



CHESTER COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN - FEBRUARY 2022

UNIVERSAL AND CORRECT WEARING OF MASKS

- Starting Monday, March 7, the Chester County Intermediate Unit will be recommending, not requiring, masks. This recommendation applies to all programs and buildings except for any regulated programs where masks are still required (ex. Head Start and all transportation).
- If necessary, in the future and based upon consultation with the Chester County Health Department, the Intermediate Unit reserves the right and authority to implement mask requirements should transmission levels within a specific program or building necessitate this mitigation effort.
- Masks are required for students and staff on transportation.

MODIFYING FACILITIES TO ALLOW FOR PHYSICAL DISTANCING (E.G., USE OF COHORTS/PODDING)

- School buildings and offices will allow for full occupancy with 3 feet or greater being the social distancing expectations to the greatest extent practicable.
- We will consider the guidance from our local and state health departments should conditions necessitate implementing greater social distance mitigation strategies.
- For cafeteria settings, we will maximize distancing to the greatest extent practicable if transmission levels increase and necessitate this practice. There is no longer a need to limit food service approaches to single use items or packaged meals.

HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

- Best practice encourages hand washing prior to and after meals and snacks, after using the bathroom, and after blowing nose, coughing or sneezing. Our schools will encourage our students and staff to follow these best practices.
- Our schools will have available hand sanitizer in classrooms, public areas, and other strategic locations.
- Our schools will post signs in buildings reminding students, staff, and visitors of proper respiratory etiquette.

CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES, INCLUDING IMPROVING VENTILATION

- There will be routine and daily cleaning of our school buildings with attention to high traffic and high touch areas.
- Our school buildings will ensure that ventilation systems operate properly.

CONTACT TRACING IN COMBINATION WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

- Our schools will report all confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the health department on the prescribed template for such instances.
- We will support and implement public health guidance on isolation and quarantines.
- Student or staff, who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is a probable case, shall notify their direct supervisor or principal immediately. Guidance on isolation will be provided to the individual.
- Student or staff, who was in close contact with a COVID-19 positive case, must notify the program administrator/principal immediately. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or Chester County Health Department.
- Additional consultation provided by CDC, PADOH, and CCHD will be considered throughout the implementation of this plan.



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DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING TESTING

- We will follow our Immunization and Communicable Diseases Policy #203 for guidance on communicable diseases.
- We will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, N95 face covering, eye protection, gloves.
- We will require staff to self-screen prior to reporting to work, programs, and schools and stay at home if experiencing any symptoms associated with COVID-19.
- Parents and guardians are required to self-screen their child prior to reporting to school or programs and keep their child home if experiencing any symptoms.
- Staff and students, who are ill must stay home from work, programs, and schools.
- Staff and students shall be sent home if they become ill at work, school, program or service.
- Students and staff shall report immediately to their immediate supervisor/principal if they are COVID-19 positive or were in close contact with a person who has COVID-19. These individuals will be provided guidance whether to isolate or quarantine as per guidelines of the CDC or Chester County Health Department.

EFFORTS TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS TO SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

- Our schools will provide information to staff and families on vaccine clinics and/or how to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES

- For students with disabilities with medical diagnosis that required a prescribed health and safety plan, the IEP team may reconvene to develop a specially designed instruction or strategies to meet the needs of the student.

COORDINATION WITH STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIALS.

- Our schools will report cases of COVID-19 to the Chester County Health Department.
- We will consult with the health department on specific cases or issues as needed.