

Opening the 2020-2021 School Year

July 2, 2020



The School District of Haverford Township

Planning Guidance



Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

Chester County Health Department

American Academy of Pediatrics

Mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory (REL) "Considerations for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools"

World Health Organization (WHO)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Interpreting the Guidance

County/Regional Discussions

- Weekly Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) meetings of all Delaware County Superintendents
 - Medical professionals
 - County Council
 - Emergency Management
 - Health Authority
- Four county multi-day summit
- Job alike discussions and sharing
- Chester County Department of Health: Health Authority for Delaware County Schools

Return to School

Emotional Well-being



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advises schools to start with a goal of having students physically present in school.

- Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. (AAP)
- Substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families. (AAP)

The closure of school buildings has likely led to substantial educational losses (Kuhfeld et al. 2020), which may be disproportionately borne by disadvantaged students who have less opportunity to learn at home. (REL Mid-Atlantic Guidance for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools)

4 Focus Areas: Distancing, Screening, Hygiene, Masking

Distancing:

- Classroom configurations will be altered to maintain at least 3 feet distance between students.
- Outdoor spaces will be optimized for use throughout the school day.
- Buses can operate with a maximum of two students per seat.
- We are presently examining the opportunities for lunch.
 - Greater specificity to come in future correspondence
- Modifications to the school experience will be significant. The look and feel of school will be very different.

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Screening:

- Information about symptoms will be communicated on a regular basis and posted throughout the district.
- Staff members who exhibit symptoms need to stay home.
- Students who exhibit symptoms need to stay home.
- Parents and staff will conduct daily symptom screening.
 - Greater specificity to come in future correspondence

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Masking:

- All adults must wear face coverings (mask or shield) when in schools, offices and school vehicles.
- All students must have a face covering available to them. Face coverings may be required in hallways and restrooms. Face coverings will be required on school vehicles.
 - More to come in future correspondence

*PDE is working with Department of Health and the Governor's Office to get clarification on new masking requirements

Learning Plans by 3 PA Phases

Green: Students are in school with social distancing at a minimum of 3 feet and an emphasis upon masking, hygiene and screening.

- We know all K-8 students can attend school 5 days a week.
- We are currently working out the logistics at the High School level. The size of our building and enrollment require additional time to make a determination.

Learning Plans by 3 PA Phases

Yellow: or upon direction to be more restrictive*

- Enforce more strict social distancing guidelines through hybrid model using a flexible schedule including some days in and some days out of school
 - More information to come in future communications

Red: 100% Virtual:

- Students will learn via a combination of synchronous (live, all at the same time) and asynchronous (recorded, viewed at any time) instruction utilizing digital and non-digital resources.
- This is not Haverford Online

*Subject to change at the direction of: The Governor and/or Pennsylvania Department of Education and/or Chester County Health Department

Haverford Online

We are expanding Haverford Online for students who choose online learning. This is not virtual learning as students experienced between March and June 2020.

- Core subjects at all grade levels
- Electives/Specials at all grade levels
- Facilitation, Monitoring, and Support from SDHT Teachers
- Curriculum tailored to meet SDHT requirements and PA Core standards
- Self-paced with regular contact with SDHT educators
- Continued support from school counselor, administrators
- Continued participation in any available extra-curricular activities
- An expectation that the student would enroll for an entire semester

Next Steps – for parents/guardians

[Read these resources](#) - links to all resources mentioned in this presentation

Participate in the next survey to be issued July 10th. We will be asking questions about:

- Intent to use transportation
- Intent to send children to school

Follow Our Progress

Communication:

Visit our website and check out [“Opening the 2020-2021 School Year”](#) as a communication hub for the community

Questions about the opening of the 2020-2021 school year? Email - OpeningHaverford@haverfordsd.net
We will generate a FAQ document and post it on the website.

Board Meetings:

Four Board meetings have been scheduled for July: 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30

Each meeting will include a review of the progress toward opening the 2020-2021 school year.

All agendas, meeting minutes, video replays and board policies for School Board meetings are accessible via [BoardDocs](#).

All meetings will be virtual and held at 7:30 PM via Zoom. The Zoom meeting link will be available on BoardDocs the day of the meeting.