



# CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## REOPENING OF SCHOOLS PLAN SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER UPDATE  
2020-2021



On September 22, 2020, the Chartiers Valley School District Board of Directors and Pennsylvania Department of Education approved an update to the Reopening of Schools Plan.

The CVSD Reopening and Planning Task Force have continued to research, collaborate, and develop recommendations regarding specific areas of both instruction and safety. Their work has been informed by feedback received in more than 5,000 parent survey responses and a careful evaluation of data, guidelines, and recommended best practices issued by the CDC, state and county health departments, and PA Department of Education. Additionally, Dr. Civitarese has offered his expert opinion as a member of the District's Reopening and Planning Task Force.

Based on this data and guidance, Chartiers Valley School District will offer students and families options for the 2020-2021 school year. This document describes updates to the Reopening Plan, including instructional options and health and safety details approved by the CVSD School Board on August 11, 2020.

Our ultimate goal is to return to fully on-campus learning for all instruction when it is feasible. Options may change as the school year progresses based on the degree of community spread of COVID-19. The District will monitor developments daily and reevaluate on an established regular basis.



# Fall 2020 Instruction Options (K-12)

## Option 1: Hybrid (combination of in-person and remote learning)

For families choosing in-person instruction, the District will begin the year under a hybrid model. The District will continue to monitor the latest data and guidelines daily and will communicate any changes to this plan as needed.

- The first day of instruction for all students is August 24, 2020.
- All students (K-12) will be provided with a District-issued technology device. While the 2020-21 budgeting process was difficult and included significant reductions, this investment was necessary to ensure the continuity of education for all students.
- The hybrid model allows for two days of in-person instruction with extensive safety precautions in place and three days of remote learning via Google Classroom (K-8), or Schoology (9-12), with both synchronous and asynchronous instruction.
  - Synchronous learning is live instruction that happens in real-time through Google Meet virtual classroom. This may include direct instruction, group activities, independent practice monitored by the teacher, and various application and assessment activities.
  - Asynchronous learning occurs online without real-time live instruction and includes prerecorded lessons, assignments, and resources for students to view at their own pace.
- Students with last names beginning with A-K will attend school in person on Mondays and Tuesdays. These students will engage in remote/online learning from home on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.
- Students with last names beginning with L-Z will attend school in person on Wednesdays and Thursdays. These students will engage in remote/online learning from home on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays.
- All students will engage in remote/online learning on Fridays.
- Families with different last names living in the same household should contact building principals to make arrangements for their students to attend on the same days.
- Class rosters will be released on or before August 18, 2020.
- We encourage families who wish to transition into/out of CV Cyber to work with your principal to identify an appropriate time to transition (i.e. end of 9 week grading period).
- Teachers will report to their assigned building for both in-person and remote instructional time, unless PA or county mandated closures are ordered.
- Some students with complex learning needs may need to attend in-person instruction more than two days per week. IEP/ESP teams will meet with parents to discuss options and make determinations based on individual students' needs.
- Students are automatically enrolled in Hybrid unless they have applied for CV Cyber.



## Fall 2020 Instruction Options (K-12)

### **Option 2: Remote Learning via CV Cyber Academy (fully online/remotely)**

While we know that most children learn best in-person, we recognize that families have unique needs and challenges that make returning to school difficult and, in some cases, impossible. This fully-instructional program will offer far more than the condensed emergency program provided in the spring. The District's Instructional Committee has developed a standardized set of guidelines, clear expectations, and a consistent foundation for CV Cyber Academy parents, students, and teachers.

- The first day of instruction for all students is August 24, 2020.
- Instruction will be delivered by CV teachers using the CV curriculum.
- Teachers will be provided with clear guidelines and expectations for online learning, grading, and record keeping, as well as professional development regarding best practices for online learning.
- Remote learning experiences will be designed in coordination with our in-person instruction. This will enable in-person students to access remote learning opportunities on a short-term basis throughout the year, should a child be temporarily unable to attend school due to illness or quarantine. We encourage families who wish to transition into/out of CV Cyber to work with your principal to identify an appropriate time to transition (i.e. end of 9 week grading period).
- Students will experience a balance of synchronous and asynchronous learning in order to provide flexibility as well as intentional opportunities to stay connected with their teachers and CV peers and friends. (Synchronous learning is learning that happens in real time via Google Meet; asynchronous learning is the idea that students learn the same material at different times and locations.)
- Teachers will offer regular tutoring sessions and office hours, and various other staff will be available to provide support when needed, per established expectations.
- Students in grades K-8 will utilize Google Classroom; students in grades 9-12 will utilize Schoology.
- All students (K-12) will be provided with a District-issued technology device. While the 2020-21 budgeting process was difficult and included significant reductions, this investment was necessary to ensure the continuity of education for all students. CV Cyber Academy curriculum can be accessed from any device!
- The District will provide parents, guardians, and caregivers with additional training on the technology utilized to provide instruction in an online environment. (Dates and times TBD.)
- Students enrolled in CV Cyber Academy are eligible to participate in CVSD athletics and extracurricular activities, to the extent outlined in the Athletics and Activities Return-to-Play Plan and PIAA/WPIAL guidelines.
- High School students enrolled in CV Cyber Academy are able to attend Parkway CTC.
- CV Cyber parent and student expectations, a "what to expect" video, as well as an application for enrollment are available on the District website.



## Fall 2020 Instruction Options (K-12)

### Option 3: +2 In-Person Days (4 days in-person/1 day remote)

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# Health and Safety Measures

## Face Coverings

- Per the July 1, 2020 order from the Pennsylvania Department of Health, face coverings must be worn by students or staff while at the bus stop, on the bus, and in all school buildings. The Department of Education (PDE) has provided guidance for school leaders regarding this order.
- The District supports the use of face coverings to reduce the risk of transmission within our schools. Per the CDC, face coverings help prevent the spread of germs, especially within dynamic social environments like schools.
- Face coverings include any cloth mask or plastic shield that covers the nose and mouth and can be secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops.
- Students and staff are responsible for providing their own face coverings.
- In accordance with PDE guidelines, children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team prior to the first day of school.
- Students without a valid medical excuse who demonstrate continued noncompliance with this requirement will be subject to disciplinary procedures per the Code of Conduct.
- Disposable masks will be available if a student loses or forgets to bring their mask.





# Health and Safety Measures

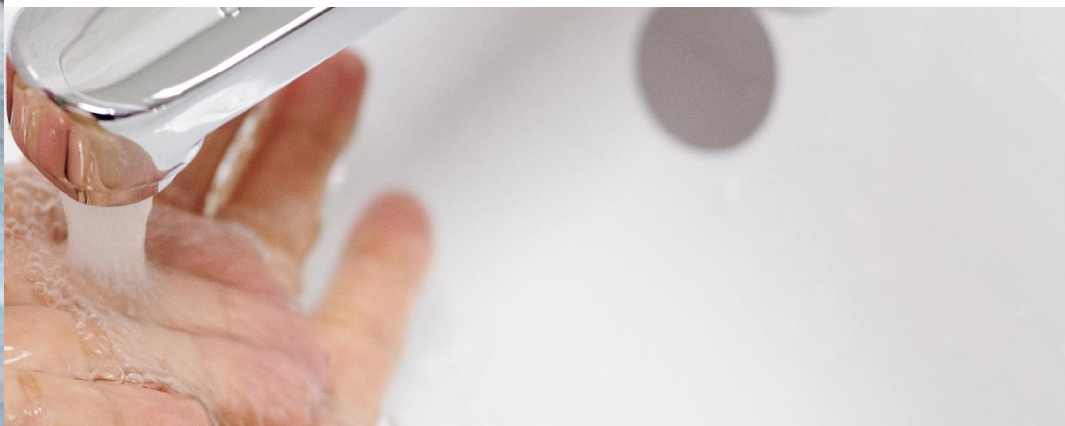
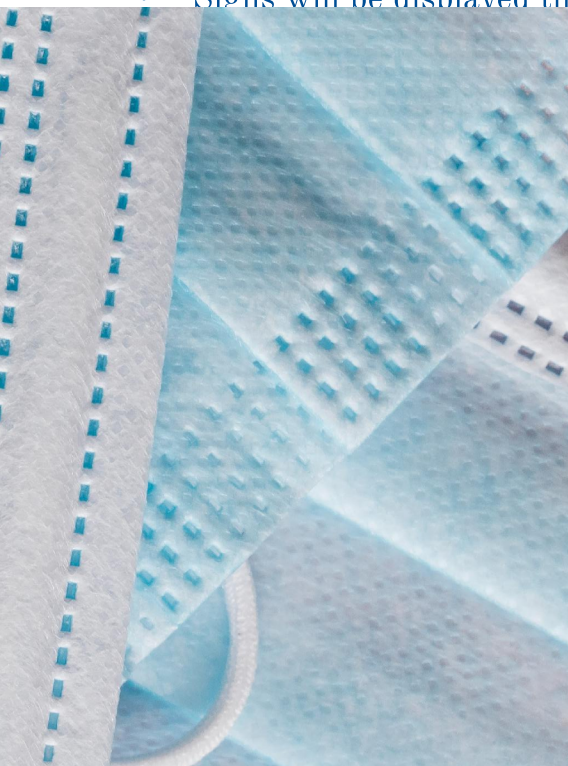
## Intensified Cleaning and Disinfecting

- As always, CVSD custodial and facilities staff utilize CDC and OSHA approved cleaning and disinfecting products and guidelines to ensure the physical spaces, equipment, and materials with which students and staff come into contact remain safe and clean.
- Prior to reopening, schools will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, in accordance with all necessary safety precautions.
- Custodians and facilities staff have been trained on CDC cleaning and sanitizing procedures.
- All District staff will be trained on methods for reducing contamination and transmission.
- Frequent sanitizing will be implemented for high-touch areas multiple times per day.
- Restrooms will be monitored and cleaned more frequently throughout the day and again each evening.
- Water fountains will not be utilized, except those with water bottle filling options. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles, particularly on gym days.

## Hand Hygiene

- Hand sanitizer will be available on every school bus/van. Students should enter the bus with free hands, ready to apply sanitizer.
- Signs will be displayed throughout all buildings to demonstrate proper hand washing

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# Health and Safety Measures

## Health Checks, Quarantine, and Travel

- All staff members will commit to a daily self-health check.
- Families will check students' health daily before school. Various symptom checker mobile apps can be helpful for this.
- Anyone with a fever of 100.4° or above, or any other symptom(s) of COVID-19, must stay home and contact their physician.
- If identified as having been in close contact (within six feet for 15+ minutes) with someone who is diagnosed with COVID-19, stay at home. Individuals will be required to quarantine for 14 days from the date of contact, consult a physician, and inform the school nurse. When absent, students will have access to virtual instruction.
- Individuals traveling to a location deemed a "hot spot" by the county or state health department will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon arriving back to Pittsburgh. While absent, students will have access to virtual instruction.

## Transportation

- This year, families are encouraged to provide transportation for their child(ren) in an effort to minimize the number of students on a bus.
- To further reduce capacity, CVSD was able to re-route bus routes.
- Face coverings are required while waiting at bus stops and while riding on school buses. Students will not be permitted on District transportation without a mask. Drivers and attendants are also required to wear face coverings.
- Weather permitting, roof hatches and windows will be opened to provide fresh air circulation.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on every school bus/van. Students should enter the bus with free hands, ready to apply sanitizer.
- Drivers and custodians will clean the interior of the bus between bus routes while no students are on board, and again on Fridays when students are remote.
- Requests to ride different buses will not be permitted, unless an emergency situation is approved by building administration.
- Seating will be assigned, and families will be required to sit together.





# Health and Safety Measures

## Arrival and Dismissal

- Building-specific arrival and dismissal procedures have been implemented to prevent groups of students from congregating in common areas.
- Primary School:
  - Upon arrival, buses will be unloaded one at a time at Door 1, from 8:30 - 8:45 am.
  - Parent drop-off will take place at Door 15 from 8:45 - 9:00 am, unloading 3 cars at a time.
  - Students should wear face coverings and maintain appropriate social distance while entering the building.
  - For dismissal, one bus will be dismissed at a time from door 1 and 5, beginning at 3:35 pm.
  - Parent pick-up will begin at 3:25 pm in the gym and gym lobby area with physical distance markings/signage for both parents and students. Students should be picked up no later than 3:45 pm.
- Intermediate School:
  - Upon arrival, buses will be unloaded five at a time at Door 7, from 8:30 - 8:45 am.
  - Parent drop-off will take place at door 2 from 8:30 - 8:45 am, unloading 3 cars at a time. Students should wear face coverings and maintain appropriate social distancing while entering the building.
  - Students wishing to eat breakfast at school should go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival to pick up a grab-and-go breakfast bag and take it to their homeroom to eat.
  - For dismissal, one bus will be dismissed at a time beginning at 3:35 pm.
  - Parent pick-up will begin at 3:25 pm in the gym and gym lobby area with physical distance markings/signage for both parents and students. Students should be picked up no later than 3:45 pm.
- Middle School:
  - Buses will unload two at a time to minimize the number of students entering through Door 3.
  - Parent drop-off will take place at Door 3 from 7:30 - 7:45 am (no earlier!).
  - Students wishing to eat breakfast will go to the cafeteria where they will sit at an appropriate physical distance (see cafeteria guidelines). Other students will go to the gymnasium where they will sit in the bleachers, spaced appropriately.
  - Students will be dismissed to their homerooms using assigned 1-5 ID numbers.
  - Dismissals will be staggered based on order of buses, and each grade level will be assigned a designated exit.
  - Bus dismissal will begin around 3:00 pm; Parent pick-up will begin around 3:10 pm. Parents picking up should allow for extra time for buses to depart due to staggered dismissal times.



# Health and Safety Measures

## Arrival and Dismissal (continued)

- High School:
  - Buses will unload one at a time beginning at 7:15 am and will be split between two entrances.
  - Parent drop-off will take place at Door 32 beginning at 7:15 am. Students should maintain appropriate physical distancing.
  - Students will go directly to homeroom upon arrival.
  - Dismissal will be staggered to minimize hallway traffic.
  - Parent pick-up will begin at Door 32 at 2:34 pm.
- Late arrival stations will be set up outside the main entrances of each elementary building from 9:00 - 9:30 am. Secondary students should enter through the main entrance and check-in with the attendance secretary.
- For early dismissals, parents/guardians should ring the doorbell at the main entrance and speak to a staff member through the intercom.





# Health and Safety Measures

## Classrooms and Hallways

- The District will maintain physical distance between students and staff throughout the day to the maximum extent feasible.
- Non-essential furniture will be removed from classrooms to create the ability for increased space in classrooms and to accommodate the need for physical distancing.
- Outdoor spaces will be utilized for learning and discussion when possible.
- Students will have assigned seats.
- Elementary students will remain in their classrooms for most of the day.
- In secondary classrooms, when possible, student desks will not be used in consecutive class periods.
- If students move to a new classroom, they will wash or sanitize their hands upon arrival and return to the home classroom.
- Floor markings and directional signage will be posted in hallways, stairwells, and doorways indicating one-way traffic. Elementary students will be led by teachers to walk single file at "arms length" from each other.
- Middle School students will be assigned a number (1-5) which will be utilized to stagger locker access, class transitions, cafeteria arrival/dismissal, and lunch lines.
- Multiple entrances and exits to the building will be utilized, specific to each building.
- Additional measures have been taken in certain areas, such as physical barriers.
- Deep cleaning of classrooms and other spaces throughout the building will be deep cleaned and sanitized regularly.





# Health and Safety Measures

## Meals

- Students will wash or sanitize hands upon entering and exiting the cafeteria.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in all cafeterias.
- Students will wear masks in the cafeteria, except while eating.
- Tables will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Floor markings will indicate where to stand in order to maintain social distancing while waiting in cafeteria lines.
- Cash will not be accepted in cafeterias. Families should use SchoolCafe to add money to student accounts, or send a check or cash in a labeled envelope to be processed outside of the cafeteria where food is not being served.
- Elementary: Students will sit every other seat, and diagonally (students will not sit face-to-face), grouped with their homeroom in assigned seats. Students will be dismissed in small groups. Social distancing will be encouraged and redirected by lunch monitors.
- Middle School: Students will be seated every other seat on one side of the tables facing the same direction and grouped with their houses. Monitors will coordinate dismissal in small groups.
- High School: Students will be seated on spaced, marked chairs and encouraged to choose the same seat daily.
- All students (whether Hybrid or CV Cyber) are eligible for breakfast and lunch every day, including remote learning days. Students will be able to pick up breakfast and lunch daily on remote learning days or order in advance and pick up meals on in-person days (hybrid). Additional information will be sent from the Nutrition Group.





# Health and Safety Measures

## Physical Education and Music

- Physical education classes will be held outdoors or dispersed between multiple gym spaces when possible.
- Equipment will be cleaned and sanitized after use using CDC approved products.
- Students will sanitize hands upon entering the gym, and masks are required except during game/activity.
- In elementary gyms, floor markings will be utilized to indicate where students can stand during physical education activities in order to maintain social distancing.
- Secondary students will not be required to change into gym clothes but are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing on physical education days.
- Music classes will be held outdoors as often as possible.
- Students will record themselves playing music at home and submit videos to teachers.
- Students will practice singing with masks on or humming, and instruments will not be used for general music.
- Listening activities and conceptual lessons will be utilized.
- Use of shared materials will be limited and disinfected between uses.

## Recess and Colt Time (formerly MS Reset)

- Elementary students will participate in adult-led structured play activities during which students are encouraged to maintain appropriate social distancing. Indoor and outdoor playgrounds and equipment (i.e. playhouses, basketball hoops) will not be utilized. Recess will be held outside whenever possible. If necessary, indoor recess will be held with smaller groups of students.
- Middle School Colt Time (formerly Reset) will have students follow a three-location schedule that will rotate weekly. Groups will be rostered by homeroom, and activities will be structured to allow students to keep an appropriate social distance.



# Health and Safety Measures

## Visitors and Item Drop-Offs

- The District will limit visitors to only those attending scheduled essential meetings. These visitors will be required to wear masks, answer screening questions, and have their temperature taken, upon entering the building.
- Virtual/remote options for parent meetings will be offered through Google Meet.
- Tables will be set up in the vestibules or just outside the main entrances of each building for parents/guardians wishing to drop off items (i.e. forgotten lunchbox, backpack).
- Those dropping off materials should ring the bell and speak through the intercom to a school staff member. The staff member will retrieve the item(s) shortly after the parent/guardian leaves.

## Athletics, Clubs, Gatherings, and Assemblies

- For athletics and activities, the District will follow the recommendation of the PIAA and safety procedures detailed in the District's return-to-play plan.
- Until further notice, all assemblies and club meetings are prohibited. Virtual/remote meetings are encouraged.

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*Visit [CVSD.net](http://CVSD.net) for the complete Reopening Plan, FAQs, & resources!*

