

## **Return to School Considerations - PASNAP 051820**

### **Absence Tracking / Attendance**

- If a student is sent home with symptoms of Covid-19, will medical clearance from their physician be required for return to school?
- Will adjustments be considered to current attendance guidelines for schools for diagnosis of Covid-19 or for probable diagnosis of Covid-19?
- What will the expectations and responsibility of the school nurse be in sharing information with the health bureaus or contact tracing?

### **Education / Training**

Education of students / families/ staff will be needed for new protocols PRIOR to return to school.

- How will new protocols be shared with students, staff, parents, and any other individuals coming onto school grounds?
- Who will provide the necessary infection control training for prevention of Covid-19 transmission?
- How will cultural and language barriers be addressed?

### **Environmental Concerns**

- Should trailers be considered as an option at this time if zoning permits??
- What are suggestions for simple renovations to cordoned off areas?
- How will climate control, including personal fans, be addressed to prevent the spread of air borne disease?
- How can we assure adequate access to sanitizing and hand washing stations in buildings?
- How will scheduled bathroom breaks and urgent needs be addressed?
- Will restroom monitors oversee the number of students using restrooms?
- What will be the protocols for cleaning facilities between students / staff use? Will additional Custodial support be needed for additional cleaning?
- Have water systems been flushed and tested prior to the return of students, in order to prevent water-borne bacteria?
- How will adequate ventilation be maintained within buildings?

## **Class Scheduling Concerns**

### **Altered schedule suggestions**

- Will cleaning needs be addressed between alternate day sessions vs AM/PM sessions?
- Will remaining in one classroom as compared to switching classrooms for subjects be considered?
- Will this include itinerant classes, learning support classes as well as speech, emotional support, OT, and PT?
- What will the guidelines be for extracurricular activities (such as band, PIAA sports, etc)?
- Will student field trips be eliminated?
- Will students keep all textbooks at school?

## **School Entry / Dismissal Process**

- Will students be screened as per DOH guidelines prior to getting on the school bus or upon entry to school if they are not riding a bus?
- Will students and staff be required to enter through one entryway in school in order to be screened?
- Will bus routes times be staggered or additional routes be added to maintain proper social distancing of students on buses?
- How often will buses be cleaned? After each trip?
- If masks are required for boarding the bus, how will it be addressed if a student arrives at the bus stop without one?
- How will visitors, including parents, be restricted from entrance into school buildings?
- How will essential service providers be screened prior to entering the school building?

## **Classroom / Cafeteria Considerations**

- How will students maintain social distancing while in the classroom and while in the hallways?
- Will ALL meals be delivered to and eaten in the classrooms?
- Will Individual / disposable items be used?
- Will students have access to hand washing or hand sanitizer immediately before and after eating?
- Will considerations for students with food allergies be addressed?
- Who will monitor the desk cleaning if eating in the classroom?
- Will the food sharing table be eliminated?
- Will outside foods for celebration and group shared snacks be banned?
- Will fundraisers, food and non-food, be eliminated?

## **Shared Items / Surfaces**

How will shared items/surfaces be cleaned between students?

- PE equipment
- Computers/devices
- Water fountains
- Restrooms
- Keypad system in cafeteria
- Scissors/Pencils/Art Supplies
- Playground/recess equipment
- Calculators
- Any other misc. shared items

## **School Nurse / Nurse's Office**

- How can we ensure the separation of students with Covid-19 symptoms from students without Covid-19 symptoms when space is limited in the Nurse's Office?
- What will be the guidance for wearing masks/PPE for students and nurses while in the Nurse's Office?
- What will the protocol be if a parent refuses to allow their child to wear a mask or a student refuses to wear a mask if they are able to?
- Will overall guidance be given for medically fragile children/staff that are immunocompromised etc.?
- Will guidelines be followed from all medical advice which recommends that nebulizers and other aerosolized treatments NOT be used within school settings?

- How will the Nurse's Office be cleaned between students?
- How will mandated screenings be accomplished while maintaining social distance and cleaning between children?
- What type of clothing will be recommended for healthcare staff to wear? (Street clothes vs scrubs, Lab coats vs paper or washable gowns)
- How will teachers be educated on being mindful of sending students down for complaints which do not require the services of the Certified School Nurse?
- Will alternative methods of nurse's assessment be utilized to limit contact in the nurse's office?
- Will Administration support nursing in keeping Nurse's Office visits strictly illness and injury related?

## **Immunizations**

- Regarding K-12 vaccines, will students have an extension of the current 5-day grace period?
- Will districts be permitted to implement catch-up clinics?
- If a vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available, would DOH run clinics in schools similar to what was done during H1N1?

## **PPE / Supplies**

- Will there be a recommendation on the type of masks to be worn by school nurses?
- Will there be a recommendation on what thermometer type is to be used?
- If temp checks/health screenings are mandated, who will help with the cost of supplies for schools?
- What PPE will be recommended in the Nurse's Office?

## **General Concerns**

- Will CDC guidelines or district policy be adhered to if a staff member presents with a fever or any symptoms of illness or disease?
- Will the CSN be confidentially informed of any students, students' close family members, or staff testing positive for Covid-19 or being suspected of being positive?
- Who will monitor students and staff returning to school after being in quarantine?
- Will school staff and/ or the school community be informed of any positive or suspected cases of Covid-19 within the school while maintaining the individual's privacy? Who will inform?
- What will be the process for DOH to notify the school of positive cases?
- What procedures will be established for timely communication with districts on suspected or positive cases?
- Could school nurses have access to the site to check clearance of COVID 19 if a website is developed similar to SIIS?
- Will school districts have to share return to school plans providing proof of compliance with guidelines to the PA DOH / PDE prior to returning to school?
- Will a 'hotline' be set up to report districts NOT following recommendations thus putting students/staff/families at risk for illness?
- What considerations will be given to staffing shortages / issues due to illness?
- Certain private boarding schools have a large percentage of their student population from different countries? What type of regulations will need to be followed? Exchange students?