff will wash/sanitize hands before and after using shared materials</p>
<p>Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways</p>	<p>Students will be restricted to their instructional space as much as possible. Use of outdoor space will be scheduled to ensure limited contact in hallways</p>
<p>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</p>	<p>Arrival/dismissal times will be staggered.</p>
<p>Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students</p>	<p>Small instructional groups will be established to ensure no more than a total of 9 bodies in any classroom.</p>
<p>Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school-year calendars</p>	<p>NA</p>

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
Other social distancing and safety practices	The Health and Safety Plan Summary will be distributed to all stakeholders. Families and staff will be discouraged from convening in public places when school is dismissed. Information on mitigating the spread of disease and universal precautions will be shared with families.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure	All students and staff will participate in daily health assessments including temperature taking. Families are required to complete and submit a symptom screening tool for their child prior to 7:45 am daily.
* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure	Students with temperatures over 100 will not be permitted off the bus; they will return home on the bus. Students who become ill during the day will be escorted via the nearest outside exit to the isolation room to wait for parent pick-up. Students will be escorted to meet their families at the exit door next to the isolation room (families will not be permitted in the building). Staff with temperatures over 100 will not be permitted to enter the building. They will be sent home immediately. Staff who become ill during the day will leave immediately via the nearest outside exit. No visitors will be permitted in the building at any time.
* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school	Staff and students will not be permitted to return to the building until fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school- year changes in safety protocols	All stakeholders will be notified via the mass notification system of any closures or changes as soon as possible.

Other Considerations for Students and Staff

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness	Due to the nature of our population, all students are considered at high risk for illness. All procedures, policies and strategies have been developed to protect our vulnerable population.
* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff	All staff will wear face coverings at all times within the building. Face coverings may be removed while eating with social distancing.
* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students (as appropriate)	All students will be assessed for their ability to tolerate face masks and wear them safely. Those who cannot tolerate masks will receive daily instruction to assist in building tolerance. Those who are unable to wear masks due to a medical condition will not be expected to do so.
Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals	Due to the nature of our population, all students are considered at high risk for illness. All procedures, policies and strategies have been developed to protect our vulnerable population.
Strategic deployment of staff	Staff assignments will be adjusted daily to account for variances in student or staff attendance. Staff will be deployed to maintain student safety and maximize learning opportunities.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **The School at McGuire Memorial** reviewed and approved the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan on **July 29, 2020**

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: **July 29, 2020**

By:

Fredrick O'Brien

(Signature of Board President)*

Fredrick O'Brien

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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