



Reopening Schools Sharing Session



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Purpose of this meeting

Our goal is to have superintendents come together and share what you have discovered in your reopening meetings and capture the best information we have to date to help everyone further their plans.

Sharing ideas and plans with each other is important. Collectively we know more than we do individually, even though all of us still have many more questions than answers.

We ask you to share your thoughts and ideas and we will capture them for others to benefit.

We all feel the anxiety of what is unknown and how we should react. Let's work to help each other through these trying times.

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What do we know?

The decision to open individual school districts will be up to the local school boards and superintendents

Allowing schools to determine what constitutes instructional time seems to be very flexible with DOE

PPE items seem to be difficult to get and it's up to the schools to procure

?? What else do we know?

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Critical Decision Points

- ✓ When and how do we make the decision to open the school district in the Fall?
- ✓ What are the minimal standards of safety we need to have in place for the children and staff?
- ✓ How do we communicate what the opening of school will look like to staff and parents?
- ✓ What contingency plans do we have to move to remote learning in case of a school or district wide shutdown?

Where do we begin?

It won't be business as usual – You will have to have a plan regardless of when you open

Parents and boards want answers

DOE and DOH are working on better guidance that should be available mid July

We are not going to give you the playbook today, but rather help share information that you can all use to help formulate your local plan with your committee in your district.

It is always a good idea to visit with your local attorney and your own medical professionals and your insurance provider

Walk through the day

Student gets ready for school – what recommendations will you have for parents to do wellness checks each day

Transportation –

1. Bussing – what precautions?
 1. Temperature checks
 2. Masks
 3. Limit number of riders

Parent transportations? – what options

Walk through the day

Arrive at school – Where do the students go?

Playground? Lunchroom? Home Room? Designated Entries?

Everyone get temperature checked?

Masks Required or Recommended?

Signage and floor markings as you enter school?

Parents and / or visitors in the building?

Vendors?

Hand sanitizer available and where?

Walk through the day

Water Fountains?

Bathroom Breaks?

Frequency of hand washing?

Walk through the day

Are you going to offer dual delivery of classes?

Are you providing everyone devices?

Cameras in the classrooms?

Maximum number of students allowed in a classroom? (social distancing?)

Alternative days of instruction of half days?

Utilize existing staff to deliver instruction or hire additional?

Walk through the day

Specials?

Art, PE, Music/Band Library Computer Labs?

Movement from classroom to specials area?

Walk through the day

Large Groups

Lunch?

In the classroom?

Self serve utensils / salad bars?

Staggering lunch times?

Recess?

Passing in hallways?

Walk through the day

Small Group Settings

Testing Individuals?

Special Education Instructions?

OT / PT / Psychologists

Walk through the day

Classroom Environment?

Air Quality

Surface Cleaning? (who is doing it and when?)

Hand sanitizer and wipes in every room?

Walk through the day

Extra Curricular

Practices?

Travel?

Performances?

Locker Rooms?

Walk through the day

So what do we do if someone is showing symptoms or we have a positive case(s)?

Symptoms - Best thing short term is to I.C.E. the student

- Isolate and mask them immediately

- Contact the parents

- Exit them from your facility as quickly as possible

As far as the positive cases that get reported, The DOE and DOH workgroup will have further guidance by mid July

Employee Concerns

Wearing masks?

Negotiated Agreement?

Sabbatical / Health Concerns?

Substitutes?

Working remotely?

Hazard pay?

What to do with staff who don't want to return?

504 ADA Concerns?

Board Action

Will you ask your Board to act on your mitigation plan?

Will you ask your Board to act on your calendar if you change your date?

Liabilities and waivers?

Open Forum

What have we not yet touched on?



Schools Decision Tool

Public Health Considerations for Reopening Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic – CDC Guidelines

Should you consider opening?

Will reopening be consistent with applicable state and local orders?

Is the school ready to protect children and employees at higher risk for severe illness?

Are you able to screen students and employees upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure?

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Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and employees wearing a cloth face covering, as feasible

Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation

Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups and limited mixing between groups, if feasible.

Train all employees on health and safety protocols

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Is ongoing monitoring in place?

Develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms of students and employees daily upon arrival, as feasible

Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home

Plan for if students or employees get sick

Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures

Monitor student and employee absences and have flexible leave policies and practices

Be ready to consult with the local health authorities if there are cases in the facility or an increase in cases in the local area