

## STEMCivics Safe Return to School Plan

- 1) Following the discretion placed forth by the CDC, NJDOH, and NJDOE, students and staff will continue to wear masks while in the building at all times. The only exception would be instances where extreme heat or a pre-existing medical condition would impact the health of students/staff.
- 2) As per Governor's orders, all students returned to in-person instruction in September 2021. Our desks have plastic shields installed on them and are at least 3 feet between desks for social distancing. Our students and staff transition through the building via one-way staircases. Students enter and exit the building from multiple entrances. Lunches are held outside, weather permitting, or in a large open space or in classrooms if inside.
- 3) Bathrooms are equipped with hot water, hands-free soap dispensers, hands-free towel dispensers, and signs urging the importance of regular hand washing and hygiene. There are several signs mounted throughout the building explaining the proper ways to wash hands and cough/sneeze correctly. There are several hand sanitizing stations mounted throughout the school building.
- 4) The building is cleaned/sanitized daily and laptops are sanitized after each use. Weather permitting, windows are open and window fans were purchased to provide ventilation. Our gymnasiums are equipped with exhaust fans that help increase ventilation as well, and the middle school has replaced the windows so they open freely to create a cross breeze. Each building is equipped with an electrostatic fogger and each classroom with air purifiers.
- 5) STEM Civics maintains a log of all building visitors and seating charts of each classroom, daily. The nurses, dean of school, principal, deans, and supervisors coordinate all contact tracing efforts. The local health department is consulted to make decisions regarding when contact tracing and quarantining are necessary.
- 6) STEM Civics screens all staff and students daily before entering the building. Temperature checks are also conducted. STEM Civics follows exclusion guidelines provided by the local health office, NJ DOE and CDC. Persons exhibiting symptoms of COVID are excluded and referred to their health care professional for testing and evaluation.
- 7) STEM Civics hosted 3 vaccination clinics on site, managed by Penn Medicine, on April 3, May 1, and December 22. The district participates in Mercer County's free weekly testing program for students and staff.
- 8) Accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety guidelines: Children with disabilities are required to follow the same health and safety guidelines as others in the building. There are no students at our school who have indicated that their disability would be negatively affected by wearing a mask or socially distancing.