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Summary: Alpha Public School will open on a full day schedule. By the Governor's order, masks must be worn in the building except when at PE, Music, lunch or eating, and recess. This is a "living" document and will be updated as required. The BOE will be notified of all changes.

Any questions regarding the Re-Opening Plan, please call the main office at 908-454-5000 or email scohen@apsedu.org.

Social Distancing in the Classroom, Masks:

- 1) Requirements in the building:
 - a. By the Governor's order, masks must be worn in the building except when at PE, Music, lunch or eating, and recess.
 - b. Students will be seated and move about the building with 3 feet of social distancing.

Special Education/504:

- 2) Student's IEP requirements will be met and modified as necessary on a case-by-case basis.
- 3) Students with related services (OT/PT, Speech) will be conducted in a small group instruction room.
- 4) Student's 504 plans accommodations will be followed.
- 5) In the event that instruction is remote all IEP services will be delivered online.

Physical Education, Lunch, and Recess:

- 6) P.E. Class precautions:
 - a. Students will not be wearing masks during physical activity.
 - b. Students will NOT change for Physical Education. Locker rooms will be closed.
 - c. Physical Education classes will use games and activities that adhere to social distancing.
 - d. Health classes will take place in homerooms when possible.
- 7) Lunch procedures will be as follows:
 - a. Students will be eating in the lunch room
 - i. Students will be seated 3 feet apart
 - b. Lunches/snacks will be brought from home or ordered from the cafeteria menu during homeroom.
 - c. Students will be socially distant at lunches.
 - d. Students cannot share food.
 - e. Students will individually receive their pre-ordered lunch/snack.
 - f. Students will wash their hands after eating.

8) Recess Precautions:

- a. Students **MUST NOT** bring toys, activities from home.
- b. Middle school students will be offered a socializing section where they will be expected to be socially distant and wear masks.
- c. The playground equipment (slide, climbing bars) may be used, balls, and other equipment will be sanitized in between each recess.
- d. Students will be provided with balls, jump rope, larger 4 square courts and whatever else that we can create to allow the students to play while remaining as socially distant as possible.

Emergency Closing:

- 9) If the school needs to be closed for emergency cleaning, contact tracing, weather, or other reason, classes will be held online via Zoom or other video conferencing software. This will be live instruction during school hours. This will count as a school day; all students are expected to attend. The State currently allows for 3 emergency days before remote days count for instructional purposes. This may require us to make the first 3 remote days snow days with no instruction. We are waiting for more information as of the writing of this document.

Hallways, Bathrooms, and Class Movement:

- 10) All bathroom doors will be propped open. Students will be asked to wait in the hall if more than 3 people are in a bathroom.
- 11) Bathrooms will be cleaned frequently throughout the day.
- 12) Classrooms with a bathroom will have extra cleaning supplies to clean as needed.

Dismissal:

- 13) Students will be dismissed through the doors he or she enters in the morning.

Bus:

- 14) We have two bus routes: One for our Special Education Class and one for our unsafe walking route.
- a. One bus route has few enough students to socially distance.
 - b. The unsafe walking route will have an adult on board to facilitate the following:
 - i. The first student to board will take the seat furthest to the rear. Students will fill in as they are picked up.
 - ii. Siblings and/or same household students may occupy seats together.
 - iii. The goal is to get as close to 3 feet spacing as possible.
 - c. All students on a bus must wear a mask.

Visitors:

- 15) While Alpha School understands that people must come to the building to pick up their child(ren) or similar, we must discourage in-person visits during this time unless for educational purposes such as guest-speakers or meetings on school business.
 - a. Parents are encouraged to get all forms, information through the school's website or email.
 - b. All visitors must enter through door #1.

Remote learning option:

- 16) There is no formal Remote Option for learning unless a student is quarantined by the school or documented by a doctor's note. The remote instruction may take any form that allows the students to receive a commensurate level of instruction as the regular school day. A remote school day will include four hours of instruction.

Social and Emotional Support/H.I.B.:

- 17) The guidance counselor will continue to monitor and support in groups and individual settings:
 - a. The guidance counselor will utilize open spaces to socially distance students.
 - b. Classroom activities will still take place.
 - c. "Caught Being Good" and similar activities will take place.
 - d. Individual counseling.
- 18) Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying investigations will all take place in accordance with current Board of Education Policies and NJ State regulations.

Cleaning Protocols:

- 19) Classrooms will have hand sanitizing or handwashing stations depending on whether the classroom has a sink.
- 20) When students leave the cafeteria tables will be cleaned.
- 21) The classrooms and common areas will be cleaned nightly.

Community Outreach:

- 22) The school's website will have a page titled Reopening Plan before the school year starts with drafts and the final BOE approved plan.
- 23) We will add a page titled Remote Learning Resources before school begins.
 - a. This page will have video tutorials, explanations, links etc. to aid parents in their child's(ren's) remote instruction.
 - b. Resources for cleaning and maintaining masks will be posted here as well.

Masks and Classroom Discipline:

- 24) Masks are mandated and not optional except in documented medical cases
- 25) Masks follow the same rules as the school dress code in terms of look, logo or message
- 26) Teachers will develop individual classroom rules regarding consequences for those students who are insubordinate and do not follow this rule. Consequences will include but not be limited to:
 - a. Verbal correction
 - b. Reprimand
 - c. Lunch Detention (grade appropriate)
 - d. Phone call to parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
 - e. Temporary removal from classroom setting
- 27) Students who do not respond to progressive, age-appropriate classroom discipline cannot remain in the building.

Travel (Unvaccinated):

Traveling out of state or out of the country: Must quarantine for 7 full days from date returned from travel with proof of a negative COVID test taken 3-5 days after the travel return date. If not tested, the quarantine period is for 10 full days. We are unable to accept results from a home COVID test.

Travel (Vaccinated):

Domestic Travel: As long as asymptomatic, no testing or quarantine is needed.

International Travel: As long as asymptomatic, no quarantine is needed. Should test 3-5 days after arrival back in the United States.

COVID Response Team:

To ensure that stakeholders continue to have a voice in the ever-changing requirements of operating a school during a pandemic, the reopening committee will continue as the COVID Response Team. This committee consists of parents, BOE members, teachers, Head of Buildings and Grounds, a food service representative and school administration.

Exclusion from school: Taken from the Road Forward Document:

3.3.1 Definition of COVID-19 Compatible Symptoms

Parents should not send students to school when sick. For school settings, NJDOH recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- 1) At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose;

OR

At least one of the following symptoms:

- cough,
- shortness of breath,
- difficulty breathing,
- new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.

For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

When Illness Occurs in the School Setting

Children and staff with COVID-19 symptoms will be separated away from others until they can be sent home. Students who are sick and not already wearing a mask should be provided one to wear unless the student has a contraindication to doing so. If a mask is not tolerated by the ill student or staff member, other staff should be masked and follow maximum physical distancing guidelines (at least 6 feet away).

- 1) Ask ill student(s) (or parent/guardian) and staff whether they have had potential exposure to COVID-19 in the past 14 days meeting the definition of a close contact.
- 2) Individuals will be sent home and referred to a healthcare provider. Persons with COVID-19-compatible symptoms should undergo COVID-19 testing.
- 3) If community transmission is low, ill individuals without potential exposure to COVID-19 should follow the NJDOH School Exclusion List. No public health notification is needed UNLESS there is an unusual increase in the number of persons who are ill (over normal levels), which might indicate an outbreak.
- 4) If ill students have potential COVID-19 exposure OR if community transmission is moderate or high, they should be excluded according to the COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria.
- 5) Ill individuals who test positive should be reported to the LHD and contact tracing should begin.
- 6) Ill individuals that test negative should be referred to a healthcare provider, who may consider additional COVID-19 testing.
- 7) The School will notify the Health Department when students or staff: Are ill and have potential COVID-19 exposure; When they see an increase in the number of persons with COVID-19 compatible symptoms.

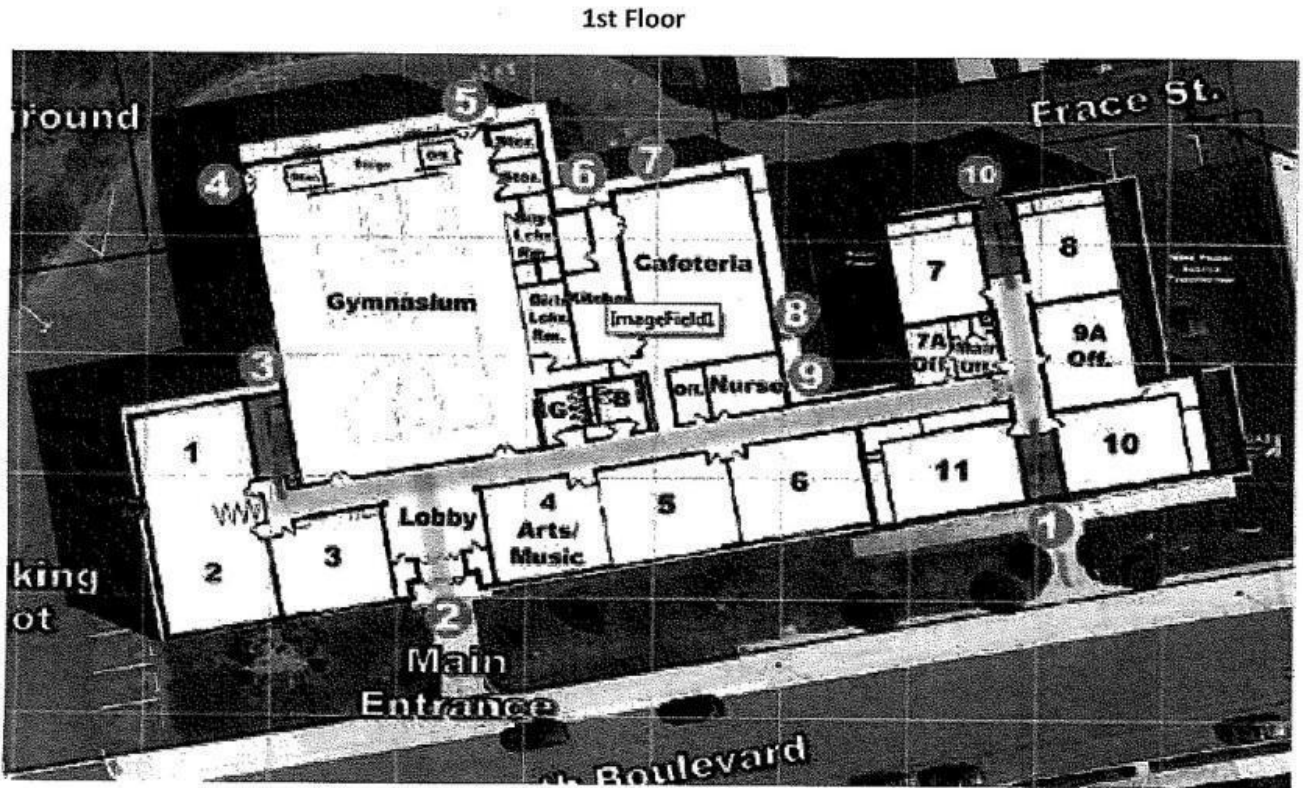
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- 8) The School will provide the following information when consulting with the Health Department:
 - a. Contact information for the ill persons;
 - b. The date the ill person developed symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19 (if known), and was last in the building;
 - c. Types of interactions (close contacts, length of contact) the person may have had with other persons in the building or in other locations;
 - d. Names, addresses, and telephone numbers for ill person's close contacts in the school;
 - e. Vaccination status if known
 - f. Any other information to assist with the determination of next steps.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a student or staff experiences COVID-compatible symptoms, they will isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2.

Student Daily Entrances and Exits



Entrance Number	Homeroom Teacher/Grade
1	Phillips - Grade 3, Bickert - Grade 4, Kelliher - Grade 4, Linfante - Grade 5
2	Weiss - Kindergarten, Smith - Grade 1, D'Aprile - Grade 2
3	Laustsen - Grade 8, Flynn - Grade 7, Kern - Grade 6
7	Breakfast starting at 7:50 am
10	Farnsworth - Grade 5, Davis - Grade 7
*	AR- will use door 2

All doors used for entrance and exit are locked and monitored and can only be opened by a staff member with electronic access.