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# 2020-20ONE CLIFTON RESTART AND RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

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OCTOBER 1, 2020



# IN-PERSON REOPENING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 12, 2020

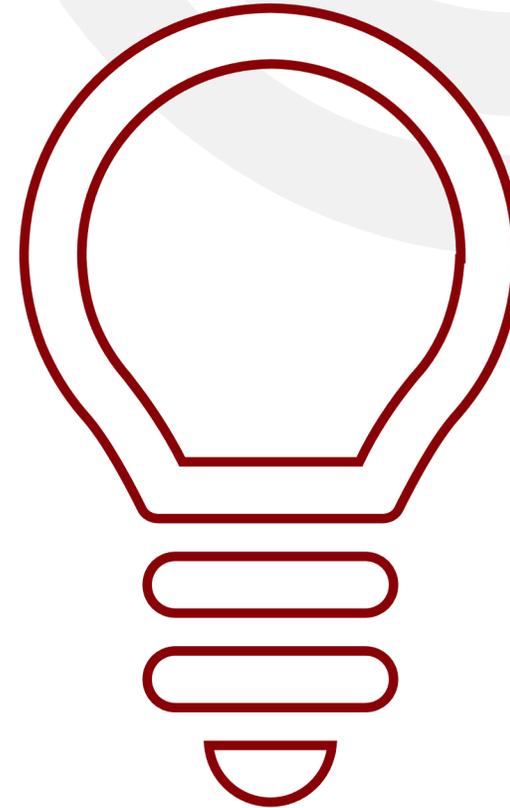
Please note that as information from the New Jersey Department of Education is subject to change, Clifton Public Schools may modify this plan accordingly.

As mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education “reopening plans must account for resuming in-person instruction in some capacity.”

“The health and safety of students and staff must remain the number one priority and guide all decisions at the local level.”

# ONE-CLIFTON GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Ensuring the health and safety of students and staff in an inclusive manner has been at the forefront of every aspect of this plan. All decisions and choices have been made with this guiding principal.



## WHAT HAS CHANGED SINCE AUGUST 20, 2020

- On August 20, 2020 in collaboration with the Clifton Department of Health, the in-person reopening of school was postponed for reconsideration on October 1, 2020
- By August 20, 2020, there was a major uptick of COVID cases in Clifton, particularly among school-age children, ages 0-19 years old. 30 cases were reported in school-age children in one seven-day period.
- To date, the current seven-day period average among children ages 0-19 is approximately 5 cases per week.
- The current data shows a significant reduction in school-age cases.

# RECONSIDERATION OF REOPENING ON OCTOBER 12, 2012

- Reduction in cases of school age children
- Contact Tracing with greater detail
- Continued consultation with stakeholder groups
- Enhanced hybrid and socially distanced practices
- District is prepared to transition to full remote in the event of the need to quarantine an individual class, school, or district, if deemed necessary based on consultation with the Clifton Department of Health
- The early evidence, experts say, suggests that opening schools may not be as risky as originally feared – Washington Post, 9/23/2020

# GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

- The district will maintain communication with local and state health authorities.
- Accommodations have been made for staff and students who are at higher risk of COVID-19.
- Expectations have been set for staff, students, and parents on:
  - Handwashing techniques
  - Proper hygiene
  - Use of face coverings
  - Daily monitoring for symptoms



# SCREENING, PPE, AND RESPONSE TO STAFF AND STUDENTS PRESENTING SYMPTOMS

## Screening

- Protocols for daily entrance, hand disinfecting, and use of face coverings are posted in main entrance areas.
- **Mandatory Daily Symptom Screening must be conducted at home, prior to coming to school.**
  - **PreK-8 daily screening will be completed in Parent Portal / Real-Time.**
  - **9-12 daily screening will be completed via Google Form, with a daily email receipt sent to CHS student accounts.**
- **Staff, students, and parents will complete a digital screening checklist prior to leaving their homes indicating the absence of symptoms.**
- The digital screening includes a daily history of exposure assessment indicating whether or not the child has been in contact with anyone that tested positive for COVID-19 or has travelled out of state in the last 2 weeks.
- Temperature checks will be conducted at entry as a secondary health check measure
- Staff, students in PreK-12 and all approved visitors (by appointment only) must wear masks in school including classrooms, outside on school property, entrance to the building, hallways, and shared areas.

# SCREENING, PPE, AND RESPONSE TO STAFF AND STUDENTS PRESENTING SYMPTOMS (CONTINUED)

## PPE

- **All students and staff are required to wear face masks at all times.**
- Plastic shields are secured on desks and tables, as well as plastic barriers in offices.
- Classrooms and common areas are equipped with hand-sanitizing, disinfecting stations.
- Face shields may be used in addition to, but not in place of, face masks.
- All nurses and staff in quarantine area provided PPE including disposable gowns, appropriate masks, face shields and gloves.



# MEALS

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Any meals or snacks eaten in school will take place in the classroom, behind desk shields or at CHS at individual tables.

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“Grab and go” meals will be distributed at dismissal for in-person students.

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Students in the fully remote option may pick up and receive meals as follows on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday:

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CHS:

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

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CCMS:

10:00 am – 11:00 am

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School 17:

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

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# TRANSPORTATION



- The Clifton Public Schools District will continue to provide transportation to and from school for students eligible to take the bus as per NJ Department of Education guidelines.
  - Personal Protective Equipment will be required for all students, bus drivers, and aides
    - Special Accommodations
  - Air Ventilation- Bus windows will remain open, weather permitting, to insure plenty of air circulation throughout the bus.
  - Busses will be cleaned between each route
  - Busses will be disinfected each night
  - Loading/Exiting Procedures- Busses will be loaded from back to front and discharged from front to back
    - Assigned seating for families

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FORMAT

The elementary school program plan consists of a return to in-person learning 4 days per week, with 1 virtual instruction day on Wednesdays

Students will attend school in-person on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday will be a virtual day.

School will be in session from 9:00 am to 1:10 pm for both the in-person day and virtual day.

Asynchronous lessons, assignments and online programs will be assigned from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm throughout the week across content areas.

**Clifton Public Schools and the Department of Health may determine that elementary schools move to A/B hybrid scheduling if social distancing protocols are not possible.**



# MIDDLE SCHOOL FORMAT

A hybrid A/B option is being implemented in grades 6 to 8.

Rotating schedule of alternating days where classes take place during periods 1 to 5 on the in-person day and periods 6 to 10 during the online day.

Each grade level 6 to 8 will be divided into two “cohorts” (A or B) alphabetically. Group A will attend Mondays and Thursdays in person. Group B will attend Tuesdays and Fridays in person.

Wednesday will be a virtual day for everyone.

Special attention will be given to grade-level splits by family so the entire family will be associated with one “cohort” (A or B).

When one “cohort” is present in school, the other “cohort” will participate in online instruction including Physical Education and Cycle Classes.

Both the A and B groups will meet together each period with their assigned teachers on the virtual day.

School will be in session from 8:00 am to 12:25 pm for in-person days, online days and the virtual day.

Asynchronous and independent activities will be assigned from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm throughout the week.



# HIGH SCHOOL FORMAT

A hybrid A/B option is being implemented in grades 9 to 12.

Rotating schedule has been set of alternating days in which classes take place during periods 1 to 6 on the in-person day and periods 7 to 12 during the online day.

Each course in grades 9 to 12 will be divided into two “cohorts” (A or B) alphabetically. Group A will attend Mondays and Thursdays in person. Group B will attend Tuesdays and Fridays in person.

Wednesday will be a virtual day for everyone.

Special attention will be given to grade-level splits by family so the entire family will be associated with one “cohort” (A or B).

When one “cohort” is present in school, the other “cohort” will participate in online instruction including Physical Education, and Labs.

Both the A and B groups will meet together each period with their assigned teachers on the virtual day.

School will be in session from 7:29 am to 11:48 am for in-person days, online days and the virtual day.

Asynchronous and independent activities will be assigned from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm throughout the week.



# AFTER-CARE

- Provided by Boys and Girls Club beginning Monday, October 12, 2020
- Aftercare hours are 1:10 pm – 5:30 pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. No in-school program on Wednesdays.
- Limited slots still available across the district. Contact Boys and Girls Club directly.
- Minds in Motion Program will begin at Schools 4, 12 and 17 on Monday, October 19, 2020.
- Social distancing between groups
- Mask and health and safety protocols in place



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