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Dear Community Member, Parent, Staff Member and Students-

The Montoursville Area School District has created a Health & Safety Plan to outline the instructional activities of the district while dealing with the pandemic. This plan is a requirement of the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

The plan is the result of hundreds of hours of study with health care professionals from UPMC and Geisinger, scientists, pandemic coordinators, the Centers for Disease Control, Lycoming County Commissioners, Mayor Steve Bagwell, members of the legislature, parents, attorneys, MASD Board leaders, the professional staff, the support staff, the administrative staff, bus contractors, the Nutrition Group and countless others who have impacted our determination on how to return to school safely for 2020-2021.

We will be constantly accessing the impact of the pandemic on our county and the state. Should we need to pivot to a remote educational delivery method, we are now prepared for such as each student will be receiving a district provided device, the staff have had time to prepare for this shift and the students will download materials as necessary so internet connectivity will not become a barrier. Ideally however, we will always be hopeful for a pivot that allows children to be back in school five days a week.

We have attempted to consider all who are impacted by this shift in academic delivery knowing it is life altering for many on a daily basis. But we have measured the priorities over and over again and always come back to ensuring we protect students first, then educate. That philosophy is the foundation for this document and direction. Simply put, without our health we are nothing.

With sincere appreciation-

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Health and Safety Plan Summary: Montoursville Area School District

Anticipated Launch Date: September 1, 2020

Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, hallways, and transportation)</p>	<p>The district will realign custodial staff to ensure at least one custodian is on duty within each building during the day.</p> <p>Bathrooms will be cleaned at a minimum of two times per day while students are in session.</p> <p>Professional development will provide custodial and maintenance staff with updated methods recommended of sanitization recommended by the Pa Department of Health and CDC and appropriate chemical mixtures.</p> <p>Students will be supplied tissues to ensure appropriate hygiene.</p> <p>The district will utilize cleaning materials, wipes and hand sanitizers that are deemed appropriate for COVID 19 as well as other viral matter.</p> <p>The district will utilize new fogging machines and electrostatic wands after student dismissal throughout the buildings to ensure surfaces are disinfected and sanitized.</p> <p>The district will utilize custodial and maintenance staff to establish routine disinfecting processes that will mitigate high touch traffic areas.</p> <p>Ventilation filters will be changed every two months or more frequently should there be confirmed COVID 19 cases.</p> <p>Where possible we will increase the amount of outside air brought into the buildings and classrooms while monitoring allergen levels so others are not adversely impacted.</p> <p>Humidity levels will be monitored to maintain a low humidity level in order to keep aerosol transmission as low as possible.</p>

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	<p>Transportation contractors will disinfect buses and vans between student transports.</p> <p>Athletic facilities will be cleaned by custodians and maintenance on a daily basis.</p> <p>Specific water fountains have been retrofitted with bottle fillers in every building.</p> <p>Plexiglass has been installed in common areas and offices where necessary.</p> <p>Sanitation measures will take place after large group activities take place in cafeterias, auditoriums, gymnasiums, or other areas where persons congregate.</p> <p>No one will be allowed in the buildings after the schools have been cleaned until the next regularly scheduled day of school in order to maintain the sanitization of all areas.</p>

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible * Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms * Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices * Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs 	<p>Classrooms will be emptied of extraneous materials to supply the maximum distance between students and staff members. When appropriate, teachers will be allowed to use larger communal spaces.</p> <p>Elementary students will continue to be in one classroom for all core content. When students are to be receiving “specials” they may remain within their classroom or may move to the specials area. Anytime the students leave their classroom, they will be directed on how to travel within the hallways.</p> <p>Middle School students will remain as static as possible in their classrooms for grades 5 and 6. Grades 7 and 8 will move appropriately from class to class. All grade levels will travel in the hallways using directed traffic patterns.</p> <p>High School students will move appropriately from class to class. All grade levels will travel in the hallways using directed traffic patterns.</p>

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<p>* Handling sporting activities consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports for recess and physical education classes</p> <p>Limiting the sharing of materials among students</p> <p>Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways</p> <p>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</p> <p>Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students</p> <p>Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school-year calendars</p> <p>Other social distancing and safety practices</p>	<p>Grade levels using personal lockers will be allowed access at appropriate times.</p> <p>Consideration will be given for additional lunch periods in order to allow the maximum amount of space to be provided to students while they eat. Students are welcome to bring their desk shields to their table with them.</p> <p>Additional tables may be added to cafeterias in order to allow the maximum amount of space to be provided to students while they eat.</p> <p>Rotation of space used for lunches may be requested in order to provide adequate time to sanitize the area.</p> <p>Hygiene “best practices” will be reviewed with the students as necessary. Frequent hand washing will take place throughout the day. All classrooms will have hand sanitizer dispensers for student and staff use. Additional hand sanitizer stations will be placed in other areas of each building.</p> <p>The district will post signs created by the CDC throughout the building.</p> <p>The district will no longer allow non-essential persons within the district. The district will suspend the Use of Facilities by outside organizations until further notice.</p> <p>Children will be provided recess for students up to grade 6.</p> <p>All students with gym class in their schedule will not be able to utilize the locker room area. Students will be required to follow the hygiene routine before and after physical education classes. Shared equipment will be kept to a minimum. Any shared equipment will be cleaned frequently with sanitizers.</p> <p>Athletic activities will fall under the Athletic Health and Safety Plan.</p> <p>The district will allow students to sign out library and classroom materials. When students return materials, the materials will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours.</p> <p>Students will abide by the face covering order of the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health and wear a face covering at all times until a</p>

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	<p>“mask break” can be provided. Should the order continue to evolve, we will continue to follow the new phases of the order.</p>

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

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<p>* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</p> <p>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p> <p>* Returning isolated or quarantined staff, students, or visitors to school</p> <p>Notifying staff, families, and the public of school closures and within-school- year changes in safety protocols</p>	<p>Parents, students and staff will be asked to survey their child and complete a health screening with their child of specific questions prior to coming to school. Parents may provide this information to the district via a link provided by the district. Such information will be reviewed by the building nurse and building principal only. Students who do not feel well should stay home.</p> <p>Thermal scanning devices will screen students and staff upon entering every building. Should someone be flagged with a temperature of 100.4 or higher, the system will notify the nurse and the building administrator. Additional screenings will take place. If a temperature is confirmed a second time in a student, the student will be confined to a specific area while parents are contacted to pick up their child. Should an employee be confirmed with a temperature, they will be sent home. Students will be temperature scanned again at lunch time and at any time they re-enter the building.</p> <p>Isolation areas will be created to house individuals who become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure. The school nurse or health technician will examine individuals in order to make a recommendation to the building administrator regarding possible quarantine.</p> <p>No one will be allowed back into the district after isolation or quarantine unless a medical assessment summary has been provided.</p> <p>Individuals traveling to “hot spots” will be requested to self-quarantine for fourteen days upon returning. Student materials will be provided for the quarantine period. 09/01/2020 update: currently there are no states with “hot spot” status. This section will remain should such designation return.</p> <p>No one will be allowed back into the district after isolation or</p>

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Other Considerations for Students and Staff

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<p>* Protecting students and staff at higher risk for severe illness</p> <p>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff</p> <p>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by older students (as appropriate)</p> <p>Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals</p> <p>Strategic deployment of staff</p>	<p>The district values each child and staff member and will abide with the face covering order of the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health.</p> <p>We will work with those in need of specific health and safety protocols as needed with special consideration given to those with IEP's and those who qualify under Section 504.</p> <p>This plan will be revisited by the pandemic team every two weeks with updates provided as necessary for board approval.</p> <p>The hybrid plan will be reassessed on a monthly basis or as state guidelines change.</p> <p>The school calendar has been readjusted to reflect the hybrid calendar to December 2020. However, should we be confident that normal operations be achieved safely prior to December 2020, we will resume normal operations and update the calendar as well as the health and safety plan.</p>

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for the Montoursville Area School District reviewed and approved the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan on August 11, 2020.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

Yes

No

Affirmed on: August 11, 2020

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