



Penn-Delco School District Summer 2021: Health and Safety Plan

As directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Penn-Delco COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan expired on the last day of the 2020-2021 school year. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school community, Penn-Delco will implement the following health and safety protocols for district operations **effective Monday, June 28, 2021 through Friday, August 20, 2021**. These protocols follow the recommended guidance from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Chester County Health Department (CCHD). A new Health and Safety Plan guiding students and their families through the 2021-2022 academic year will be finalized in August.



Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

- All drinking fountains will be closed and mouth pieces taped including those found in elementary classrooms. Bottle fillers or bottled water will continue to be used where available. Visitors and students are encouraged to bring their own bottles.
- Staff will continue to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school and on school buses at least daily 1x/day on each school day per CDC guidance, including (but not limited to) door handles, light switches where applicable, handrails, restrooms, sink handles, under hand dryers, elevator buttons, and drinking fountain/bottle fills.
- Door stops are being provided to reduce touch points such as door handles. Routine cleaning with proper all-purpose / disinfecting chemicals will eliminate over 90% of bacteria and viruses.
- Ample amounts of hand sanitizer will be available in all buildings. We encourage regular washing and disinfecting of hands while in our buildings.
- Ventilation systems shall operate properly with increased circulation of outdoor air through manual controls, opening windows and hallway doors when possible. Per ASHRAE recommendation, HVAC will continue to run as engineered, having 15 CFM per occupant and up to 15 air changes per hour.

- Although classrooms and offices will be cleaned on a regular basis, teachers will continue to wipe desks down in between cohorts of different students within a classroom. For students remaining in the same class at the same desk, it is permissible to clean a desk at the end or beginning of the day to ensure daily cleaning.
- Devices and materials that must be shared will be cleaned between uses.



Monitoring Student and Staff Health

- Staff and students should continue to follow the self-screener guidelines prior to coming to school. Screeners can be found at pdsd.org/dailyscreener
- Staff, parents/guardians and volunteers will be encouraged to self-report COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to the school nurse, or designee.
- If a student is presenting with two or more symptoms, the school nurse located at Pennell Elementary (x7505) or Northley Middle School (x3338) should be contacted by the parent.
- If a staff member is presenting with two or more symptoms of the coronavirus, the staff member should contact the Human Resources office.
- Any individual on school property who develops COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or may be a probable COVID-19 case, will be directed to an isolation room/area until dismissal is possible.
- The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, face covering, eye protection, gloves.
- The school district will continue to track cases of COVID-19 and number of quarantined students and staff.



Transportation Services

- *Under a Federal order issued in January 2021, the CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation - this includes on public and private school buses operated by public and private school systems.*
- Bus drivers are encouraged to wear masks when interacting with passengers; a driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus.
- Buses will operate at full capacity as needed.
- All buses will be cleaned with the electrostatic sprayer between the AM and PM runs and at the end of the day. Transportation utilizes EPA approved disinfectants for use against COVID-19.



Masking

- Unvaccinated individuals (staff and students) are encouraged to wear a face covering when indoors: (hallways, classrooms, and common areas).
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Visitors

- On site self-screening for temperature and COVID symptoms will continue to be required for all non-essential visitors and volunteers.

Social Distancing

- Social distancing restrictions are lifted, but the maintenance of 3 feet of physical distancing, where possible, is encouraged throughout summer programming.

Capacity

- Capacity for Penn-Delco School District buildings will follow the state directive which is currently at 100%.