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FAQ

Nurse's Health & Safety Protocols - Parents

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- Q 1. Will the kids be with the same group of children the entire school day?
- Students will be in cohorts to the best of our ability.
- Q 2. My son told me he is going to start school on the 5th. Is that true?
- Yes, depending on the grade of your son, students are starting on the 5th or earlier.
- Q 3. For 6th Grade, do they need to pack snacks? Also, they return back to school in person learning on October 5th?
- 6th grade will have lunch scheduled as always. If they would like to pack their lunch or snacks to go with their lunch, that is fine. 6th grade if they chose the hybrid option starts on the 5th.
- Q 4. What are we to do if our children do not want to attend in person? I completed the questionnaire to have my kids return however now they do not want to go.
- Please contact your building administrator.
- Q 5. If a vaccine comes out for COVID during this school year, will the school make it mandatory for the child to have this vaccine given to the child? I heard of some schools in the UK giving shots to children for no reason without the parent consent and wouldn't want that to happen to my boys without someone asking my permission.
- We would never vaccinate a child without parental consent.
- Q 6. Will you be doing any surveillance testing?
- No
- Q 7. Will you be able to differentiate between anxiety and really not feeling well? Or will they just be sent home?
- Differentiating will be considered on a base to base case. Some kids who may not be able to calm down or recover and may be sent home.
- Q 8. If a child is sick with COVID 19 symptoms, would they need a COVID 19 test and will they need to be cleared prior to returning? Will they be able to do virtual school on these days?

These questions were answered in the document. See Exclusion from and return to school guidelines. And yes, they can complete work at home.

Yes, students can continue with their school during if they are home from school. They must complete the daily work and Exit Ticket.

- Q 9. Asthma symptoms mirror COVID. With that said if my child is having an asthma episode and now will need to stay home, but isn't sick, will they be able to do virtual learning for that day/days? I wouldn't want my children to miss out on schoolwork because they have asthma.**

Yes -- Work will be available in Schoology

- Q 10. How will they be in lines, will they be in the classroom the whole time and how will they see specials?**

Hallways are marked so students know to stay on one side of the hallways. Students will be in their classrooms, unless when outside. Specialties and other teachers will be traveling to the classrooms.

- Q 11. If your child has a regular cold how long will they have to stay home? I hope if they have no other symptoms other than a cold, they won't have to get a COVID test to return, will they?**

See guidelines, but general rule if they have 1 symptom from column A or 2 from Column B on your home symptom monitoring sheet, they will need a COVID test to expedite the return. If symptomatic they must remain home until all symptoms have resolved for >24 hours. Even if symptoms are mild.

- Q 12. Will a child need to stay home if they are coughing due to Asthma? What is the policy?**

If they are having a flare up of asthma with uncontrolled cough, we would ask that they remain home to get it under control.

- Q 13. I see on the calendar a/b schedule, How do I know which my child has?**

Please contact your child's building admin, and they can tell you how to read your child's schedule.

- Q 14. With the fall allergy season approaching, how do you differentiate the symptoms from COVID for the hybrid students?**

Symptoms all mimic each other. It will be dealt with on a case by case event along with review of health records for documented diagnosis of allergies- No medical documentation will mean a child will be sent home

- Q 15. How can you distinguish between allergy coughs and COVID coughs?**

We may not be able to make this determination Students may need to remain at home.

- Q 16. What will happen if another child was sent home with symptoms of COVID and has to quarantine will the whole class have to also?**

Children will likely present with symptoms of COVID-19 daily, Whole class Quarantines will come at the recommendation of the CCHD after we are aware of a positive test. If measures for masking and social distancing are in place, the likelihood of a whole class

quarantine in low. Should another student in the same class test positive than quarantining would be likely.

- Q 17. In all fairness, colds and viruses will happen in wintertime and getting too many COVID tests for a cold isn't good either.**

The facilities we are aware of in this area are doing the nasal swab. We understand the concern for frequent testing, but at this time that is the recommendation for anyone with 1 symptom in column A or 2 symptoms on column B on the home symptom monitoring sheet you received, to allow students back into the classroom quicker.

- Q 18. Both my children have allergy symptoms regularly and one has asthma. Would I answer the questions as new symptoms?**

If it is a regular diagnosed medical issue with a particular symptom you would be looking for symptoms in addition to that one or an increase in the severity of that symptom.

- Q 19. What about fall allergies that cause congestion, sneezing and runny nose? Will this require the student to stay home?**

It will depend on the severity of the symptoms. You can discuss this with the School nurse on an individual basis.

- Q 20. What if there's a positive COVID in a child classroom?**

Guidance will come from the CCHD.

- Q 21. How will siblings be handled? If a sibling is sent home for possible symptoms what happens to their siblings in different grades? If they are not symptomatic would they remain in school?**

Screening questions would determine this on a case by case basis. It is not a blanket yes or no answer.

Only If the sibling sent home is a confirmed positive then the other siblings would definitely be removed from school/quarantined.

- Q 22. If kids move asynchronously due to being sick or needed to stay home, will it be zoom links or work uploaded to do off of Schoology?**

Work uploaded to Schoology.

- Q 23. If your child is home with a cold or regular virus they can do zoom class to keep up?**

It will be asynchronous

- Q 24. How are differentiating the COVID-19 with the Flu?**

The only way to distinguish would be testing - All students would be excluded from school with these symptoms.

- Q 25. Does the 10 days include weekends or are they school days only?**

Includes weekends

Q 26. What happens if our child is sick and we work 30 mins away and can't get there in 15 min? Is there an option for students K-8 to do virtual learning if they were selected for in person only?

We are trying to keep this time frame to avoid students filling up in the isolation room. It is understandable that a timeframe of 30 minutes may occur, we please ask you to do the best to adhere.--talk to your school administrator about changing the model of instruction.

Yes, they must request the form from the building principal of the school their child would attend for in- person learning.

Q 27. Will this PowerPoint be available after the presentation?

Yes

Q 28. If the kid has just a cough and runny nose, common cold, no fever, that child will need to stay home till fully better?

Yes, and that would qualify Under the COVID -19 Symptom guidelines and need a COVID-Test. After that is ruled out they cannot return until symptoms resolve.

Q 29. Will the child have to stay home if someone they live with shows symptoms but has not been tested?

That would be a scenario that would involve some questions regarding behaviors and determining if they are at risk. We are asking families to be transparent and air on the side of caution to protect the community as a whole.

Q 30. Are the schools/bathrooms/gym/playground equipment etc. being cleaned throughout the day?

Playgrounds are not available for use by students.

Bathrooms and high touch areas are being cleaned throughout the day.

Q 31. Where can I find a list of states?

[websitehttps://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx](https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx)

Q 32. I see it says they will be eating in classrooms. How will the kids get their lunches? How do they order their lunches?

Lunches are being delivered to the classroom. There is a separate link for lunch signups on the website. It is a one-time sign up until Dec. 31st.

Q 33. Are the children carrying school bags and lunch boxes back and forth?

Yes, students may carry bookbags and lunch bags to and from school each day.

Q 34. Class has 15 + kids in his class how are you going to separate them?

All classrooms have been marked so that students maintain 6-foot distance.

Q 35. What time are school hours for the high school kids?

First Period -7:45 Period 4- 11:54

Then all students are dismissed to complete asynchronous work.

- Q 36. Will temperatures be taken upon entering school and if not, why?**
No, We are asking parents to do this prior to coming to school.
- Q 37. My son has seasonal allergies should I have a doctor's note saying so?**
Yes, it would be helpful in making a determination of exclusion. Depending on symptoms, they may still need to be kept home at times.
- Q 38. Will Kindergarten be able to have recess?**
They will have time outside each day.
- Q 39. If I now feel that I would rather her not attend a brick and mortar school and I change her to stay with Schoology?**
Please contact your building administrator.
- Q 40. If a child is sick and stays home but they log on from home and complete assignments will they be marked absent?**
No, students who complete their work from home will not be marked absent. We will also be looking at attendance on an individual basis.
- Q 41. Why do the kids need to wear a mask all day if they are 6ft apart?**
It is a layer of protection. 6 feet AND masked is the recommendation.
- Q 42. Can you clarify the dress code for this year? I thought it was going to be relaxed on colors?**
Students must follow the standard of dress policy for the District.
- Q 43. If a child comes down with COVID-19 in my child class does the entire class quarantine?**
It will be determined in conjunction with recommendations with the CCHD, if all kids are masked and > 6 feet apart then in most cases no. However, some extraneous circumstances may warrant it.
- Q 44. Must the kids get a test to return to school is it a requirement?**
No
- Q 45. Can we still choose to do virtual or work at our own pace?**
Please contact your building administrator.
- Q 46. Would we be notified if there is a positive case in our school, or child's class?**
Notifications will be made if a student is considered a close contact by guidelines from the CCHD.
- Q 47. Are the kids going everyday to school even after October 5?**
PreK-6 if you chose hybrid will be going everyday. 7-12 if you chose hybrid will be following an A/B schedule.

Q 48. How will you be handling autistic kids that don't precisely understand wearing a mask, because of sensory issues?

Teachers will be working with students with special needs. They will have more mask breaks and we will be working on building their stamina.

Q 49. Even with a negative COVID test, they can't come back?

It depends on the scenario and reason for the test:

If a person is in quarantine because of an exposure--Then correct-- a negative test during quarantine does not test you out of quarantine, because you are still in the incubation period and may develop symptoms up to day 14.

If you are symptomatic and receive a negative test, then you may return when symptoms resolve for >24 hours

It is very confusing to people because a person who has an exposure needs to be out longer than someone who is ill.

Q 50. Is there plexiglass around their desks like we have seen on the news with other schools?

Not at this time.

Q 51. So based on the symptom list, a child with a fever is permitted to stay in school because it's their only symptom?

No-- But only a fever without other symptoms would not need to follow COVID 19 protocol, but the same protocol we generally follow for viral illness. Fever Free and resolution of symptoms for >24 hours. However, should more symptoms develop they would enter into the COVID 19 protocol track.

Q 52. Can I switch my child to at home learning when she can work at her own pace instead of letting her return to school?

Please contact your building administrator.

Q 53. If the children do stay home will they still have access to the Zoom Meetings? Are the Zoom Meetings recorded?

Once school starts, zoom meetings will only be for our iSync learners. Lessons throughout the day will not be recorded.

Q 54. What if a child or teacher tests positive?

Close contact will be determined by guidelines from the CCHD. You will be contacted if they are a close contact. If everyone was wearing masks and remaining 6 feet apart. The list of close contacts should be minimal. Teachers who are out will need a sub as they normally would.

- Q 55.** Will busing be available to children in elementary? If not, will it be available to children with an IEP?
- Not for students in grades 1-8. Special education students based on their IEPs.
- Q 56.** Since kids are changing classes in HS will desks be sanitized between classes?
- Yes, desks are being wiped down.
- Q 57.** If a child gets sent home, will their siblings also be required to stay home?
- This will be determined by the screening questions on a case by case basis. It will not be a blanket yes or no answer.
- Q 58.** Can we send disinfectant wipes with our child to wipe their desk down everyday?
- No, the District has clearing products.
- Q 59.** If lockers are not being used then where will jackets/hats/gloves be kept?
- In their book bags or bins
- Q 60.** Why wasn't a hybrid model offered for younger children?
- The District's goal was to provide 5 days a week learning for all PreK- 6 students.
- Q 61.** If your child has a cold, do they have to get a COVID test to return?
Do the nurses have pulse ox machines for the children with asthma who will be in a mask all day?
- If they exhibit 1 symptoms in column A or 2 in Column B on the symptom monitoring sheet going home then yes.
- The nurses do have a pulse ox.
- Q 62.** What happens if you don't get a flu shot?
- It is recommended, check with your family physician
- Q 63.** Will children be using the chrome book during school ?
- Yes, students will be using their devices throughout the day.
- Q 64.** I saw a message from the school regarding the laptops and supply boxes and it states that they will be staying at school. Now we heard one of the teachers say they would possible need to take them home.... How will that be done if backpacks are not allowed? Also, laptops must be charged every night before school how will we guarantee that they stay charged for the remainder of the day?
- Backpacks are permitted in school to carry supplies home. If your child does not have a backpack, they would bring home their banker box. The chargers and devices must be sent back and forth each day if the device needs to be charged at school.
- Q 65.** Will you be testing the child with COVID symptoms, what type of test, nose swab?
What turn around time for results of the test?
- There is no testing in schools at this time.

Q 66. Can my child get lunch on some days and bring lunch on others? If you purchase lunch, Is it for 5 days a week.

no, students must take the lunch every day. It's a onetime signup through Dec.

Q 67. Will hand sanitizer be provided? Yes, as will soap for students that have classrooms with sinks. Students can bring small bottles of hand sanitizer to school for individual use.

Yes, but parents can send a small bottle for their child to use.