



Chartiers Valley School District

Preliminary Reopening

June 30, 2020

Mission, Vision & CV 7

CHARTIERS VALLEY MISSION STATEMENT:

- To graduate students who achieve personal success by providing an exceptional academic foundation in a safe, nurturing environment that inspires creativity and innovation while embracing diversity.

CHARTIERS VALLEY VISION STATEMENT

- To inspire excellence in instruction, learning and innovation to prepare our students to achieve personal success.

CORE VALUES

1. Demonstrate genuine care, concern and fondness for students.
2. Adopt an education-centered focus where students come first, followed closely by the needs of their parents.
3. Develop and nurture healthy, productive and cooperative relationships with colleagues.
4. Communicate regularly and clearly with students, their families and the community.
5. Create and cultivate a district-wide Learning Community where all employees and educators are valued.
6. Encourage innovation and creativity.
7. Embrace community and regional partnerships.

PDE Preliminary Guidance (Review of June 16th)

□ Health and Safety Plans

- Must create a Health and Safety Plan to establish local guidelines for reopening
- Prior to Reopening:
 - Must be approved by the School Board
 - Must submit board approved plan to PDE, any amendments will need board approval as well
 - Must publish to our Website
 - Schedules for training all faculty and staff on the implementation of the Health and Safety Plans before providing services to students

□ Pandemic Coordinator Team

- District must establish a Pandemic Coordinator and Pandemic Team with Specific roles and responsibilities to preparedness and response to the pandemic planning
 - The team will meet four times in July and August to review the preliminary plan, amend according to community feedback, new data from the dept of health, CDC, and State

As of Date Prepare for Three Phases

- ❑ Red – Schools are CLOSED to in person instruction - Online ONLY
- ❑ Yellow – School CAN have in person instruction with limitations and restrictions
- ❑ Green – In person instruction with precautions outlines and process and procedures in place

All decision-makers should be mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that can completely eliminate transmission risk within a school population. The goal is to keep transmission as low as possible to safely continue school activities. All school activities must be informed by [Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#).

Preliminary Fall Opening

Phase	Return Status	Provisions Put in Place	Online Option for Families and Students
Green	Full Return of staff and students	According to State School Guidelines	Full Online Option for students
Yellow	Full return of Staff. Students will have virtual learning and face to face times with their teachers on scheduled days.	Students may return according to State School Guidelines	Full Online Option for students
Red	Online (Remote) Learning Activated and mandated for all students		

The District may need to reserve Covid-19 days for building and the District in its entirety on specific days. These days would function similar to snow days

What we know

- From the Allegheny Department of Health “You (School Districts) are trying to plan for two months ahead and we can only plan for two weeks (ahead).
- Students are missing a tremendous amount of instruction. We know that instruction is not as effective online as in the traditional setting.
- Mental health suffers when school is not in traditional session.

Highlights as to What Research is Telling Us

- ❑ Screen prior to building/district entry
 - ❑ Proper hand hygiene is essential
 - ❑ The closure of schools is likely to lead to learning loss and potentially exacerbate existing inequities
 - ❑ Increase building/bus ventilation
 - ❑ Reduce transportation capacity
 - ❑ Supporting Emotional Wellness is a key goal for the return to school
 - ❑ Process and plan for when a student/staff tests positive and communication of that plan.
- (Chester County Dept of Health has provided guidance on this topic and many others. School Districts are anxiously awaiting for Allegheny Health Dept to provide such guidance, as of date they have not)**

Highlights as to What Research is Telling Us Cont.

The American Academy of Pediatrics:

AAP strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.

Guidance from American Institute of Architects

- Breaking down the school into separate zones by grade level and class to reduce personal contact. A cluster of classrooms can be grouped around a common bathroom, hallway, and egress points to reduce the numbers of students and their movements in each area of the school building over the course of the day.
- Posting signage and floor markings in queuing areas to indicate adequate physical distancing.



Survey Results: from Parents

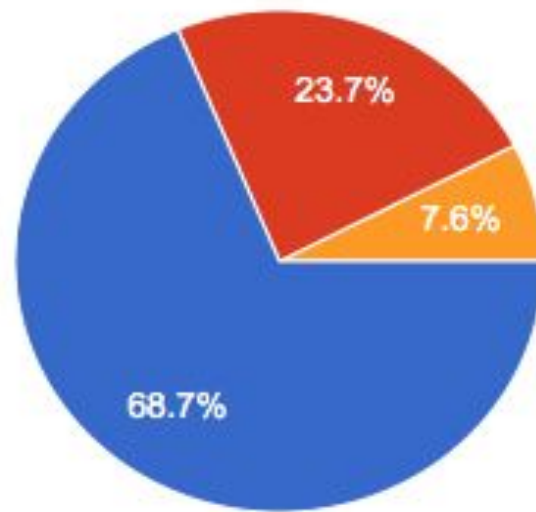
Top three concerns:

- Students falling behind academically
- Overall health and safety of students
- Emotional well being of the students

Survey Results Cont.

If Allegheny County remains in the GREEN phase when we resume instruction, which option are you most comfortable with?

1,352 responses

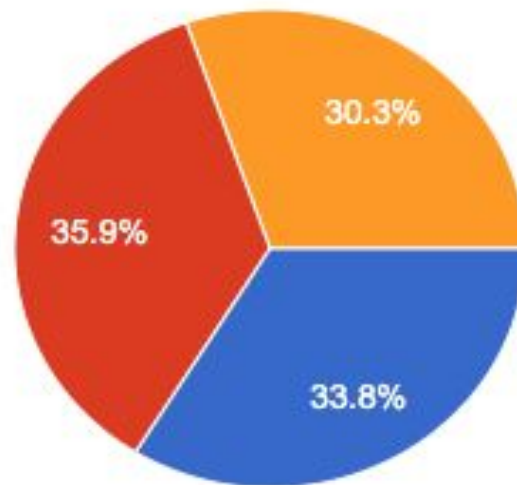


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- Hybrid: Teaching and learning is a mix of in-person and virtual
- Virtual: Teaching and learning is 100 percent virtual

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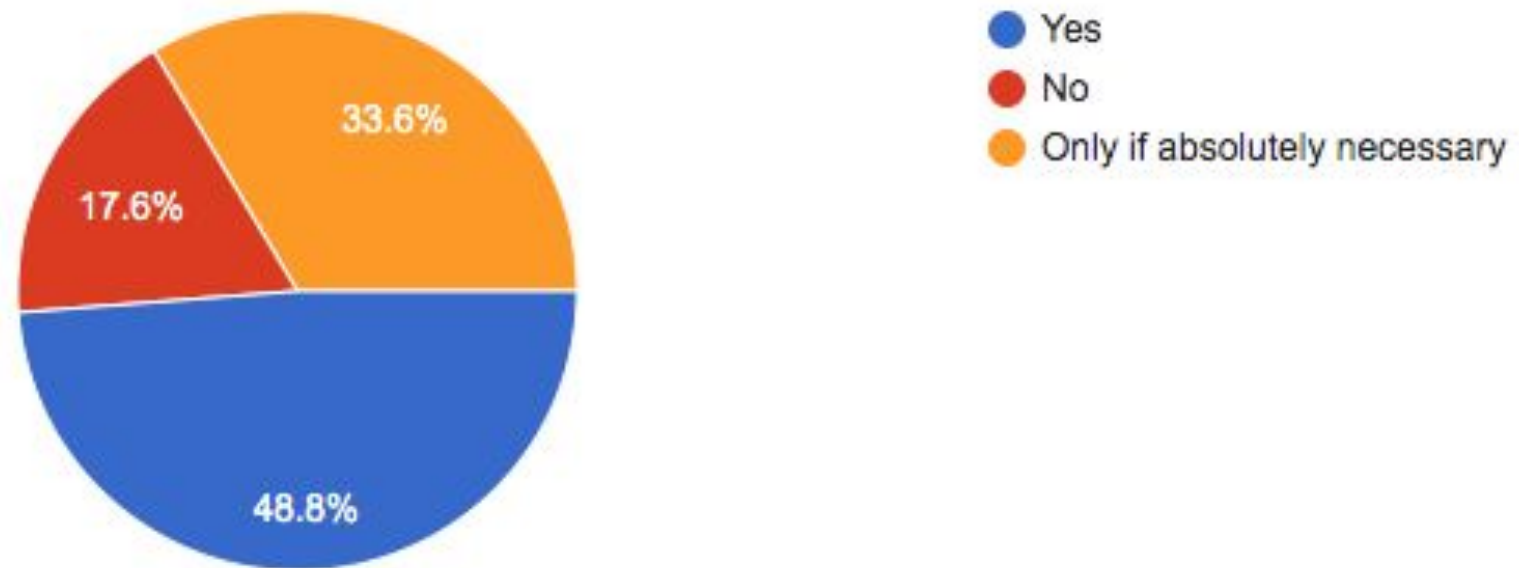


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Are you willing and able to transport your child to/from school to reduce the number of students on our buses?

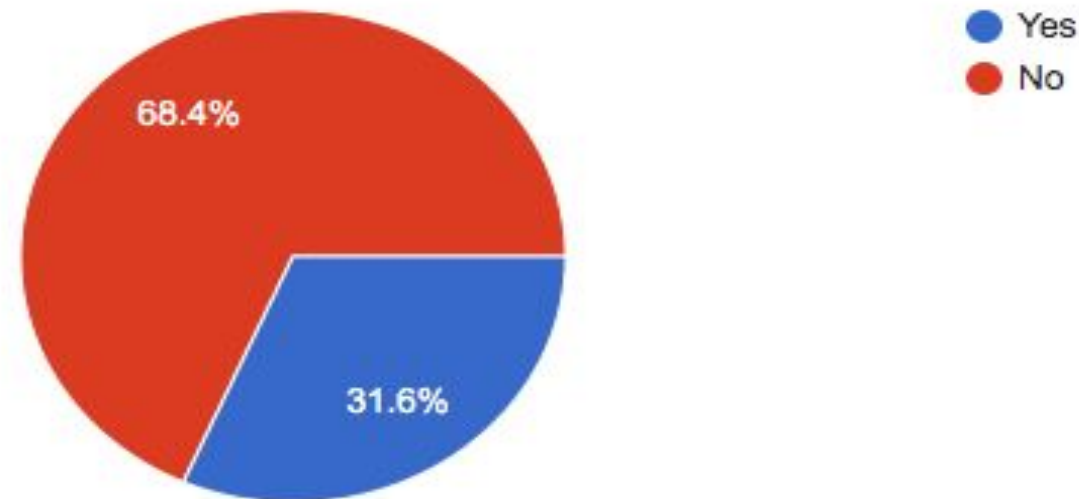
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If Allegheny County is in the YELLOW phase and schools reopen, would you be comfortable sending your student on a school bus at full capacity?

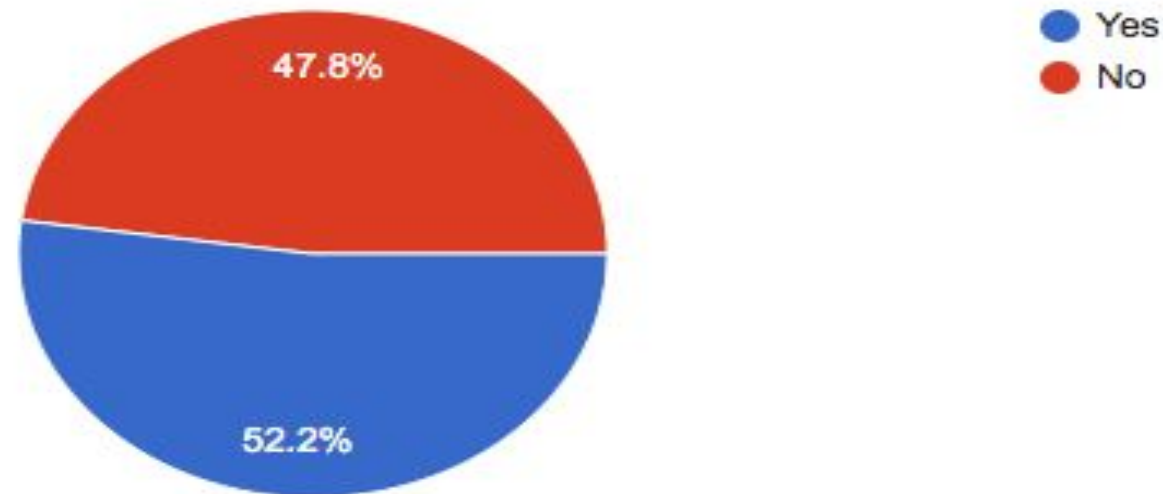
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Survey Results Cont.

If Allegheny County remains in the GREEN phase and schools reopen, would you be comfortable sending your student on a school bus at full capacity?

1,510 responses



Instruction and Professional Development

The largest concern from our parents and students is ensuring that their child(ren) do not fall behind academically. The District is also very concerned about the students academic progress. In turn the following has and will continue to occur:

- Professional development in online learning, review of online best practices, and online standards
- Clear staff and student expectations in an online environment
- Online course expectations to further align with standards and curriculum
- Expectation of synchronous and asynchronous coursework

The District realizes that some families may choose to keep their students home and solely utilize online learning. The District is preparing for that reality and will be reaching out to gather that information from families.

Transportation

- Buses will be disinfected between runs and at the end of the each day
- When able routes are “re-routed” to reduce ridership, note this may increase the length of the run
- Windows will/should be open to the furthest extent possible
- Parents are asked if they can drive their students to school in order to reduce the total number of students on the bus it will be appreciated

Health and Wellness

Examples include but are not limited to:

- ❑ Temperature Checks prior to school arrival or prior to getting on school buses
- ❑ Signage and frequent handwashing breaks
- ❑ Parents/students/staff asked to monitor temperature and take temperatures prior to arrival
- ❑ Isolation rooms
- ❑ Nurse and staff trainings based upon CDC recommendations
- ❑ Visitor/volunteer restrictions to limit the number of persons in the building
- ❑ Reduction of class sizes to the maximum extent possible
- ❑ Reduction of students on buses to the maximum extent possible
- ❑ Staggering of hallway traffic

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- ❑ The Charters Valley School District strongly recommends and supports those students, staff members, and community members who choose to wear masks or face shields for the purposes of health and safety.
- ❑ There may be times when the district either on its own accord or by directive from the department of health or state department that these PPE's devices are mandatory.

Phase	Staff PPE Required	Student PPE Required
Yellow	Yes	Yes
Green	Strongly Recommended and Supported	Strongly Recommended, especially on buses and hallways

Operations, Disinfecting, and Sanitizing

- ❑ Since the spring of 2020 the District has been gathering inventory of cleaning supplies meeting OSHA and CDC requirements for COVID-19.
 - ❑ District Facilities Department has undergone training in compliance with CDC standards and guidelines
 - ❑ A detailed cleaning schedule has been created for the buildings, facilities, and transportation
 - ❑ Protocols have been revised to further implement cleaning, sanitation, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols/procedures to maintain staff and student safety. These protocols include daily and when warranted multiple times per day cleaning measures.
 - ❑ Areas of high contact, such as door handles, railings, bathrooms, and other high usage areas will be wiped down multiple times throughout the school day.
 - ❑ The Secondary buildings run with 50-100 percent outside air
- ❑ District is placing hand sanitizer stations at strategic locations throughout our buildings. Elementary buildings will have a station in each classroom
- ❑ The District is purchasing technology devices for students in a 1-1 capacity. This serves two purposes; 1) to reduce share of materials. 2) to assist when online instruction needs to occur.
- ❑ The District is increasing the number of “water bottle” refillable water fountains throughout the elementary schools (the secondary schools have these in strategic places already)
- ❑ District School Buses will be disinfected after each run and at the end of the each day

Cafeteria Precautions

- ☐ Reducing lunch population by adding lunch periods
- ☐ All self-serve items will be eliminated in all buildings. All food will be individually packed and served to the students by the cafeteria staff.
- ☐ Key pads will be cleaned frequently throughout each lunch period by the cashiers.
- ☐ All buildings will be cashless. There will be no cash transactions allowed during meal service. We will encourage parents and students to make payments online.
- ☐ Cafeteria staff in all buildings will continue to wear gloves at all times and they will also wear masks for the duration of their shift.
- ☐ Each employee will be assigned an area in the kitchen to work so that we can maintain social distancing.
- ☐ If necessary, we will have Plexiglas installed at each register to protect students and staff.
- ☐ That cafeteria staff's temperature will be taken at the start of their shift everyday by each kitchen manager with an infrared thermometer and will be recorded.
- ☐ Sanitation logs will now be a part of their daily routine they will need to record when stations and equipment were wiped down and sanitized throughout the day.
- ☐ Hand sanitizer will be available for students and staff at the entrance of the cafeteria and close to the register stations.

Questions/Comments/Concerns



Resources

- ❑ Childrens Hospital of Ontario:
<https://www.sickkids.ca/PDFs/About-SickKids/81407-COVID19-Recommendations-for-School-Reopening-SickKids.pdf>
- ❑ Reopening America: Strategies for Safer Schools. The American Institute of Architects. Washington DC. [aia.org](https://www.aia.org). 2020
- ❑ <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/School-ReopeningGuidance/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❑ Considerations for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools. CMU for the PDE
<https://ies.ed.gov/ncee/edlabs/regions/midatlantic/pdf/ReopeningPASchools.pdf>
- ❑ American Academy of Pediatrics
<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>