Parent/Guardian Re-entry Information

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Meeting Topics

- Shift towards in person schooling
- DESE Considerations
- Task force timeline
- Family Partnership
- Next update
Shift to In Person

- Safety measures critical
- Flexible to shift to other models as needed
- Plan for all three expected in August
Our philosophy and approach balances COVID-19 related health and safety risks with risks of keeping students out of school

| Our goal is the **safe return** of as many students as possible to in-person school settings, to maximize learning and address our students’ holistic needs |
| Our initial fall guidance is based on an extensive review of current medical literature |
| Our guidance attempts to balance the health and safety risks of COVID-19 with the health, safety, socioeconomic, and achievement risks of keeping students out of school |
| It is not one mitigation strategy but a combination of mitigation strategies taken together that will substantially reduce the risk of transmission |
Getting students and educators back to school in-person, safely, relies on a combination of strategies, including key health and safety measures.

**Masks/ face coverings**
Primary route of transmission for COVID-19 is respiratory. Masks/ face coverings protect against COVID-19 infection (study estimates 80% effectiveness in reducing transmission\(^1\))

**Physical distancing**
Physical distancing helps mitigate virus transmission. Aim for six feet between individuals when feasible; a minimum physical distance of three feet is appropriate as informed by evidence when combined with the other measures outlined in the list of safety requirements.

**Handwashing / hand sanitizing**
Handwashing removes pathogens from the hands. While handwashing with soap and water is the best option, alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60 percent ethanol or at least 70 percent isopropanol) may be utilized when handwashing is not available.

**Staying home when sick**
Students and educators should stay home if they are sick or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

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1. [https://gh.bmj.com/content/55/5/e002704.full.pdf](https://gh.bmj.com/content/55/5/e002704.full.pdf)
To facilitate planning, DESE is working on additional, comprehensive guidance for districts on the following topics:

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Task Force Timeline

- Meetings this week by school
- Draft of plan by July 31st
- Focus to include hallway movement, arrival/dismissal, PPE, COVID positive protocols, transportation, schedule changes, lunch/recess etc.
Survey to Parents; Questions to Consider

❖ Will you send your child/children back to school in August?

❖ Will your child ride the bus to school?
Partnership with Parents

❖ Keeping our community safe
❖ Limiting travel at the end of summer/vacations
❖ Mask wearing - practice
❖ Daily health checks
❖ Helping young students understand social distancing
Next Updates

- July 14th at 7 PM
- July 28th at 7 PM