

Springfield 2020

Reopening Our Schools: Reviewing Our Progress

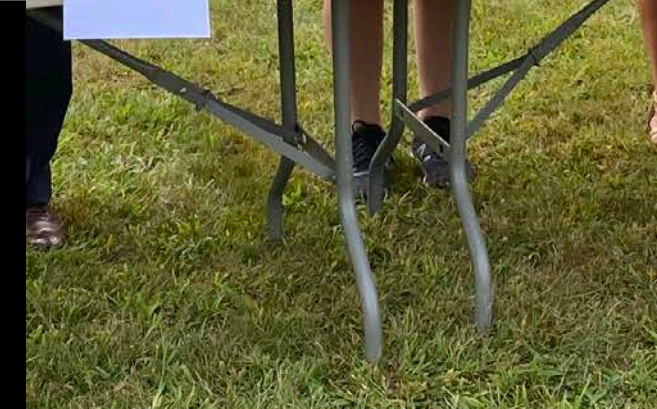
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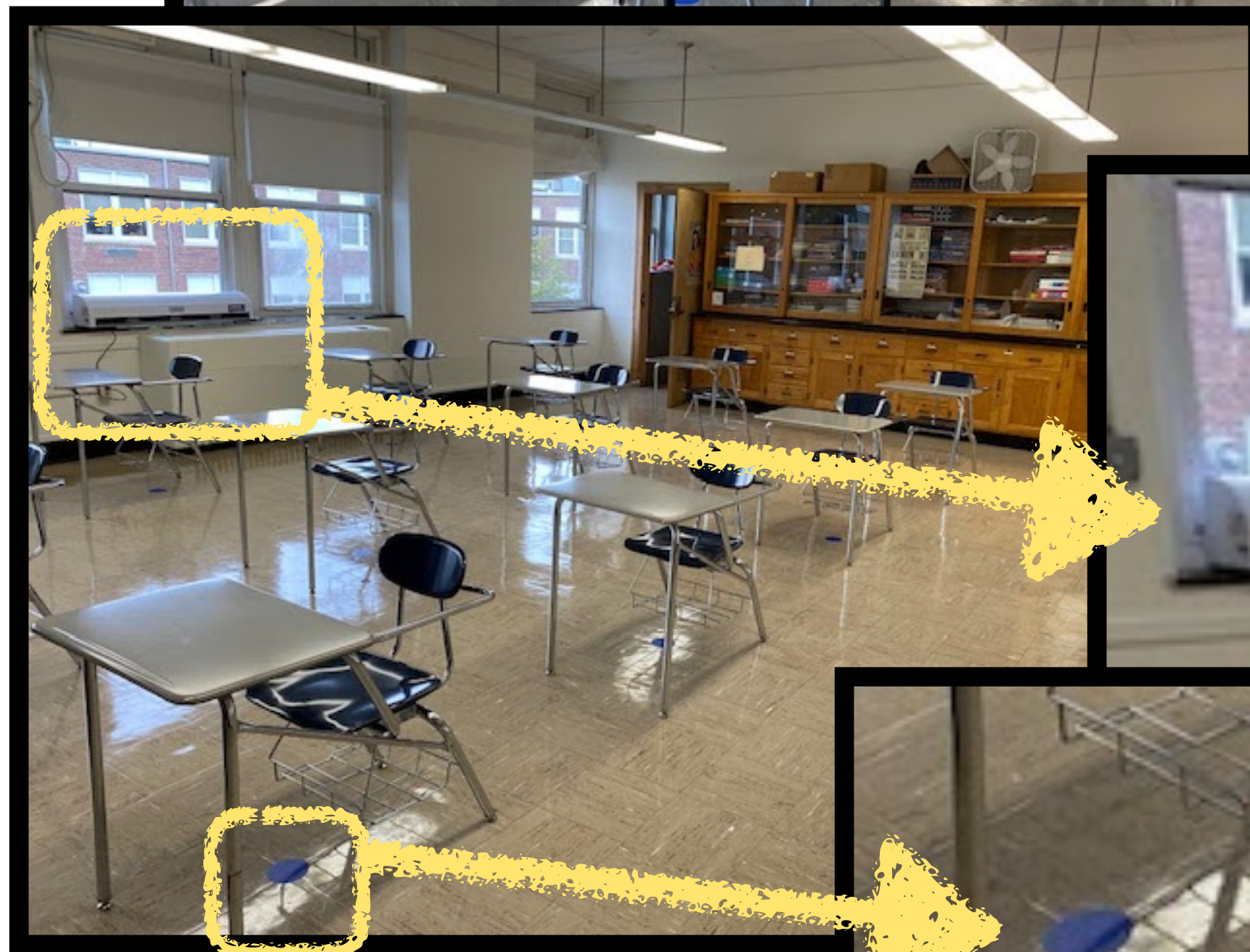
Presentation Overview

- Welcome Back!
- Back to School Progress
- Timeline Toward Hybrid Instruction
- Athletics: Fall 2020

Welcome Back!



Health & Safety Updates



Technology Update

- Device Distribution:
 - ▶ Total Devices Requested (inclusive of 161 FMG 6th graders): **486**
 - ▶ Total Devices Requested Since 9/1/20: **115 (24% of total)**
 - ▶ Total Devices Distributed (inclusive of FMG 6th graders): **315**
- Device Challenges:
 - ▶ Drops
 - ▶ “Lag” Time
 - ▶ Screen Views
 - ▶ Security Checks (Robot)
 - ▶ Other Applications
 - ▶ Group Views
 - ▶ Use of Polling & Whiteboard

Student Digital Citizenship

- Zoom Interruptions/ Inappropriate Student Zoom Usage
 - ▶ Teachers are asked to report the specific time of the incident
 - ▶ An investigation of the class sign-ins will be conducted
 - ▶ Students identified of “hacking” violations, including posting of indecent content will be reported to the Springfield Police Department.
 - ▶ A copy of each “Chat” is now created automatically following each zoom meeting.
 - ▶ A copy of images from a class are being saved automatically.
 - ▶ Students will be disciplined in alignment with the Code of Conduct.

Timeline Presented 8.17.20

- September 8-9, 2020: 2 Additional Days of Professional Development for Staff relating to virtual instruction
- September 10, 2020: Full District PreK-12 Virtual Instruction Begins
- On or before October 19, 2020: The district will present the district status of proceeding with the reopening plan. In grades K-12, this will be a two-day “A/B” model. Pre-school will be scheduled based on the student-teacher ratio.
- Week of November 2, 2020: If the district is able to move forward, students in grades K-6 will begin in-person learning opportunities.
- November 17, 2020: If the district is able to move forward, students in grades 7-12 will begin Marking Period 2 with in-person learning opportunities.

Timeline Update 9.14.20



State Guidance

- Governor Murphy, Executive Order No. 175
 - * Acknowledges that safely opening schools for in-person instruction may require additional time.
 - * “Whereas, a school district may need additional time to properly implement the health and safety precautions necessary to return any portion of the student population to in-person instruction...” (p. 4).
 - * Supersedes Executive Order Nos. 104 and 107 (closing schools)
 - * Does not supersede Executive Order No. 173 to reduce indoor gatherings to 25% of the “capacity of the room in which it takes place...the limit shall never be larger than 25 persons” (p. 6)

Framework for Health & Safety

- The health and safety of our staff and students is the most critical priority as we work to support meaningful instruction.
- All of the practices discussed in the slides that follow are subject to change based on the guidance of local and state health officials.

New Jersey Department of Health Guidance

Signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children may be similar to those of common viral respiratory infections or other childhood illnesses. The overlap between COVID-19 symptoms and other common illnesses means that many people with symptoms of COVID-19 may actually be ill with something else. This is even more likely in young children, who typically have multiple viral illnesses each year. Individuals with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild to severe illness. There is not a single symptom that is uniquely predictive of a COVID-19 diagnosis. A COVID-19 viral test is needed to confirm if someone has a current infection. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and include the following:

- Fever or chills;
- Cough;
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- Fatigue;
- Muscle or body aches;
- Headache;
- New loss of taste or smell;
- Sore throat;
- Congestion or runny nose;
- Nausea or vomiting;
- Diarrhea.

Many of these symptoms are consistently reported by students throughout the school day.

Parents should not send students to school when sick. School staff should have plans to isolate students with overt symptoms of any infectious disease that develop during the school day. For school settings, CDC recommends that students and staff with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- At least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; **OR**
- At least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder.

We will need to be prepared to open and close schools, “exclude” students and teachers pending testing, and move between in-person and virtual instruction on an almost constant basis.

Getting Virtual Instruction Right

We are deeply committed to significantly improving the virtual learning experience for all of our students and providing high-quality instruction and student support.

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MONTH

September 15- October 15

The background of the slide features a blurred photograph of a school building with a prominent tower on the right side. In the foreground, a baseball field is visible, with its diamond and bases clearly marked. The overall scene is captured from an elevated perspective, looking down at the field towards the building.

Springfield Public Schools 2020 Fall Athletics & Field Usage

**Presentation to the Board of Education
September 14, 2020**

Fall Athletics: Decision Guidance

- ★ NJ State Interscholastics Athletics Association (NJSIAA)
 - ▶ August 20th NJSIAA Advisory Task Force Guidance Released
- ★ Union County Athletic Conference
 - ▶ September 4th following guidelines from the NJSIAA the UCC announces it's "Event Management Guidelines."
- ★ Big Central Football Conference
 - ▶ September 5th in concert with the UCC and NJSIAA, the BCC releases it's "Football Gameday Guidelines."



Fall Sports: High School Only

- ★ Cross-Country (Coed)
 - ▶ September 14th- November 15th
- ★ Football
 - ▶ September 14th- November 15th
- ★ Soccer (Boys and Girls)
 - ▶ September 14th- November 15th
- ★ Girls Tennis
 - ▶ September 14th- November 15th
- ★ Cheerleading (Home Games Only)
 - ▶ September 14th- November 15th

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Fall Sports

- ★ Students **will not** be allowed to practice or to observe practice if they have not been medically cleared.



Athletics Health & Safety Protocols (1 of 3)

- ★ Approved Face Masks: Required at all times, except while students are playing on the field
- ★ Screening:
 - ▶ All participants will submit a daily COVID-19 Screening questionnaire via OnCourse or Google Forms.
 - ▶ Out of district personnel will have access to an independent Screening Questionnaire.
 - ▶ A temperature check will take place prior to any activity each day.
- ★ Transportation
 - ▶ Face coverings will be worn at all times
 - ▶ Daily screening will occur prior to boarding any bus.
 - ▶ Teams will limit travel to essential players and staff.
 - ▶ Teams should consider parental transportation.



Athletics Health & Safety Protocols (2 of 3)

★ Hygiene

- ▶ Hand sanitizer will be accessible at all times
- ▶ Workout apparel or uniforms shall not be left at the school after any type of participation. Athletes will be responsible for laundering and maintaining cleanliness of school issued equipment.
- ▶ Tennis and Cheerleader athletes/ coaches will apply hand sanitizer pre and post practice/ competition.
- ▶ Soccer and Football athletes/ coaches will wear athletic gloves for all athletic activities.

★ Sanitation Protocols

- ▶ There shall be no spitting, chewing seeds, or gum chewing during games or practices
- ▶ Facilities must be cleaned and sanitized in accordance with CDC and EPA guidelines.
- ▶ Equipment will be sanitized by the coaching staff after each athletic event.



Athletics Health & Safety Protocols (3 of 3)

★ Hydration

- ▶ Athletes will be required to bring a personal water bottle with 32 ounces of fluid.
- ▶ There will be no sharing of water bottles or use of hydration stations.
- ▶ Each team will have 1 cooler for refilling individual bottles.

★ Athletic Training Protocols

- ▶ The athletic training room will not be used during the fall season. Student athletes in need of medical attention will be treated on-field/outdoors.
- ▶ Injury ice and access to hydration will be provided in a supervised and socially distanced fashion.



Additional Guidance for Games

★ Home Games:

- ▶ Visiting teams will be screened prior to arriving to SPS facilities.
- ▶ Visiting teams will use their buses as structures/facilities.
- ▶ Outside of play, there will be no interaction between visiting teams.

★ Games as Visitor:

- ▶ When traveling, JDHS athletes will meet at the school to be screened prior to departing.
- ▶ All individuals involved in athletics will be required to wear a face mask while involved in any school-sponsored event.
- ▶ Parent/family transportation will be encouraged

★ Social distancing practices must be observed to the fullest extent possible.

- ▶ Half time will be observed at opposite ends of the field.
- ▶ Post-game handshakes are prohibited



Spectator Guidelines

★ Home Games

- ▶ All spectators attending outdoor events must wear face coverings.
- ▶ Spectators must follow social distancing guidelines.

★ Football & Soccer (Based on Facility Maximums)

- ▶ JDHS Field: 54 on home side, 32 on opposing side
- ▶ FMG Field: 50 seats total
- ▶ Based on social distancing maximum capacity limits at our facilities hosting Soccer & Football events
 - At Varsity events: A limited number of tickets are available, Senior Parents will receive priority, options considered
 - At JV events: entrance will closed when the maximum number of spectators has been reached.
- ▶ We are working on a plan to livestream the home games so that all families and community members can watch our games.

★ Tennis:

- ▶ Spectators will not be permitted in the tennis facility. Spectators may view tennis matches from the parking area maintaining social distancing and face mask protocols.



Marching Band & Cheerleaders

★ Cheerleading:

- ▶ Cheerleaders will not travel to away football games.
- ▶ Home games may have cheerleaders present.
- ▶ A designated area will be established outside of the football team coaches box
- ▶ Must practice social distancing during performance.
- ▶ No halftime performance permitted
- ▶ No “stunting” permitted

★ Marching Band:

- ▶ Due to restrictions on particular instruments, field movement, and seating capacity, the Marching Band will not be performing at games during the Fall season.



Use of Facilities & Fields

★ Tennis Courts

- ▶ Waiver/release must be completed prior to receiving approval to use courts
- ▶ Badge issuance thru Superintendent's office
- ▶ When using court, adhere to Athletic Department procedures

★ Football & Soccer Fields

- ▶ Permit seekers must indemnify Springfield BOE
- ▶ Permit seekers must agree to same protocols established by the athletic department
- ▶ Face mask – required at all times
- ▶ Anyone using the facility must certify:
 - A questionnaire was taken by the group (recreation/association)
 - Temperatures are check by the group (recreation/association)
 - The certification sent/received prior to use, the day of use

★ Permit Requests

- ▶ Contact the Building & Grounds Department to schedule

★ Spectator Guidelines & Requirements

- ▶ Adhere to game procedures established by the Athletic Department
- ▶ Face coverings are mandated for all spectators
- ▶ All spectators must comply with social distancing requirements

- ★ **Springfield Board of Education reserves the right to cancel permits based on directives from the NJDOH, NJDOE, local health officials, and/or Non-compliance with any of the protocols.**



Cancellation Decisions

- ★ The Governor issues orders and/or the NJSIAA announces cancellation of the season.
- ★ Other schools in the conference cancel, impacting the game schedule.
- ★ If a coach or a student tests positive, practices and/or games will be cancelled for a minimum of 2 days immediately following notification of a positive result.
- ★ If more than one student or coach tests positive within a 5-day period, the sport program will be cancelled for the remainder of the season.
- ★ The community does not follow the protocols, including exceeding the number of spectators.

