

Dennis Township Schools

**Reopening Plan Presentation
2020-2021 School Year**



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Ten Critical Areas of Operation

- *General Health and Safety Guidelines
- *Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms
- *Transportation
- *Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas
- *Screening, PPE, and Response to Students & Staff Presenting Symptoms
- *Contact Tracing
- *Facilities Cleaning Practices
- *Meals
- *Recess and Physical Education
- *Field Trips, Extra-Curricular Activities, and Use of Facilities



Introduction

On June 26, 2020 the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) published “The Road Back-Restart and Recovery Plan for Education” a guidance document to assist reopening teams develop a Restart and Recovery Plan.

Our Dennis Township School District Plan is aligned with the requirements outlined in the NJDOE Guidance.

The Restart and Recovery Plan addresses four key subject areas:

- *Conditions for Learning
- *Leadership and Planning
- *Policy and Funding
- *Continuity of Learning





How will the school provide social distancing?

NJDOE guidelines require students to be 6 feet apart to learn without masks or other social distancing apparatus

In our classrooms, student desks will be placed 6 feet apart which will allow them to learn mask-free

(Placing desks 6 feet apart allows approximately ten desks per classroom)

Students will also be placed 6 feet apart in the cafeteria



Will students have to wear masks?

Students will NOT be required to wear a mask while learning at their desks

When moving about the classrooms and hallways, students WILL be required to wear a mask

Students WILL be required to wear a mask on the bus



If only ten desks fit in a classroom 6 feet apart,
how will we educate classes of approximately 20 students?

- Homeroom classes are split into two groups - “D” group and “T” group
- On a regular week: D Group will attend school on Monday & Tuesday,
Group will attend school on Thursday & Friday
- Wednesday will be a remote learning day for all students
- The schedule will be adjusted for holiday weeks

T



When will parents know if their child is Group D or T?
Will siblings be scheduled on the same days?

- Individual student schedules will be mailed home next week
- A calendar for the year will be included to indicate holiday changes
- We are working diligently to schedule all family members on the same days



General Health and Safety Guidelines

- Students and staff will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms upon entry to the school buildings
- Procedures are set for screenings for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure for all staff and students
- Visitors will not be permitted unless necessary. They will be screened for COVID symptoms
- Students and staff will practice social distancing
- Hand washing and sanitizing will be prioritized



Classroom, Testing, and Therapy Rooms

- Classroom desks will be pre-arranged 6 feet apart
- Classrooms materials will be labeled for individual use
- Any other materials used will be sanitized in between use



Transportation

- Students must enter and exit the bus wearing their mask
- Masks will be required on the bus
- Family members will sit together
- Buses will load back to front and exit front to back
- To ensure air flow on the bus, windows will remain open
- Upon arrival at school, buses will unload in a manner to assist social distancing
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon exiting the bus
- Buses will be cleaned/disinfected after each bus route
- Please let the school know by August 14th if you do not plan to have your child ride the bus



Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas

- Student Flow & Common Areas
 - Signage will be displayed as a reminder to socially distance
 - Common Areas will be disinfected on a consistent and regular basis
- Student Entry & Exit
 - Bus arrival and dismissal will be staggered, parent pick-up will be coordinated with teachers as parents arrive
 - Preschool drop off and pick up times will vary from K-2

Patience is expected.

To socially distance, arrival and dismissal may take longer than usual.



Screening, PPE, and Response to Students and Staff Presenting Symptoms

- Students are expected to arrive with masks
- Additional PPE will be available to staff and students as needed
- Symptomatic staff and students will be further evaluated by school nurse
- In COVID-19 confirmed cases, district will follow CDC guidelines and initiate contact tracing procedures



Contact Tracing

- In the event a staff or student is determined positive for COVID-19, contact tracing procedures will be initiated
- Maintaining confidentiality, the school nurse will identify, contact, interview, and assess any students or staff potentially exposed for symptoms
- Any student(s) on quarantine will maintain access to education and school provided meals
- The school will maintain contact with the Cape May County Department of Health for guidance



Facilities Cleaning Practices

- All school facilities will be consistently cleaned according to a regular schedule
- All cleaning products are approved and recommended by the CDC
- Staff will have access to approved cleaning products to sanitize materials and surfaces throughout the day as necessary.



Meals

- Breakfast will be served as a pre-packaged meal, “grab-and-go” to homeroom
- Lunch will also “grab-and-go” with no buffet style servings
- Students must wash their hands before eating
- Lunchtimes will be staggered to prevent overcrowding
- Students will be required to wear a mask while walking to and from the cafeteria and while in line to pick up food
- Home meal delivery for remote learning days will be available to students who receive free and reduced lunch



Recess and Physical Education



- Recess times for students will be staggered
- Students will wear masks when social distancing cannot be maintained
- Playground equipment will be sanitized between groups
- During Physical Education classes, students will remain with their group to the greatest extent possible
- Students will not change clothes for gym and locker rooms will remain closed
- Equipment will be used individually
- Floor markings will serve as social distancing reminders
- Cleaning procedures will be in place between classes



Field Trips, Extra-Curricular Activities, and Use of Facilities Outside of School Hours

- Extracurricular sports, clubs, and afterschool activities will not be scheduled at this time but will be revisited when restrictions are lifted
- Field trips will be rescheduled for later this school year, if possible
- Requests for use of the school facilities (by outside entities) will not be honored at this time



Will childcare be available before and after school?

- It is our plan to offer before and after school childcare to our students
- Activities will be modified to promote proper social distancing and other safety procedures



Social Emotional Learning and Health

- We recognize and are planning for student emotional health considerations
- Our school year will emphasize personal connections between students and between students and staff
- Please contact us if your child could benefit from school counselor guidance



What if my family wants 100% remote learning?

- If you feel your child cannot return to school at this time, please contact us to discuss 100% remote learning
- Families must submit a formal request
- Commitment to learning at home will be required for the entire marking period
- Please notify the school by August 24th if you are requesting 100% remote learning



Questions, Comments

We welcome your questions or comments