

# Clearfield Area School District

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Dear Clearfield Students, Parents, Staff and Community,

I hope that this letter finds you well. It has been a difficult and trying year for all of us and our return to school will be a challenge as well. I do find hope in the many things I have seen in our community this summer. From the various ways we sent off our seniors and recognized them at the end of the school year, to the splashes of water from the community pool or the lazy float down the river, to the gradual return of students to our secondary campus, we have found ways to do the things we love. We have slowly welcomed back groups of students since the end of June for various reasons from summer school to band practice, behind the wheel driver's education to their favorite sports. It is not uncommon to have several hundred students on and off campus throughout the course of the week doing what they love, and doing it safely. When our community has had cases, the organizations or the businesses have responded, made the efforts they needed to, and have continued to find ways to push forward. And while fair week, has not been the traditional fair, many people have had a taste of what they love about our unofficial end to summer.

As for the start of the school year we are planning a return to school for face to face instruction, and the following pages will highlight the various phases and what the steps will be at each point along the way. We believe it is very important for children to be in an environment where they can grow, interact and learn with their peers. But we need to be able to do it as safely as possible as well. We are asking for a slight modification at the start of the year to help our students and staff learn our new processes upon arrival in the morning to the changes throughout the day. That modification will allow us to work with about 50% of our students on a given day, focusing on procedures, processes and allowing our teachers to assess where our students are academically and to help prepare for any changes to a virtual platform.

While the spring saw a lot of optional student work in the closeout of the school year, our virtual platform moving forward will have students participating in classes every day and needing to actively participate in their classes and their learning on a daily basis. We do recognize that some families will be challenged to have the internet resources and bandwidth needed in some cases and we will try to work with you to find solutions to that challenge.

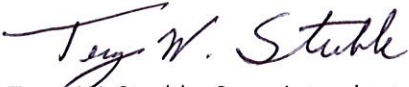
The principals will also be sending out in the upcoming days information about "Back to School" nights and what that may look like. We know in particular it is important for our incoming seventh graders, as well as all of students, to have an opportunity to see where your classrooms are, and what your day may look like.

As I close this letter to you, please know that our efforts and plans are always what is in place until the next change or directive from the state level. While I think every family would love to have at

this point a definitive answer as to what is next, we know that we also have to be flexible as plans will change.

Please share your concerns and thoughts with our building level principals as they are the ones most likely to be able to help address those concerns, or find the right person to assist you.

Thanks,

  
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**Clearfield Area School District**  
**Health and Safety Plan Summary**  
**Phased Reopening**

***Based on the Health and Safety Plan Approved July 27, 2020 with the conditions and knowledge at that time. All aspects of the plan may be modified or changed based on ongoing guidance.***

Modified Green Start Due to the amount of changes in processes and procedures in the return to school and to provide the best opportunity for the safe return to school, the school year will start with a modified version for our return. This modified start will follow all Green Phase procedures, but will be done with

students divided into two groups, Group A and Group B. The groups will then report to school on an every other day basis for face to face instruction and on the at home day will have assigned work to complete for their classes.

Group A students will be those students with last names beginning with A-L.

Group A students will report to school on the following dates: August 26, 28, September 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Group B students will be those students with last names beginning with M-Z.

Group B students will report to school on the following dates: August 27, 31, September 2 and 4<sup>th</sup>.

- *Families who may have children in both groups, but would prefer only one grouping should contact their school principals to make the appropriate arrangements.*
- *Students with specific IEP needs may be attending school more often. This will be determined on an individual basis.*
- *CCCTC students may still attend the CTC for their portion of their day. Transportation at the middle of the day will need to be coordinated and provided by the family.*
- *Students who participate in after school activities may still participate on their at home school day. Transportation to and from the school will need to be coordinated and provided by the family.*

This modified start will allow the school to start with about a 50% student presence in the first two weeks of school. The full student return to school would then occur on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> if the following conditions are in place:

- *Clearfield County is still in the Green Phase and is allowed to continue with face to face instruction, without additional restrictions by PDE or the PA DOH.*
- *Temperature screening is working effectively*
- *Morning and breakfast routines have been established and are working well*
- *Lunch routines and processes are working effectively*
- *Students and staff are being compliant with the expectations of the school and the Department of Health*
- *Our nursing staff is handling any changes or concerns*

## Green Phase

### **All Students in Attendance Daily**

- Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection.
- No outside visitors or field trips.
- Face Masks/Shields required except for those times that social distancing is clearly being followed or at breakfast/lunch (As per DOH guidelines). It is recommended that masks be worn at all times, but when appropriate opportunities are available, students will be permitted to remove their masks. Recognizing the individual health needs of others around us will always take priority and will be the guiding factor at all times.
- Water fountains will be restricted, students are encouraged to bring their own water. The District will have water bottles available as needed.
- Limited to possibly no student locker use.

### **Transportation**

- Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection
- Masks required on all Buses and Vans
- Bus rosters have been balanced and limited
- Bus arrival at the elementary will see students unload as close to arrival as possible.

### **Temperature Screening**

- All staff and students to be temperature screened upon arrival at school. Temperatures at or exceeding 100.4 degrees F will be further evaluated at the nurse's office.
- Screening monitors will be in place at bus drop off areas and parent drop off areas.

### **Lunch**

- Breakfast and Lunch will be available as in the past
- Dining areas will be inclusive of the Cafeteria Space and the Gymnasium to allow for the greatest distancing feasible
- Scan cards are being printed to allow for scan entry of student information at the cash register instead of using the pin pad

### **Classroom**

- Removal of excess classroom furnishings
- No Sharing of materials between students
- Maximize social distancing to the extent feasible

- Elementary specials will be in the classroom
- All students in grades 4-12 will have a district provided laptop to use at school and at home. This is expected to be the only device they use throughout the school day. *(This is dependent on delivery of the devices.)*
- Students in grades K-3 will have a designated laptop assigned to them that they use during the school day. *(This is dependent on delivery of the devices.)*
- Hand sanitizer available in every classroom
- Disposable facemasks available in every classroom

## Yellow Phase

All Green Phase Adjustments remain in place with the following additional changes.

Changes or shifts in phases we would like to be able to plan and provide notice as much as possible recognizing the impacts on families. This ability though is sometimes impacted by decisions beyond our control.

Students with needs as identified through an IEP or a 504 plan may have modifications from this plan to accommodate their specific needs.

Any and all use of virtual education and/or remote instruction will be required for the students' attendance and progress in classes. Grading and homework completion will be expected as if classes were in normal session.

Daily schedules within the school day may be modified to allow for additional social distancing.

### Students in Grades K-3

- Students in Grades K-3 will attend school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- They will attend CAE as the only students in the school, reducing the student population by nearly 50%
  - Wednesdays will be used for additional cleaning at the school
- Students will have work assigned and classroom time either virtually or through packets on Wednesdays

### Students in Grades 4-6

- Students in Grades 4-6 will attend school on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at the Jr/Sr H.S.
- Start and End times may change to accommodate two separate elementary bus runs
  - Students will be attending class virtually on Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Students in Grades 7-8

- Students in Grades 7-8 will attend school on Tuesdays
- Students will be attending class virtually the remainder of the week

### Students in Grades 9-12

- Students in Grades 9-12 will attend school on Thursdays
- Students will be attending class virtually the remainder of the week
- CCCTC Students may have modifications that permit additional instructional days at the CTC based on their Yellow Phase planning.



## **Red Phase**

All instruction for all students is completed virtually.

Any and all use of virtual education and/or remote instruction will be required for the students' attendance and progress in classes. Grading and homework completion will be expected as if classes were in normal session.

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**Items we will be monitoring in all phases to determine if phase changes are needed, or if our plans need modified, include, but are not limited, to the following:**

- Any advice or direction from the PA Department of Health and Local Medical Professionals.
- Number of reported student cases to the school district by the DOH and the actions they recommend as a result.
- Number of reported teacher and staff cases to the school district by the DOH and the actions they recommend as a result.
- The District's ability to cover staff absences due to illness or other concerns that would impact instruction, transportation, or other essential services.
- Case counts in Clearfield County and the 16830 zip code area as representative of the school district indicating a larger community spread concern.  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Cases.aspx>
- Decisions could be made at the building level or district wide.
- Changes could create the need for as little as a one to two day change to virtual, or a longer period of time, based upon the need and concern at that time.