

Groton Public Schools

In-Person Extended School Year (ESY) Protocol

July 6, 2020- July 30/August 13, 2020

S.B. Butler Elementary School

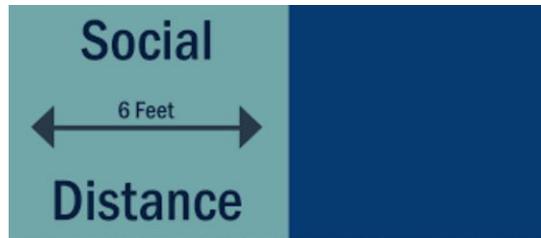


The in-person ESY protocol that follows is in compliance with the requirements contained in the ReOpen CT Plan issued by Governor Lamont on June 1, 2020 and have been reviewed by Stephen Mansfield, Director of Health, Ledge Light Health District.

Summer School Reopening Process

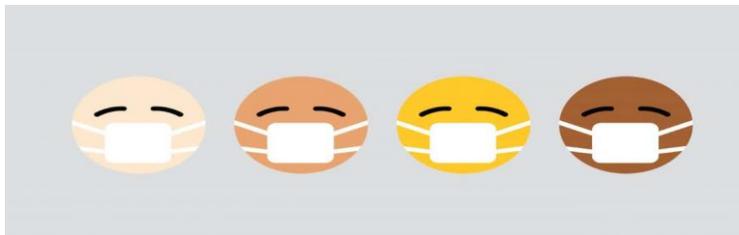
- A school nurse and school health aide will be available to the program.
- Denise Doolittle, Director PPS and Sam Kilpatrick, Director of Buildings & Grounds are the designated COVID-19 Health & Safety Compliance Liaisons. They are available to answer questions about health and safety guidelines for the program and will support the implementation of these measures.
- The superintendent may suspend in-person classes at any time due to health and safety risks.
- Visitors will not be permitted into the school building.
- Bag lunches will be provided to all students at dismissal time from food services representative. Lunches should be consumed at home or at camp.

Physical Space Setup



- The group size in every classroom will be limited to no more than one teacher and ten additional individuals. Smaller group sizes may be implemented depending on the size of the classroom and to allow for six foot social distancing between individuals.
- Six-foot distancing will be maintained with all student-staff and staff-staff interactions.
- Desks will be arranged 6 feet apart from each other. All desks will be arranged so that they face in the same direction to reduce transmission caused by virus containing droplets.
- Student arrival and dismissal will be conducted one student at a time to limit close contact between students in high-traffic situations and times.
- The same group of students and staff will work together each day to minimize cross-contamination of student groups.
- Educational materials will not be shared between students on the same day.
- All educational materials will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of the session each day.

Personal Protection



- All students and staff must always use a face mask or face covering while on school property or a school bus unless he/she is exempt. The district will provide face masks for students who need one.
- Students are exempted from wearing a face mask if he/she has a medical condition that would compromise his/her health or safety or if an adult would be unable to

safely remove the mask from his/her face. Please contact us if your child meets either exemption criteria.

- PPE including face shields, surgical masks and gloves will be worn by the nurse and health aide as well as other staff who assist students with daily living skills and when working with students who cannot social distance or who remove their face masks.
- Face shields also may be worn by speech and language pathologists when the use of a face mask is not appropriate for the activity they are teaching.

Bathroom Protocol



- Bathroom stalls and sinks will be taped off and a sign indicating that they should not be used if they are not 6 feet apart.
- Bathrooms will be assigned by zone so that students only use the bathroom indicated for their zone.
- Bathroom occupancy will be limited to one student at a time
- No personal items will be stored in the bathroom
- Toilet lids (if present) will be closed before flushing.
- A separate bathroom will be designated for any student who becomes ill during the morning session.
- Signs will be placed in bathrooms to encourage students to wash their hands before and after using the restroom.

Cleaning and Disinfecting



- Cleaning and hygiene protocols will be implemented as recommended by the CDC.
- Signs on how to “Stop the Spread” will be posted throughout the building.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned and sanitized twice per day.
- High touch surfaces will be spot-disinfected throughout the morning.
- Alcohol based hand sanitizers will be available.
- Hand washing instruction will be provided to all students.
- Posters with visual reminders will be posted throughout the building to encourage thorough hand washing.
- Instruction on respiratory hygiene will be provided to all students.
- Posters with visual reminders will be posted throughout the building to encourage children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or their upper arm and dispose of soiled tissues immediately after use.

Health Guidance



- Parents and Guardians will be required to complete a daily health screening on each child attending the program and send it in to school with your child each day (attached).
- If you check “yes” for any one of the three questions on the health screening, please keep your child home for that day.

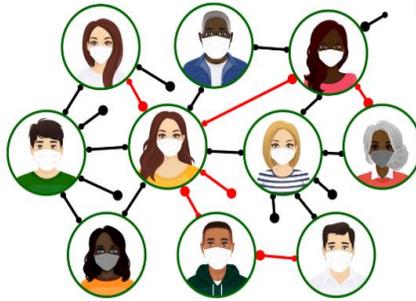
- Your child will have his/her temperature taken each day before going to class to verify that he/she does not have a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. A touchless thermometer will be used by the health screener.
- The health screener will wear a face shield, face mask, and gloves while taking your child's temperature each day.
- Children who have a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit will need to go home and return to school with a note from a healthcare provider or with a documented negative COVID-19 test result.
- Students who develop an elevated temperature while at school, will be escorted to a designated sick room and will be monitored by a staff member at all times. The child's parent/guardian will be contacted to come pick up the child. The child will be able to return to summer school with a note from a healthcare provider or with a documented negative COVID-19 test result.
- All staff will adhere to the health guidance outlined above.

Bus Protocol



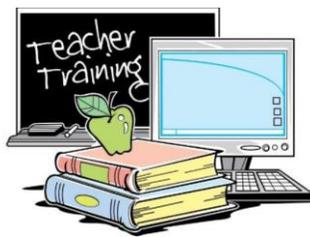
- Parent/Guardians are encouraged to drive their children to school if possible.
- A bus monitor will be present on each bus to ensure safety.
- Face masks must be worn by all children, the bus monitor and bus driver.
- Only one student sitting per row, unless the children are from the same household.
- Students are to be seated no closer than every other row.
- Students are to be seated in a diagonal formation, where one student is seated on the right side of the bus, the next student is seated on the left side of the bus.

Notification



- If a child or staff member who has been present in summer school has a confirmed case of COVID-19, Ledge Light Health District will be notified immediately.
- Parents will be notified if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 by a school official and will maintain the confidentiality of the individual infected.
- The Superintendent or designee may decide to suspend or close the summer program according to CDC guidelines, which recommend closing for 2-5 days to gather information and then determine appropriate next steps, which may include an extended closure in order to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Student Instruction & Staff Training



Instruction will be provided to all students during the first week of summer school using visual materials and videos on the following topics:

- a. Social distancing
- b. Cleaning protocols
- c. Hygiene practices

Training will be provided to all staff prior to the start of summer school via printed materials and videos on the following topics:

- a. Social distancing
- b. Cleaning protocols
- c. Hygiene practices