

Health & Safety Plan

- ▶ Crawford County Schools:
 - ▶ Conneaut School District
 - ▶ Crawford Central School District
 - ▶ PENNCREST School District
 - ▶ Crawford County Career Technical Center (CCCTC)



BACKGROUND

- ▶ Superintendents from Crawford County and the leadership of the Crawford County Career Technical Center (CCCTC) worked jointly to create a Health and Safety Plan to re-open the county's schools for the Fall of 2020.
- ▶ We all recognize that our schools are critical community institutions serving over 9000 students.
- ▶ With a constant focus on the health and educational needs of our communities the county leadership decided that the best approach in developing the Health and Safety Plan was to have consistency in the planning process.

BACKGROUND

- ▶ In mid-June, the Pennsylvania Department of Education released guidelines. As a team, we began to research and develop components of the Health and Safety Plan. Research included:
 - Communicating and collaborating with school leaders (Northwest Tri-County and others).
 - Meeting with the Erie County Department of Health.
 - Meeting with Crawford County Department of Public Safety & County Commissioners.
 - Post-Secondary institutions (Allegheny College, Pitt-Titusville).
 - Meeting with epidemiologists:
 - Dr. Emily Shears, Erie County Department of Health
 - Dr. Becky Dawson, Allegheny College, Crawford County

BACKGROUND

- ▶ Research and reports reviewed include:
 - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
 - Pennsylvania Department of Health (DoH)
 - Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
 - Surveys of parents, students and staff
- ▶ This is a fluid document, based on local, state, and federal guidelines that will continue to develop over time.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation. This makes it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits, as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

Therefore, the health and safety of our students, staff, and community is paramount. However, we are also guided by our belief that social interaction and in-person instruction is essential to our children's emotional well-being, as well as their educational growth and advancement.

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

- ▶ The intent of the Health and Safety plans is to serve as the District guidelines for re-opening.
- ▶ Maximize the protection of our students, staff, and community while minimizing educational and social disruption.
- ▶ Enable each district to operate and provide services as normally and effectively as possible.
- ▶ The plan should be created in consultation with local health agencies.
- ▶ Each district must create a Pandemic Team and have a Coordinator.
- ▶ The School Board must approve the Health and Safety Plan.
- ▶ Each School entity must submit their plan to the Department of Education.
- ▶ The Health and Safety Plan must be posted on the School Website prior to the reopening.

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, *"all school activities must be informed by Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania. The Wolf administration has categorized reopening into three phases: red, yellow, or green. These designations signal how restrictions on school, work, congregated settings, and social interactions will ease in each county."*

Currently, the PA Department of Health and the Governor's Office has designated Crawford County as **green**.

Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)

- ▶ **Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation** - This section describes how we will keep the building cleaned, sanitized, disinfected, ventilated and ready to welcome staff and students. The Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation will lead this effort.
- ▶ **Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols**- Working together, the Director of Buildings, Grounds and Transportation, principals, and teachers and staff will address the social distancing and other safety protocols addressed in this section.
- ▶ **Monitoring Student and Staff Health** - Keeping students and staff healthy is one of our primary goals. This section outlines what will need to be done to meet this goal, as well as where, when, how and how often. This section also lists parties responsible for the monitoring, isolating, quarantining, and returning protocols for students and staff.
- ▶ **Other Consideration for Students and Staff** - Face covering procedures, scheduling, and deployment of staff (instructional and non-instructional) are addressed in this session.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation Action Steps under **Green Phase**

- ▶ Continued and daily cleaning of all classrooms and restrooms, hallways, transportation vehicles and “high touch surfaces”.
- ▶ Increased ventilation through extended occupancy times and exhaust ventilation.
- ▶ Continued disinfection throughout all buildings as needed.
- ▶ Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible.
- ▶ Recommend all individuals sanitize/wash hands on a frequent basis. Recommend making hand sanitizer available in common areas, hallways, and/or in classrooms where sinks for hand washing are not available.
- ▶ The custodial staff has access to products, training, and has implemented cleaning regimens that meet CDC requirements for disinfecting facilities in response to COVID-19.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation Action Steps under **Green Phase**

- ▶ Class sizes will maintain 6 feet of separation to the greatest extent possible.
- ▶ In the event the 6 feet of separation is not possible, students will have to wear a face covering in accordance with procedures and guidelines from the CDC and PA Department of Health
- ▶ Seating configurations of desks and work areas will be in rows with all facing the same direction when feasible. If not feasible, staggered, or diagonal seating at shared tables to avoid “across the table” seating.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation Action Steps under **Yellow** Phase

- ▶ All **GREEN** Phase precautions
- ▶ Increased frequency of cleaning cycles of all classrooms and restrooms, hallways, and transportation vehicles as well as “high touch” surfaces.
- ▶ If Crawford County were to fall back into the **Yellow** Phase currently the County schools would implement the occupancy-limitation plan were students attend school in person with cohorts MW or TR, and online Friday. Staff and students would work from home on Friday. Other illustrations of the plan may change to meet the needs of special populations.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation

Action Steps under **Yellow Phase**

- ▶ Applying this “A/B/A/B and C” hybrid model would:
 - ▶ Maximize the number of days of in-person instruction.
 - ▶ Conform to the narrower social distancing guidelines by having less students in the building and classroom as required in the Yellow Phase.
 - ▶ Allow all students to be able to experience all content and provide equity for all students in the amount of time with learning.
 - ▶ Allow our teachers to continue to be fully engaged with all students.
 - ▶ Provide a consistent calendar for planning purposes.
 - ▶ Allow for deep cleaning of the buildings.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Action Steps under **Green Phase**

- ▶ Best practices will be utilized to limit close contact between students and staff.
- ▶ Spread out in classrooms.
- ▶ Teachers will need to declutter their classrooms to help meet the social distancing requirements.
- ▶ Stagger bells for fewer students in hallways when feasible.
- ▶ Chorus, singing, and band inside is prohibited.
- ▶ Whole grade recess is prohibited. Individual classes only.
- ▶ Masks mandatory during transportation.
- ▶ Masks mandatory during entry and exit of building, and all transitions as recommended under current mandates by the CDC and PA Dept. of Health.
- ▶ In some classrooms, masks will be mandatory.
- ▶ Turn desks facing the same direction or have students only sit on one side of a table, spaced apart.
- ▶ Students will eat in the cafeterias sitting at least 3 to 6 feet apart, OR students will eat in classrooms according to social distancing plans by building.
- ▶ Students will be encouraged to wash their hands prior to consuming food or beverages.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Action Steps under **Green Phase**

- ▶ Frequent handwashing will be encouraged.
- ▶ All staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach these to students.
- ▶ Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ▶ CDC - handwashing resources that include [health promotion materials](#), information on [proper handwashing technique](#), and [tips for families to help children develop good handwashing habits](#).
- ▶ Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices.
- ▶ Sharing of materials, supplies, and items will be prohibited.
- ▶ Physical Education Classes will be conducted with students and social distancing practices in place

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Action Steps under **Green Phase**

- ▶ Academic, extracurricular, educational field trips, conferences, and meetings are limited to districts in IU5 and will be very limited.
- ▶ Participation in athletics is limited to PIAA District 10 sanctioned competitions.
- ▶ Travel to counties in **yellow** for any event is prohibited.
- ▶ Only students, staff, and essential personnel will be allowed in district buildings past the school office.

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Action Steps under **YELLOW** Phase

- ▶ ALL **GREEN** phase precautions
- ▶ The A/B/A/B and C Hybrid schedule apply.
- ▶ There are no practices/meetings/competitions. (athletic, musical, extra-curricular)
- ▶ Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the students will be on the bus at any time.
- ▶ Parent drop off/pick up will be encouraged.
- ▶ Fees eliminated for driving to school.
- ▶ Extra-curricular and educational field trips are eliminated.
- ▶ Attendance at in person conferences and events are eliminated.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Action Steps under **Yellow** and **Green** Phase

- ▶ Parents/Guardians will be responsible for symptom screening of students at home each morning
- ▶ Parents/Guardians are responsible to ensure students with symptoms remain at home and do not ride a bus or attend school.
- ▶ All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill.
- ▶ Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- ▶ Students will be sent to the quarantine room immediately if feeling symptomatic.
- ▶ The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home.

[AAP When to Keep Your Child Home](#)

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase

- ▶ If a student is sent to the quarantine room or sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, the pandemic coordinator will be notified.
- ▶ If a staff member is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms, the pandemic coordinator will be notified.
- ▶ School nurses and other healthcare providers should use [Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions](#) when caring for sick people.
- ▶ If a student or staff member has a confirmed case of COVID-19:
 - ▶ Notification/documentation must be presented to Pandemic Coordinator before re-admittance to school/work.
 - ▶ If a student or staff is confirmed as having COVID-19 by a medical professional, the effected building(s) will be closed for 72 hours for disinfecting.

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Action Steps under **Yellow** and **Green** Phase

- ▶ A student or staff member identified through contact tracing as being exposed to COVID-19 may return to school/work after 14 days with no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.
- ▶ A student or staff member who has been quarantined/sent home with signs or symptoms may return after:
 - ▶ 3 days with no fever (without medication) **AND** Respiratory symptoms have improved (e.g. cough, shortness of) **AND** 14 days since symptoms first appeared. **OR**
 - ▶ Negative test after a 72-hour period of being non-symptomatic.
- ▶ District will use multiple social media sites as well as district Website, “all call” system, and local news to notify families, staff, and general public of updates and/or changes to protocols and closures.
- ▶ Will continue to monitor and follow procedures and guidelines from the CDC and PA Department of Health.

Other Consideration for Students and Staff

Action Steps under **Yellow** and **Green** Phase

- ▶ Action Steps under **Green** Phase.
- ▶ Teachers will send students that appear ill or are symptomatic to a quarantine room for temperature to be taken and notify Pandemic Coordinator.
- ▶ Additionally, high risk students will be monitored, and temperatures will be taken of those students as deemed necessary.
- ▶ Maximum physical distance feasible will be implemented between staff and students and staff to staff and student to student for high risk individuals.
- ▶ The district will follow guidelines set forth in the (FFCRA) Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Other Consideration for Students and Staff

Action Steps under Yellow and Green Phase

- ▶ Face masks are strongly encouraged (or mandatory) during entry and exit of building, and all transitions as recommended under current mandates by the CDC and/or PA Dept. of Health.
- ▶ Face masks are encouraged (or mandatory depending on current mandates) for use during times when groups of individuals pass or are in close proximity such as hallway transitions.
- ▶ Face masks are strongly encouraged (or mandatory) during entry and exit of building, and all transitions as recommended under current mandates by the CDC and/or PA Dept. of Health.
- ▶ Face masks are mandatory during transportation.

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Thank You

Please contact your school
office with questions.

