



# DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

"dedicated to nurturing a supportive, student-centered environment where all people are treated with dignity and respect"

## Operation: Re-Entry



Delran Township Board of Education Meeting  
April 1, 2021

# Overview and Disclaimer

This presentation will explain the items related to the re-integration of district programs.



*\*Subject to change upon guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New Jersey Department of Health, New Jersey Department of Education, Delran Township Administration and Board of Education*

# Items for Presentation

2020-2021 School Year Progression

Centers for Disease Control Guidance (March 19, 2021)

New Jersey Department of Health Guidance (March 23, 2021)

New Jersey Department of Health - Review of Regional Status Data

Applications in Delran Township Public Schools

Recommendations for continuing reopening of the District

# 2020-2021 At A Glance

June 26, 2020: *The Road Back* issued by NJDOE

July 20, 2020: Interim *Operation Reopening* Public Presentation and approval of submission of *Restart and Recovery Plan* to NJDOE

August 17, 2020: Final *Operation Reopening* Public Presentation

September 1-4 and 8: Staff Development

September 9: Beginning of School Year

# 2020-2021 At A Glance

September 9-November 13: Rancocas/Delaware Hybrid with asynchronous learning (K-12). Full days, with Lunch. Remote Wednesdays.

November 16-January 15: Fully synchronous remote learning with live office hours K-12

January 19-March 19: Rancocas/Delaware Hybrid with concurrent learning (Grades 3-12) with live office hours. Rancocas/Delaware Hybrid with asynchronous and live office hours Grades K-2. Single Session. Remote Wednesdays.

March 11, 2021: Board approves expansion of in-person instruction by reintroducing full days, transitioning to five days of onsite instruction (April 12)

## 2020-2021 At A Glance

March 19, 2021: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers modification to student spacing recommendation given public health factors.

March 20, 2021: Community advisement of CDC recommendations while waiting for further recommendations from NJDOE.

March 22, 2021 -Present: Rancocas/Delaware Hybrid with concurrent learning (Grades 1-12). In person Kindergarten. Full day, with Lunch.

March 24, 2021: New Jersey Department of Health offers modification to student spacing recommendation given certain public health factors.

# CDC Operational Strategies for K-12 Schools (3/19/21)

Revised physical distancing recommendations to reflect at least 3 feet between students in classrooms

Provides clearer guidance for when greater distances are required

Ventilation is a component of strategies to clean and maintain healthy facilities

Remove recommendation of physical barriers

Role of community transmission levels in decision making

# CDC Operational Strategies for K-12 Schools (3/19/21)

Maintain all prior mitigation strategies (masking, hand washing, cleaning, ventilation, shared objects, etc.)

Physical distancing

Elementary School: Students three feet apart

Secondary School: Students three feet apart except in areas of high community transmission if cohorting is not possible where six feet of distancing should be used to the maximal extent practicable

Contact Tracing/Quarantine



## New Jersey Department of Health Guidance (3/23/21)

Millbridge, DIS and DMS (cohorted): Recommend full in person with minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing with masks

DHS: In low/moderate level recommend full in person with minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing with masks. In high risk level consider in person instruction if able to maximize physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the maximal extent practicable with masks

# New Jersey Department of Health Guidance (3/23/21)

Plexiglass removed from recommended practice

Close Contact definition unchanged

Quarantine Guidelines

# Community Transmission Defined: CDC v NJDOH

## CDC: “Substantial Transmission”

At least three feet at the elementary level. At least six feet at the middle and high school level (with masks and mitigation) unless they can cohort (DMS can while DHS cannot).

## NJDOH: “High Risk”

At least three feet of physical distance between students at the elementary level and DMS (with masks and mitigation). At the high school level consider in person instruction if able to maximize physical distancing of 6 feet or more *to the maximal extent practicable*

# Applications in Delran: CDC and NJDOH Guidance

## Academics

Ability to merge cohorts

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## Operations

Increase tents

Continue mitigation strategies

Transportation with windows/hatches open - ridership at full capacity

Ability to mobilize desk relocation to classrooms

Wireless access points

# Public Health: Seven Day Rolling Average in Delran Township

September 1: 1.86 New Cases

October 17: 3.14 New Cases

November 24: 16.00 New Cases

January 1: 8.57 New Cases

February 1: 7.00 New Cases

March 30: 5.14 New Cases

Low of 2.86 on 2/25/21

Stabilization

# Public Health: Case Rate Per 100,000 Residents in Southwest, NJ

October 17: 9.6 (Moderate)

December 10: 57.37 (Very High)

March 11: 17.88 (High)

April 1: 28.91 (Very High)

*Moderate: 1.00 - 10.00*

*High: 10.01 - 25.00*

*Very High: 25.01 and above*

# Public Health: Percent Positivity in Southwest, NJ

November 25: 7.00% (Moderate)

December 24: 7.43% (Moderate)

March 11: 6.36% (Moderate)

April 1: 8.57% (Moderate)

*Moderate: 3.00 - 10.00*

*High: 10.01 - 20.00*

*Very High: 20.00 and above*



# Recommendation

Millbridge, DIS & DMS: Change Language in *Restart and Recovery Plan* to reflect the following

Merge Cohorts

3 feet of distancing

Full day, with lunch, five days per week

Continue remote option

Continued mitigation strategies

Increase tents for lunches

Implementation: April 19, 2021

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Implementation: April 19, 2021 or To Be Determined dependent on public health factors at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with the Board of Education and Department of Health

Regardless of implementation date all seniors invited to attend daily full day on site instruction on April 19 for remainder of school year

# Proposed School Schedules: Millbridge, DIS and DMS

Week of April 12: Begin 5 days per week of full day onsite instruction in Rancocas/Delaware Cohort model

April 14: Rancocas Day

Week of April 19: Begin 5 days per week of full day onsite instruction for all students by merging Rancocas/Delaware Cohorts into one

# Proposed School Schedules: DHS

Week of April 12: Begin 5 days per week of onsite instruction in Rancocas/Delaware Cohort model

April 14: Rancocas Onsite Day

Week of April 19 or To Be Determined: Begin 5 days per week of onsite instruction for all students by merging Rancocas/Delaware Cohorts into one depending on public health factors and NJDOH consultation

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*If planned April 19 merging of cohorts is delayed due to public health matters, all Seniors will be invited to attend school five days per week starting April 19 until full reopening can be executed*

# Recommendation Rationale

Belief in our practices

Full day schedule allows for fallback plan of Single Sessions if public health worsens

Adheres to CDC/NJDOH guidance

Provides in person instruction

Social emotional student benefit

Understanding employee health

Allows to test run for September - Guidance not likely to change significantly