

Questions and Answers from Parent Information Night

October 14, 2020

1. Q: What will happen for students who do not and/or cannot wear a mask, how will the teacher be protected?

A: Teachers will be provided and will wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

2. Q: What about the buses? When will bus service resume? How will you limit the number of kids on each bus, and sanitize them? What will the bus protocol be?

A: All bus cleaning protocol will mirror the cleaning that takes place in the classrooms. Cleaning and sanitizing will be done between student usage

3. Q: When is school going to begin? Is there a date in place?

A: Our tentative dates to begin in-person instruction are November 9th for Preschool and Elementary School Special Education Programs, and November 16th for Middle School, High School and adult Transition Programs.

4. Q: Will there be air filters in each classroom?

A: Many of our buildings are built with air ventilation systems that meet the safety recommendations and rooms that do not have appropriate ventilation will have an air filters available.

5. Q: Will there be a nurse on campus daily?

A: Not all campuses will have a full-time nurse on site. All schools will have an assigned School Nurse and will have an identified school CARES team that will be available through out the day for consultation and support should a student show symptoms.

6. Q: How will crisis intervention teams be impacted by the 6 foot distancing rule?

A: When providing crisis intervention support staff will need to use de-escalation strategies that include verbal, nonverbal and PBIS strategies to support students. Behavior Intervention Plans will be essential for students who become acting out individuals and appropriate PPE will need to be worn should a staff need to provide any physical supports that require being closer than 6 feet distance.

7. Q: Many of these protocols raise equity issues. Not all parents have the money to own a thermometer.

A: The school site will be able to take students' temperatures when they arrive on campus.

8. Q: Not all parents will be able to assess their children's health on a daily basis because of the need to go to work themselves.

A: Health Screenings and Temperature Checks will be provided at school to identify any student who has a temperature over 100.4. Parents will be called to pick up students if there is a suspicion of symptoms.

9. Q: Will there be a Hybrid option?

A: Currently the CCCOE is planning to return all students to school in November. Hybrid programs may be considered based on the number of students planning to return.

10. Q: What's the contingency plan if a teacher becomes sick or if a small surge of COVID-19 occurs in a specific school?

A: CCCOE will follow the Health Department recommendations regarding quarantining individuals, cohorts and campuses based on individual circumstances.

11. Q: What about students with auditory processing disabilities? Face masks may cause more inequity to access. Are CADS systems going to be in all of the classrooms?

A: CCCOE has purchased Sound Amplification Systems for all classrooms as well as providing clear masks and face shields.

12. Q: How will you prevent mixing of the cohorts?

A: To prevent mixing of cohorts, students will have one classroom that they attend and will follow school wide schedules that stagger movement and breaks. Classes with very low numbers may combine with others while keeping numbers low.

13. Q: Do you have the statistics regarding small classrooms and how many cases of COVID has occurred since opening with small classroom vs. larger?

A: We do not have this data. Our data about cases and transmission rates comes from the [Contra Costa County Health Department Website](#)

14. Q: Is Flu vaccine a requirement for the student to attend in-person learning?

A: Flu Vaccines are highly recommended but will not be required of students or staff in the CCCOE programs.

15. Q: If a student tests positive and needs to remain at home, but is well enough to participate in academics, will there be online learning available as is currently occurring?

A: Distance Learning will remain an option for students who are quarantined or for families who choose to opt out of in-instruction on a semester by semester basis.

16. Q: My son attends school with his own nurse, will this still be able to occur

A: Students with IEP services and supports will continue to receive these supports when they reengage in in-person instruction.

17. Q: Will lunch be provided as usual? if yes, how are kids protected when they don't wear mask while eating?

A: Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will continue to receive meals at school. Masks can not be worn while eating so students will need to keep a 6 foot distance from each other and staff during meal time.