



Stafford Township School District



Restart and Recovery Plan for Our
District



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Our Pledge To You

We will do our very best to ensure our schools and classrooms are safe while providing a productive educational environment:

- Using established cleaning and safety protocol in our facilities
- Following all social distancing and PPE guidelines in all facilities and buses
- Supporting staff and student mental and physical health
- Ensuring meaningful instruction is taking place in-person and remotely for maximum academic progress
- Ensuring all students have a working 1:1 device & internet connectivity.

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- **Option #3 - Remote Learning** includes utilizing our Google Platform for Live Instruction, Video Instruction and Online Skills 5 days per week.

Variables

- The number of families who select in-person learning
- The number of families who select hybrid learning
- The number of families who select remote learning
- The number of families who waive transportation may impact busing
- The number of staff who are unable to return to school may change the model
- Decisions on the State level

Cohorts A and B

- Homeroom Classes will be divided into two Cohorts (Groups)
- Cohorts will be balanced into heterogeneous groupings in all of the schools
- Cohorts will be labeled:

■ Cohort A

■ Cohort B

Cohort Schedule

Day 1

Cohort A - *In-Classroom* instruction by classroom teacher

Cohort B - *In-Common Area* (gym, cafe, etc.) instruction by another certified teacher

Day 2

Cohort B - *In-Classroom* instruction by classroom teacher

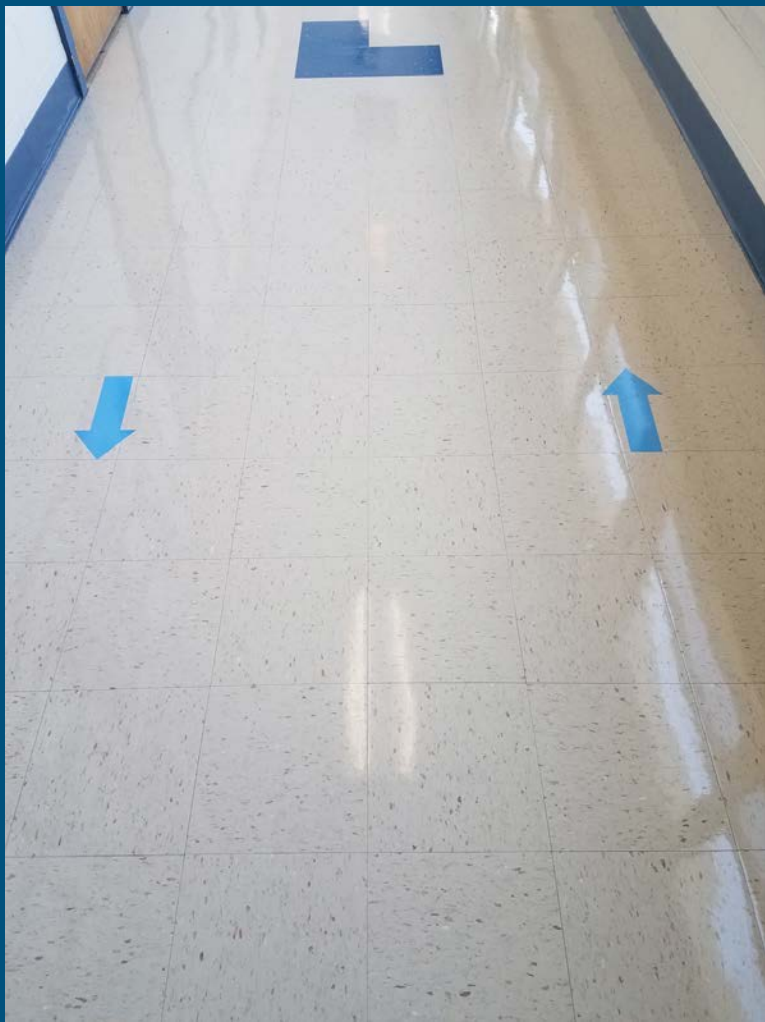
Cohort A - *In-Common Area* (gym, cafe, etc.) instruction by another certified teacher

***Schedule will** rotate daily throughout the school year

Cohorts

- We will...
 - Practice social distancing - 6 feet apart
 - Practice handwashing throughout the day and during transition times (facilitated by the teacher)
 - Eat lunch in assigned rooms (classrooms or common areas)





HAVE YOU WASHED YOUR HANDS?
A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS



WET
WET HANDS UNDER WARM WATER



WASH
WASH WITH SOAP FOR 30 SECONDS



RINSE
RINSE UNDER WARM WATER



DRY
DRY HANDS AND TURN OFF WATER WITH PAPER TOWEL!

www.cdc.gov/HandHygiene

**MASK
REQUIRED TO
ENTER BUILDING**

THANK YOU FOR COMPLYING



**FACE COVERINGS ARE
REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES!**




Stop The Spread!

W **ASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY**
At least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based sanitizer if soap and water are not available



A **VOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE**
Germs can transfer from your hands to your eyes, nose, and mouth. Don't do it.



S **URFACE CLEANING, DISINFECTION**
Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces with an EPA registered disinfectant effective against the virus.



H **YGIENE PRACTICES**
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or bent elbow when coughing or sneezing.



New School Hours to assist with Social Distancing

- Intermediate:
 - Teacher Day: 6:58 - 1:58
 - Student Day: 7:30 - 1:30
- McKinley:
 - Teacher Day: 7:43 - 2:43
 - Student Day: 8:15 - 2:15
- Ocean Acres:
 - Teacher Day: 8:28 - 3:28
 - Student Day: 9:00 - 3:00
- PLC/ Oxycocus:
 - Teacher Day: 9:15 - 4:15
 - Student Day: 9:45 - 3:45

In-Classroom Setting

- Daily Instruction will be provided by your child's homeroom teacher.
- Grades 5 & 6 will continue with team teaching.
 - Students will remain in classrooms and teachers will switch.

Common Area Setting

- Extension activities consist of:
 - Phonics, Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar, Math, Handwriting, Cursive writing, and online activities.
- Online Activities consist of:
 - BrainPop, K-2 Math Seeds, K-2 Reading Eggs, Reading A-Z, Mystery Science K-5, Flocabulary, Personal Math Trainer for Go Math, Fundamental Unlimited, etc.

Common Area Setting

- There will be a 25:1 student to staff ratio.
- The teachers will be encouraged to bring the students outside, weather permitting, with their group of 25 or less.
- The maximum number of students in a common area will be 50 students.
- During common area days, physical education will take place with the PE teacher, counseling sessions with students will take place by our counselors and child study team members. Also, Art, STEAM, Music, and World Language lessons in K-6 will be incorporated in common areas.

Special Education

- Self contained students will remain with classroom teacher all day, 5 days per week.
- Pull out replacement (POR) will go with Special Education Teacher for services daily, per IEP.
- In Class Support (ICS) Teacher will push in/push out to Cohort classrooms for services daily, per IEP.
- OT/PT/Speech services will continue, per IEP.

Other Services

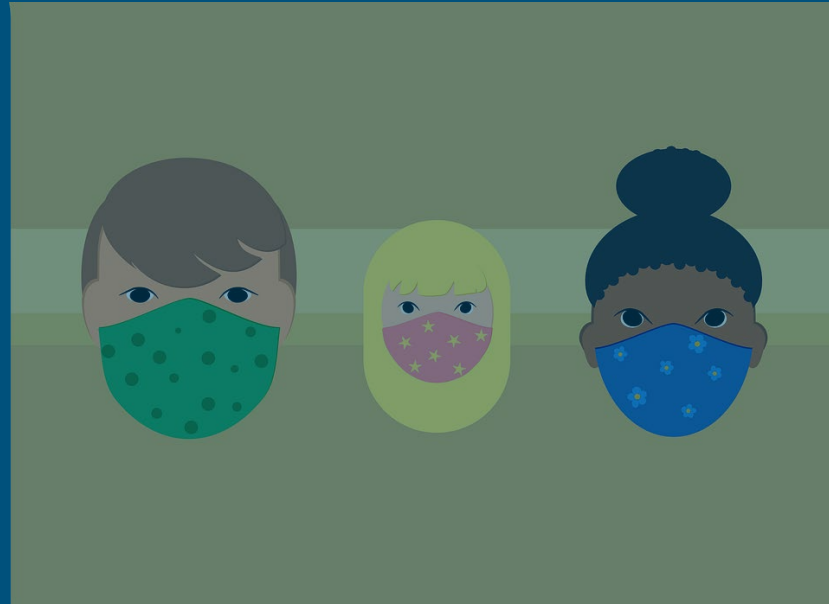
- We will make necessary accommodations for 504 students.
- Basic Skills - Tier 3 Students will be serviced.
- English Language Learners will be serviced.

Social Emotional Learning

- Student Mentoring Program
- Individual/ Group Counseling
- Self-Care and Wellness Curriculum
- Mindfulness and Social Emotional Learning Activities
- Counselors and CST will check in with students who have heightened anxiety returning to school
- Blake the Therapy Dog



Face Coverings



Face Coverings

- *Face Coverings will be required to be worn by students in the following areas:*
 - Bus Stop/ Bus
 - Arrival/ Dismissal
 - Hallways
 - Bathrooms
 - Once seated in the classroom & common areas
 - Movement in Classroom/ Common Areas

Face Coverings

- *Face Coverings not required in the following instances:*
 - Doctor's Note Provided
 - Outside (Recess, Gym, Brain Breaks, Outdoor Instruction) where social distancing is established
 - Breakfast/Lunch (Delivered to students)

Face Coverings Provided for Students

- Disposable masks available for students that forget masks (bus, front office, classroom)
- Stafford Logo neck buffs (Small, Medium, Large)
- Face shields (Medically Fragile)

Face Coverings Provided for Staff

- (1) Face shields
- (2) Clear masks
- (1) Stafford Logo neck buffs
- Goggles and Gloves for Transportation and Maintenance
- Medical gowns

STAFF

=



STUDENTS =



Student's Own Mask



Additional precautions:

- Physical Barriers will be provided as needed
- When a staff member is within 6 feet of social distancing, they will *encourage* our students to wear masks at this time, however not required.
- Face Shields

Social Distancing in our Classrooms



Primary Learning Center Classroom

Social Distancing in our Classrooms



McKinley Avenue Classrooms

Social Distancing in our Common Areas



Ocean Acres



Intermediate School

Outdoor Area



Additional Safety Measures

- Classrooms
 - Hand Sanitizer Stations
 - Gloves
 - Wipes
 - Soap and Paper Towels in classrooms with sinks

*Building Level - Open Common Areas will be equipped with hand sanitizer stations and social distancing signage.

Extensive Sanitation Protocol

- Trained Maintenance and Facility Staff
- Sanitizing daily with COVID-19 EPA disinfectants in classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, entrance and exit doors, high touch points, etc.
- Air Scrubbers as needed throughout the buildings
- Dehumidifiers throughout buildings
- HVAC filters changed on a quarterly basis (max. fresh air capacity)
- Hydroxyl (air purifier) in Nurse's Office



Transportation



Transportation Commitment

- A commitment to *utilize* or *waive* our transportation services for the entire 20-21 school year must be made by August 4, 2020 on the Parent Portal.

Transportation

Face Coverings must be worn before entering the bus

- Masks will be provided in the event a student does not have a mask.
- Social distancing will be followed when possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses.
- All windows will be opened weather permitting.
- School times will be adjusted to accommodate safe arrival and dismissal.

Driver's Sanitizing Bag



Health Screening of Students and Staff

- Parents/Staff will be required:
 - To complete a COVID-19 annual screening waiver on the parent portal or genesis prior to the school year
 - To complete a COVID-19 daily student/staff screening prior to the school day on the parent portal or genesis
- Symptomatic students will be sent to the nurse's office for assessment. Students will be isolated from others until picked up by a parent/guardian.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

- Students must wear face coverings when entering and exiting the building.
- Arrival carlines in each school will be expanded to multiple entrances.
- Dismissal will be traditional but adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

**Early parent sign out is strongly discouraged unless it's an emergency situation to reduce visitors in the building.*



Preschool

- Oxycocus Preschool students will not follow the cohort model; they will remain with their teachers each day they are present in school.
- We will not be utilizing common areas for preschool.
- Preschool parents can choose in-person learning or remote learning for their child.
- Transportation is only available for preschool handicapped students and economically disadvantaged preschoolers.

Hybrid Learning Option

- A combination of In-Classroom instruction and Remote Learning, 5 days per week
- Students will attend school on days assigned with their classroom teacher and will be remote on days their cohort is assigned to a common area
- During remote days, there will be online activities posted in which your child must complete. A certified teacher will conduct a Google check-in no more than 20 minutes per day.
- Free/reduced meals will still be distributed. On days the student is remote, the location to pick up meals will be at the main entrance of our STAC between 9am-11am, Monday-Friday.

Remote Learning



Remote Learning Option

- Google Classroom will be our educational platform throughout the year.
- Remote Learning will be an option for the entire 2020-2021 school year upon parent requests.
- Once this commitment is made, it cannot be changed. We will review requests for changes on a case by case basis.
- A certified teacher will be designated as your child's teacher for the entire school year.
- 1:1 devices will be available for all K-6 students.
- Free/reduced meals will still be distributed. The location to pick up meals will be at the main entrance of our STAC between 9am-11am, Monday-Friday.

Remote Learning Option - Expectation

- Daily
 - Group meeting with the entire class
 - Lessons in reading, writing, mathematics

Remote Learning Option - Expectation

- Weekly:
 - Lessons in SS, Science, Health, and other mandated subjects.
 - Individual or small group Check ins in ELA, Math, and other subjects.
 - Lessons will be either video lessons, Flip Grid lessons, or another technology program that is appropriate for the subject area
 - Grading K-4th - Outstanding, Satisfactory or Needs Improvement, Grading 5th & 6th - Traditional grading
- Related services (OT/PT/Speech, etc.) will conduct services via Google Meet

Adjustments to District Events

- **Welcome Back Video:**
 - Staff will create a Welcome Back Video introducing themselves and video will be placed on their webpage
- **Back to School Night:**
 - Staff will create a Welcome to My Classroom Video and video will be placed on their webpage
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**
 - Will need to take place virtually via Google Meet
- **PTO Meetings:**
 - Will take place via Google Meet on a monthly basis
- **Enrichment/ Extra Curricular Activities:**
 - Will be revisited after the First Marking Period (November)
- **Band/ Instrumental/ Chorus:**
 - Will be revisited after the First Marking Period (November)

Adjustments to District Events Continued

- Special Areas
 - Health and Physical Education is the only mandated special which will take place at all grade levels.
 - Art, STEAM, Music, and World Language lessons in K-6 will be incorporated in common areas.
- Gifted and Talented Program (EXCITE)
 - EXCITE will be offered in Grades 4, 5, and 6.
 - Grade 3 will be revisited after the first marking period.
- Field Trips
 - Will not take place this year, however, virtual field trips will be conducted.

Extended Day Program

- Available as long as schools are open
- AM and PM sites at each building
- 10:1 Student to Staff ratio
- Parents must commit to the entire week
- First come, first serve enrollment
- There will be no changes to the schedule once submitted.

COVID-19 Case

- If a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19 we will contact the Executive County Superintendent and Ocean County Health Department and follow their direction.
- All staff and parents will be notified if someone tests positive while maintaining confidentiality.
- Provide return to school guidance to staff and parents who are affected.

Close Contacts

- Close contacts are individuals within 6 feet of a lab confirmed COVID-19 case for a prolonged period (about 10 minutes or more) or had direct contact with the infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (coughed on).
- Walking by or being in the same building or area does NOT qualify as being a close contact.
- Our practice of social distancing and wearing masks when within 6 feet will minimize our students and staff from becoming close contacts during the school day.

Contact Tracing

- We will provide our local Health Department with all specific information and areas of exposure.
- We will follow our local Health Department and CDC guidelines.
- The district will adhere to federal and state requirements regarding privacy of educational records.

Pandemic Response Team

- Each school will have a Pandemic Response Team.
 - The PRT will be responsible for:
 - Overseeing each school's implementation of the district's reopening plan.
 - Reviewing and adjusting school health and safety protocols and measures
 - Providing staff with needed support and training
 - Developing and implementing a safe and supportive school climate
 - Provide necessary communications to the school community

Options for Students for the 20-21 School Year

- Commitment must be made for one of the following learning options for the entire 20-21 school year:
 - In-Person Learning
 - Remote Learning
 - Hybrid Learning - Students will attend on days assigned with their classroom teacher and students will be remote on days their cohort is assigned to a common area.

*This commitment is due August 4, 2020 via the Parent Portal.

Meetings

- Please feel free to schedule a meeting or conference call with your child's building principal or the Superintendent of Schools to further answer your questions and assist you in making the best decision possible for your child.
- These meetings can be scheduled July 29th, July 30th, August 3rd, and August 4th.
- Contact information for building principals and the Superintendent's Office can be found on the district webpage.

Emergency Districtwide Remote Learning

- In the event the Governor mandates schools to close, notification will be immediately go out via text, email, website, voice message from the Superintendent's Office.
- If the Health Department directs us to close down specific classrooms or school buildings, notification will go out to pivot into remote learning.
- Staff and Students should immediately pivot to remote learning using our google platform and video lessons.
- 1:1 Devices if needed will be distributed at our McKinley Avenue Cafeteria between the hours of 10am-6pm on Mondays.
- Free and reduced meals will be also available for pick-up at our McKinley Avenue Cafeteria between the hours of 10am-6pm on Mondays. If needed, deliveries will be available.

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Frequently Asked Questions

If my child's cohort needs to be quarantined and/or needs to stay home due to COVID-19 exposure during this time period, who is instructing my child?

Answer: Education will continue remotely by your child's classroom teacher.

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How many children will be in the common areas?

Answer: There will be a 25:1 student to staff ratio and no more than 50 students to these areas. The teachers will be encouraged to bring the students outside, weather permitting, with their group of 25 or less.

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Frequently Asked Questions

How will we address the acoustics in the common areas?

Answer: We will be utilizing audio equipment to address communication in these common areas if needed.

Frequently Asked Questions

If a student wants to transfer from in person to remote learning? Or vice versa?

Answer: This will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Inquiries to do so should be directed to the building principal.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who will be facilitating recess?

Answer: Certified teacher, scheduled throughout the day for 20 minutes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will we be providing Google training for our parents?

Answer: Yes, Google training will occur in August. Dates to be determined.

Frequently Asked Questions

If a child transfers in from a “hot spot” state, what is our procedure?

Answer: According to state guidelines families will be required to quarantine for 14 days prior to entering the district.

Frequently Asked Questions

If a staff member or child tests positive for COVID-19, who will be notified?

Answer : All staff and parents will be notified if someone tests positive while maintaining confidentiality.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will students be getting their temperature taken before getting on the school bus or entering the school building?

Answer: No. The CDC does not recommend universal symptom screenings to be conducted by schools. They strongly recommend parents or guardians screen their child.

Frequently Asked Questions

If my child has siblings in other buildings, will hybrid learning be scheduled for the same days?

Answer: Yes.

Frequently Asked Questions

If I request to change my child from remote learning to in person learning or vice versa, will my child have the same teacher?

Answer: No. We have specific teachers allotted for remote learning and specific teachers providing in person instruction. They are not interchangeable.



The health and safety of all students and staff
is our top priority.

“STUDENTS FIRST”

Thank you!



Questions/Comments