



Dorchester County Public Schools

Reopening Plan

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Reopening Taskforce Membership

- ▶ 1 Board of Education representative
- ▶ DCPS Executive Team
- ▶ 3 Instructional Supervisors (to include Early Childhood and Special Education)
- ▶ 3 Student Services representatives (Coordinator; Mental Health; School Counseling)
- ▶ 5 Operations Managers (Transportation, Safety, IT, Facilities, Food Services)
- ▶ 3 Principals
- ▶ 6 Teachers
- ▶ 1 Union leadership representative
- ▶ 2 Dorchester County Health Department representatives
- ▶ 3 Community Stakeholders (Chamber of Commerce, Local Management Board)
- ▶ 9 Parents

Reopening Task Force Committees

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Safety

Health,
PPE,
Procedures,
Screening,
Open date,
Cleaning facilities

Instruction

Models for return,
Curriculum/assessment,
Classroom design,
Instructional
technology

Operations

Transportation, Food
Service/Meal Sites
(location of meal sites
for remote students,
food to be offered),
Social distancing
guidelines, Remote
learning access,
technology

Focus for Committee Work

- **Develop a plan for Phase II**
 - Partial return to school; limited number of students per classroom
 - A/B model – what does this look like?
- **Develop a plan for Phase III**
 - All students return to school
- **Work through guiding questions**
- **Consider survey results/feedback from our families**

Phase II Schedule Plans

- Plan informed by Parent/Community Survey results
- DCPS will follow an A Week/B Week schedule
 - Monday: Planning and professional development for staff, deep cleaning for schools
 - Tuesday-Friday: Students attend
 - A Week: 50% of students attend; others complete assignments to support learning during non-school week
 - B Week: Other 50% of students attend; others complete assignments to support learning during their non-school week
- C – Parents/families choose Online Distance Learning
- D – Students with special needs including English Language Learners attend A and B weeks; DCPS employee school-aged children attend A and B weeks

Safety Recommendations

- Follow protocols with guidance from Dorchester County Health Department, MSDE, CDC
- Phase II protocols include requirements addressing the following:
 - Daily temperature checks; wearing of masks; social distancing
 - Strict protocols for health room and procedures for sick staff and students
 - Regular handwashing/use of sanitizer at every transition
 - No assemblies, after school activities, guest presenters, visitors or outside organizations
 - Unique concerns of student or staff handled case by case

Operations: Food Service Recommendations

- Phase II – A Week, B Week Schedule

Week students are in school:

Students eat breakfast and lunch in classroom

Schedule for cafeteria pickup will follow social distancing protocols

Food will be served in closed containers

Breakfast will be grab-and-go following safety protocols

Week students are not in school:

Students pick up food from school; hours for pick-up 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Operations:

Transportation Recommendations

- A Week, B Week bus schedule determined by transportation and school administrators
- One student per seat unless in same family/day care; face coverings recommended
- Assigned seats
- Review of opening and closing times once A/B routes are established
- Buses will be cleaned between morning and afternoon routes and at the end of the day

Instruction Recommendations

- DCPS will continue teacher professional development on Schoology (our Learning Management System) which supports online learning using our curriculum resources
- Content supervisors will address COVID-19 learning gaps through curriculum documents and PD with teachers
- Plans are underway to support emotional/social/trauma needs at the school level

Phase III

- All students return to school with health and safety protocols in place
- Transition from Phase II plan to Phase III during the 2020-2021 school year will occur when conditions are met per Dorchester County Health Department