



COVID-19 Instructional Update

March 1, 2021

Goal

- Increase in-person instructional opportunities while following health and safety recommendations and risk mitigation strategies supported by the Chester County Health Department and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Overview of Re-Opening Plan

- We intend to have all schools open for increased in-person instruction beginning March 15, contingent on county level transmission rates
- A virtual option will be available to any family for the remainder of the school year
- Our instructional delivery model (teacher responsible for both the in-person students and virtual students on their roster, block schedule at the secondary level) will be in place for remainder of the school year
- Additional logistical details such as classroom setup, bus routes, lunch arrangements and arrival/dismissal procedures will be shared by schools and departments as information becomes available

Additional Details

- Begin with 4 in-person days, 1 virtual day each week
- Review and analyze the impact of removing the virtual day on all learners and staff
- Potential modifications to school day schedules to accommodate 5 in-person days beginning as soon as week of April 19

Plan to Implement Potential Changes in Guidance

Analyze Revised
Guidance

1-2 Days

Family Commitment
Form

7 Days

Route Buses,
Modify Schedules,
Adjust School
Wide Functions

10-14 Days

Prepare Schools, Board Meetings, Communicate with Stakeholders,
Modify Existing Health and Safety Plans

Ongoing

CCHD: Community Transmission and Physical Distancing

County Community Transmission Level	7-Day Incidence Per 100,000	7-Day Percent Positivity	Physical Distancing*
Low	< 10	< 5.0%	*6 feet to the greatest extent possible is recommended for students; at no time is less than 3 feet permitted
Moderate	10 - 49	5.0% - 7.9%	*6 feet is required for staff (staff-to staff and staff-to-student interactions)
High	50 - 99	8.0% - 9.9%	*6 feet is strongly recommended for students *6 feet is required for staff (staff-to-staff and staff-to-student interactions)
Very High	≥ 100	≥ 10%	*6 feet is strongly recommended for students *6 feet is required for staff (staff-to-staff and staff-to-student interactions)

*Physical distancing assumes school district is implementing COVID screening testing. Transient interactions of less than 3 feet, such as passing in the hallway, handing in papers to the teacher, etc. are unavoidable.

Current Chester County Transmission Data

7-Days Ending on (date)	7-Day Incidence Per 100,000	7-Day Percent Positivity
2/26/2021	92.32	5.54%
2/19/2021	103.24	5.68%
2/12/2021	127.81	6.19%
2/5/2021	136.38	7.41%
1/29/2021	161.91	7.01%

Health & Safety Plan Highlights



Continued Mitigation Strategies

- Face coverings required for everyone in the building
- Daily health screening
- Enhanced cleaning
- No visitors to school buildings

Additional Mitigation Strategies

- Enhanced face coverings protocol with appropriate fit (no gaiters)
- Vaccine advocacy
- Antigen testing
- Encouraging families to drive their child to school

Social distancing of 3-6 ft for students and 6 ft for staff will be observed to the greatest extent feasible

Spring Break and Rapid Antigen Testing

- Travel is still discouraged
- Plan to offer rapid antigen test to all staff and families following Spring Break

Lunch

- Plan to maximize the amount of physical distance between students while eating
- Evaluating all options within school buildings to optimize physical distance
- Cannot guarantee six feet at all times

2021-2022

- Planning for 5 days of in-person instruction, unless there is a sharp worsening of pandemic conditions
- Analysis of whether to include virtual instruction and what it could look like will take place later this spring

How Families Can Help

- Enforce and model the school health and safety protocols
- Drive your children to school if you are able
- Develop a backup plan for transportation
- Patience and understanding for closures and quarantines
- Review and confirm emergency contacts and plans
- Support teachers and staff
- Participate in vaccine advocacy