

Chester Union Free School District School Reopening Plans 2020 2021

Reopening Plans Extracts

Testing & Contact Tracing

Information below is an extract from the Chester Union Free School District School Reopening Plans 2020 – 2021. Additional information is also provided following the extract.

Suspected or Confirmed COVID Cases (Page 14)

- Emergency Response - Students and staff with symptoms of illness must be sent to the health office. A school nurse (Registered Professional Nurse, RN) is available to assess individuals as chronic conditions such as asthma and allergies or chronic gastrointestinal conditions may present the same symptoms as COVID-19 but are neither contagious nor pose a public health threat. Proper PPE will be required anytime a nurse may be in contact with a potential COVID- 19 patient
- Isolation - Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may also be in this isolation room if they can be separated by at least 6 feet. If they cannot be isolated in a separate room from others, facemasks (e.g., cloth or surgical mask) will be provided to the student if the ill person can tolerate wearing it and does not have difficulty breathing, to prevent the possible transmission of the virus to others while waiting for transportation home. Students should be escorted from the isolation area to the parent/guardian. The parent or guardian will be instructed to call their health care provider, or if they do not have a health care provider, to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center; Other considerations include:
 - Closing off areas used by a sick person and not using these areas until after cleaning and disinfection has occurred;
 - Opening outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area
 - Waiting at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible;
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, lockers, and common areas.
 - Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected it can be reopened for use.
 - The Orange County Health Department will be notified about individuals with close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

- Individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.

Notification: The Orange County Health Department will be notified immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Additional Information

Individuals presenting symptoms of, or suspected of having COVID-19 will be given a COVID-19 Testing Information sheet developed by the Orange County Department of Health. This information sheet includes a description of testing options, how long it takes to get results, and locations and phone numbers of testing providers. Individuals will also be provided with an information sheet from the school nurse informing them of steps that need to be taken in order to return to school. These steps include contacting their primary care physician, complying with the physician's recommendations, and securing a return to school/return to work authorization from the physician.

Contact Tracing (Page 15)

Orange County Department of Health officials assume the task of contact tracing, once notified. To ensure the school district and its employees comply with contact tracing and disinfection requirements, the Chester School District will do the following:

- Have a plan for cleaning, disinfection, and notify the Orange County Department of Health, in the event of a positive case. In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, CDC guidelines will be followed regarding cleaning and disinfecting the building or facility if someone is sick.
- Close off areas used by the person who is sick.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and copier machines.
- Vacuum the space if needed. Use vacuum equipped with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, if available.
- Consider temporarily turning off room fans and the central HVAC system that services the room or space, so that particles that escape from vacuuming will not circulate throughout the facility.

- Workers without close contact with the person who is sick can return to work immediately after disinfection.
- Maintain a check-in log for visitors to the building. Information collected would include name, telephone number, address, destination in building.

Additional information

The Chester school district will support and assist with all Orange County Department of Health contact tracing efforts.