

Cumberland Valley School District

Reopening Planning for CVSD Parent
and Community Update 7 13 2020



Overarching Belief About Reopening

Student, staff, and community safety will drive our decisions.

- COVID-19 affects young people less significantly than it affects others.
- Our plans need to be flexible so that we can adapt as conditions warrant.
- No matter what happens with the virus this year, we will be prepared to provide students with a robust educational experience.
- **It is our goal to be in school the WHOLE YEAR - which means we are taking additional early precautions.**



Specific Factors We Are Considering

- The current planning process is for all students to be able to receive face-to-face instruction.
- The determining factor will be the current level of virus transmission **during the school year** within our region and within our schools.
- Significant social distancing efforts reduce the amount of face-to-face instruction for some or all groups of students.
 - Schedules are being designed to reduce the number of students in spaces which reduces the chances for virus transmission and limits the number of students who are exposed.
 - Reduced capacity on buses with spacing
 - Reduced capacity in classrooms with spacing
 - Reduced and structured movements throughout the building



CV Virtual Academy

- CVSD will provide a **fully remote school setting** for families that choose this option for their children. Families will be sent a communication that provides specific details about the program and also how they can sign up for this option.
- **The CV Virtual Academy:**
 - Will be staffed by CVSD teachers who will provide live instruction and recorded lessons for students.
 - Will mirror CVSD's regular instructional programs so that students who are enrolled virtually have the ability to move to face-to-face learning at various points (end of marking periods) throughout the year.
 - Will be more rigorous and have higher expectations for students than the remote learning we provided in the spring.



Planning Using Multiple Sources of Evidence

- The District's Returning Safely to School Plan was developed by a team consisting of school board members, administrators, teachers, nurses, the school's physician, the school's solicitor, and other staff. (Several committee members were also parents).
- The plan incorporates data from the Thought Exchange and Survey sent to families in June as well as planning guides from numerous state and federal groups including the PA Department of Education, the CDC, and the American Academy of Pediatrics.



Initial Plan for Reopening CVSD Schools

- At the direction of the Governor and Secretary of Health **all students and staff must wear a face covering** while on school transportation, in hallways, and in classes

Section 1: Face Coverings Defined

“Face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A “face covering” can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. For purposes of this order, a face covering includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. “Face coverings” may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or be improvised from household items, including but not limited to, scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for healthcare providers and first responders meet these requirements, such as N95 respirators, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.



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Exceptions for medical and disability reasons and concerns with students who simply choose not to wear a face covering of some sort.

Schools may allow students to remove their face coverings when students are:

- *Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart;*
- *Seated at desks or assigned work spaces at least 6 feet apart; or*
- *Engaged in any activity at least 6 feet apart (e.g. face covering breaks, recess, etc.).*

- *Any student who cannot wear a mask or face shield **due to a medical condition**, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition, or disability, and students who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance are not required to wear face coverings. Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or who has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication, are not required to wear a mask; however, individuals should consider using another type of face covering such as a plastic face shield.*



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- Buses will be filled at 50% capacity -members of the same household who attend the same school will be seated next to each other to increase the ability to distance between households
- All students and staff will be prescreened each day for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering CVSD buildings
- Specific protocols for sequestering students or staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be in place
- Many additional precautions for increasing social distancing in classrooms and common spaces will also be implemented
- Protocols and procedures for additional hygiene practices will be implemented and evaluated
- Additional cleaning daily will occur in all buildings- during the day and a night



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Elementary - All K-5 students will attend school face-to-face each day.

- Students will be grouped into classes of 20 or less and will stay mainly with their class throughout the day- requires an all hands on deck approach to staff utilization
- Students will likely receive meals in the cafeteria and in their rooms on a rotating basis
- Students will have recess and will also have access to specials like art, physical education (outside), and music
- Elementary start and end times will be adjusted to provide the ability to run buses at 50% capacity



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Secondary Students will attend school on an A/B schedule

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Face to Face	Group A*	Group B*	Group A*	Group B*	*
Remote Instruction	Group B	Group A	Group B	Group A	Group A and B

* Some students who receive special education services or are developing English language proficiency may attend school every day depending on their specific needs and Individual Education Plan goals.

Note: The goal will be to provide all students within the same household with the same daily schedule (A/B) to assist with consistency



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Middle School Students will attend school 2 days per week and receive virtual instruction 3 days per week

- The middle school team concept helps with many aspects of COVID-19 planning
- Because of the A/B schedule, students will be in classes of 20 or less, but will be able to go to different classes within the building based on their schedule (this may be modified to reduce the number of students in hallways during the day)
- Students will likely receive meals in the cafeteria or annexes so that students can be adequately spread out during times when they are eating
- Hallways will be one directional or divided to help with distancing between students



Initial Plan for Reopening CVSD Schools

High School Students will attend school 2 days per week and receive virtual instruction 3 days per week

- By far the most complicated environment for managing COVID-19 precautions
- Students will be grouped into classes of 20 or less, but will be able to go to different classes within the building based on their schedule -this may be modified to reduce the number of students in hallways during the day
- Student schedules may need to be modified based on many factors
- Students will likely receive meals in the cafeteria or annexes so that students can be adequately spread out during times when they are eating
- Hallways will be one directional or divided to help with distancing between students



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By starting with a blended/hybrid option at the middle and high schools and small class sizes at the elementary level we will provide an opportunity to prove that returning to school is safe for students and staff. It is our hope that we will then be able to move to a more regular (full instructional program) for all students.

- If we do not see viral transmission in our schools by the end of September or increased viral transmission in our region, we will move to full time face-to-face instruction in October for secondary students.
- If we see moderate viral transmission that can be traced and does not lead to community spread we will likely continue with the small class/hybrid/blended option until the end of the first term before evaluating if a change is safe for students and staff.
- If we see broad viral transmission or community spread that cannot be traced in our buildings, we will evaluate our plan immediately and make modifications.



CVSD -Interim School Closure Decision Matrix

Cumberland Valley School District Closure Response Criteria (1-4)

Level of Community Spread, based upon State and Local public Health (L-M-S)	Criteria 1 1 Student or 1 staff member at one site OR 1 student or 1 staff member at multiple sites in different clusters	Criteria 2 2-4 Student or staff members at one site OR 2-4 students or staff members at multiple sites in different clusters	Criteria 3 5+ student or staff members at one site OR in one cluster (traceable)	Criteria 4 5+ students or staff members in multiple clusters (community spread)
Low/No Spread (incidence rate/100K of less than 5 per day in the county in the past week)	Close school(s) for up to 24-hours or on A/B schedule do not close	Close school(s) for 72-hours (minimum)	Close individual school or cluster for 14 days (minimum)	Close school(s)/district for 14 days (minimum)
Moderate (incidence rate/100K of between 6 and 100 per day in the county in the past week)	Close school(s) for up to 24-hours or on A/B schedule do not close	Close school(s) for 72-hours (minimum)	Close individual school(s) or cluster(s) for 14 days (minimum)	Close school(s)/district for 14 days (minimum)
Substantial (incidence rate/100K of more than 100 per day in the county in the past week)	Close school(s) for up to 72-hours	Close school(s)/district for 72-hours (minimum)	Close school/district for 14 days (minimum)	District closed until further notice

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