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2020-21 Academic Year

The Day School
Reopening Plan

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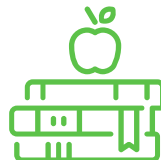
Overview

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, The Children's Institute's 2020-21 Academic Year Reopening Plan for The Day School was created with the **health and safety of our students and team members as our top priority.**

The following presentation is an overview of the reopening plan.

Please view the full reopening plan:

www.amazingkids.org/educational-services/reopening



Overview

Our COVID-19 **Pandemic Crisis Response Team** – consisting of school administrators, teachers, staff, nurses, and parents – developed the health and safety plan for the reopening of The Day School utilizing insight from:

- [Pennsylvania Department of Education](#)
- [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

Schedule

- **First day of school: Wednesday, August 19, 2020**
- **Option 1: Hybrid Model**
 - On-site instruction Monday through Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (no early dismissal on Wednesdays)
 - Remote learning on Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- **Option 2: Online-Only Model**
 - Remote instruction and learning Monday through Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- **A survey will be sent to parents via email** during the first week of August to select the hybrid or online-only model for their child for the 2020-21 academic year.

Schedule

- **Plan for all 180 days in the 2020-21 school year.**
 - Both operational models – hybrid and online-only options – will function on a 180-day, 900/990-hour state mandate.
 - The Pennsylvania Department of Education guidance now provides flexibility:
 - Schools can meet day and hour requirements using remote, hybrid, and blended learning for the 2020-21 school year pending students are engaged in 180 days of instruction as defined on the school calendar.

COVID-19 Phases

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, we will adjust our operational models as needed to adhere to [Gov. Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#) that are **dependent on the COVID-19 phases:**

- **Green Phase**
 - When Allegheny County is in the green phase, The Day School can operate our hybrid or online-only models.
- **Yellow Phase**
 - When Allegheny County is in the yellow phase, The Day School can operate our hybrid (with some modifications) or online-only models.
- **Red Phase**
 - When Allegheny County is in the red phase, The Day School can only operate our online-only model.

Health & Safety Plan

Changes in policies, protocols, and procedures have been implemented to ensure the health and safety of our students and team members. The following slides highlight changes to the following areas:

- **Cleaning Policies**
- **Classroom Procedures & Policies**
- **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Requirements**
- **Health Monitoring**
- **Student Transportation**



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Cleaning Policies

- Frequent sanitizing of all classrooms, bathrooms, common areas, and other school spaces throughout the day
- Our housekeeping team members will be conducting a full cleaning at the end of each school day
- Additional deep cleaning on Fridays when no students are on campus
- Disinfection and sanitation supplies have been added to each classroom and work area
- Team members will be trained on proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols
- Team members and students must wash their hands at least hourly throughout the school day

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Classroom Procedures & Policies

- Social distancing implemented to ensure at least six-feet distance
- Maximum number of students in each classroom to ensure distance
- Students who require 1:1 support with educators will continue to be provided that same level of instruction
- All students will remain in their classrooms with the same students throughout the school day
- Activities previously held in separate areas (i.e. music, art, library) will be moved within the students' main classroom spaces
- Lunches will be individually wrapped and served inside the classroom instead of the cafeteria
- Additional food service improvements for health and safety

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PPE Requirements

- All team members will be required to wear approved face masks or face shields that cover their nose and mouth throughout the day
- Students will be encouraged to wear masks during group settings and when social distancing is not attainable
 - Due to unique medical, developmental, and sensory needs, not all students will be able to effectively utilize masks

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Health Monitoring

- Monitoring students and team members for symptoms and possible exposure is a **shared responsibility** with actions to be taken both at home and at school:
 - Parents will be required to prescreen their child via a provided daily health checklist prior to placing them on the school bus or transporting them to school.
 - Parents will follow school policy and keep their child at home if they are experiencing any symptoms or illness.
 - All students and team members will be required to have their temperature screened with a no-touch thermometer prior to entering the school.
 - Any students who show signs of an increased temperature or illness at any point throughout the school day will be moved to the school nurses' office for further evaluation. School administration will then be notified to begin additional COVID-19 protocols.

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Student Transportation

- Each school district will develop individual plans with their respective transportation companies to address specific health and safety protocols. Parents are asked to please contact their local school district for questions related to student transportation plans.

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Next Steps:

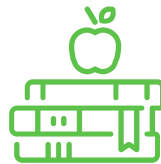
- A survey will be sent to parents the week of Aug. 3 via email so that each parent can choose whether the online-only or hybrid model will work best for their child.
- Also the week of Aug. 3, a letter related to food service improvements will be sent to all parents.
- Stay tuned for additional communications related to updated procedures for notifications of positive COVID-19 cases throughout the year.

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Thank You

We will get through this together.

In challenging times and always, many thanks to our amazing parents, school district partners, and team members for your cooperation, patience, and flexibility as we look ahead to the 2020-21 school year.

