

PDE Public Health Guidance Regarding COVID-19 for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools

Social Distancing	Face Coverings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Pre-K to 12 schools should implement strategies that limit the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students. • All schools should have protocols for distancing student desks/seating and other social distancing practices that allows at least 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day • Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other adults to the maximum extent feasible • Maintain at least 6 feet from students, whenever possible and when not disruptive to the educational process. • Students, teachers and other staff are strongly encouraged to follow social distancing throughout the day with 6 feet of separation between desks and other seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks must be worn by students and staff at school and on the bus as required by the order signed by Sec. of Health Dr. Levine on July 1, with some medically documented exceptions. • This Order applies to any individual aged two and older whenever outside the home, including while in school entities, including public K-12 schools • All students must wear a face covering (cloth mask or face shield) that covers their nose and mouth <i>inside the school</i> and while outside when physical distancing is not feasible • Face coverings, such as masks or face shields, must be worn by all non-students, both staff and visitors (including parents and guardians), while on school property, including during student drop-off and pickup.
Busing and Transportation	Meals and Cafeterias
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus passengers (and driver) must wear face coverings while on the bus • Load the bus by filling seats from back to front to limit students walking past students to find a seat • Promote social distancing at bus stops. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best option is to serve individual meals and have students <i>eat in classrooms</i> or other spaces as an alternative to the cafeteria. • Serve individually plated meals/box lunches • Do not allow snacks to be shared for classroom activities or events.
Visitors, Gatherings, Events	Symptom Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement strategies to increase adult-adult physical distance, such as staggered drop-offs and pickups, and outside drop-offs and pickups when weather allows. • Limit gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain physical distancing • Consider canceling field trips at the start of the school year and rescheduling when there is good viral control. • Outdoor events over 250 people are prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any student or staff with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher or the symptoms of possible COVID-19 infection should not be in school. • Require students and parents/guardians/caregivers to perform a symptom screening prior to arriving at school