

Responsible Restart: Safely Returning to School

2020-2021 Academic School Year

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The American Academy of Pediatrics

“The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year **should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.**

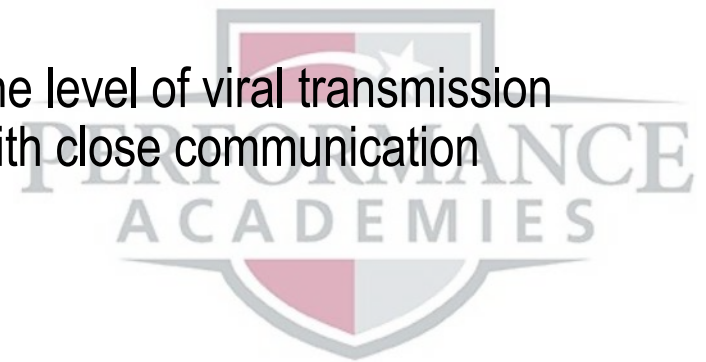
These coordinated interventions intend to mitigate, not eliminate, risk of SARS-CoV-2.

Evidence suggests that spacing as close as 3 feet may approach the benefits of 6 feet of space, particularly if students are wearing face coverings and are asymptomatic.”



AAP Guiding Principles

- **Schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being** and provide our children and adolescents with **academic instruction, social and emotional skills, safety, reliable nutrition, physical/speech and mental health therapy, and opportunities for physical activity**, among other benefits.
- School policies must be flexible and nimble in responding to new information.
- Strategies must be revised and adapted depending on the level of viral transmission in the school and throughout the community and done with close communication with state and/or local public health authorities.



AAP Guiding Principles

- Special considerations and accommodations to account for the diversity of youth should be made, especially for our vulnerable populations, including those who are medically fragile, live in poverty, have developmental challenges, or have special health care needs or disabilities, with the goal of safe return to school.
- No child or adolescents should be excluded from school unless required in order to adhere to local public health mandates or because of unique medical needs. Pediatricians, families, and schools should partner together to collaboratively identify and develop accommodations, when needed.
- School policies should be guided by supporting the overall health and well-being of all children, adolescents, their families, and their communities.



2020-2021 Learning Models

Families can *choose* from one of two options, on a *semester basis*:

- Option One- In person and in buildings five days a week.
- Option Two- 100% online learning from home.



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2020-2021 Learning Model

- Our plan is to provide **5 days a week of in person instruction** to the extent allowed and recommended by our state and local officials beginning August 19th.
- The school building may be directed to close by the health department.
- We will continue to monitor the advice of local health departments, our state officials, and our stakeholders as we get closer to our first day of school.
- In the event of a school closure, we will provide robust distance learning instruction for your child.



Option One:

In person and in buildings five days a week

- Parents assess student health before school
- Face masks required
- Temperature checks upon arrival
- Increased hand washing and sanitizing
- One-way hallways/stairwells when possible
- Enhanced disinfecting of surfaces
- Student cohorting (stay with same group)
- Breakfast and lunch served in classrooms
- No shared student supplies
- No visitors
- School entrances/exits will be assigned
- No field trips



Option Two: **100% Online Learning from Home**

- At least 1st Semester Commitment for the 2020-21 school year (Aug. to Dec., 2020)
- Students will not come to a school building for instruction. They will be provided a tablet (K-2) or Chromebook (3-8) and their learning will take place at home with the support of a PA teacher(s).
- The online curriculum will meet the same standards as Performance Academies.
- Students will have access to courses in all core areas (English language arts, mathematics, sciences, and social studies).
- Students will have access to our fitness program.
- Adjustments will be made as necessary.



Online Learning Registration

- Below is a link to the school's commitment form for online learning for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.
- If you determine it is in the best interest of your student(s)/family to participate in **100% online instruction at home only** for at least the first semester, please submit your student(s) information using this COMMITMENT FORM by July 25, 2020.
- Please submit this form **ONLY if you are committing to 100% online learning AT HOME** for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year.
- <https://forms.gle/RGWqDyJG2pjuYU7y9>



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Face Coverings

- All students and staff will be **required to wear face masks daily**. Masks are to be worn over the nose and the mouth of the wearer. If a student or staff member does not have a mask, one will be provided for them.
- Frequent mask breaks will be scheduled throughout the school day either outside or in designated inside areas.



Washing and Sanitizing Hands

- **Students and staff will wash and sanitize their hands frequently during the school day** including, but not limited to: upon entry into the building, before and after eating, after using the restroom, after transitions, and when exiting the building. Multiple opportunities will be provided during the day for students and staff to wash and sanitize their hands.



Safe Social Distancing

- The school will maintain **appropriate social distancing measures** among students, staff, and other school personnel throughout the school day in multiple areas including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, fitness areas, playground, and during arrival and dismissal.
- The **building schedule** has been established to maintain safe social distancing when transitioning from one space to another and to limit the number of persons in any area at any given time.
- **Visual cues** will be provided such as markings on floors and signs posted throughout the school.
- **Student desks and work areas will be socially distanced.**



Safe Social Distancing

- **Materials will not be shared** between students. Students will use individual materials designated for them and kept within their specific work area. Materials will be cleaned regularly.
- Students will remain in **consistent cohorts** throughout the day.
- Professional development and staff training will be provided including a **how to video** on returning to school safely.



COVID Positive Procedures

- Staff and students who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cannot return to school until they meet school policies for return to work/school. **Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must experience an improvement in symptoms and isolate for 14 days before returning to school and provide two negative COVID-19 test results.**
- Any positive results will be reported to the county health department by the principal.



Assessing for Symptoms

- If a student begins to show symptoms or has a fever while at school, they will immediately be separated from others and monitored by a staff member maintaining physical distance when possible. The student will wait in a **designated quarantine room** until picked up by a parent/guardian. Areas of the building that were occupied by the student will be thoroughly sanitized.



Water Bottles

- Students should come to school with a **full water bottle from home** with their name written on it.
- **Drinking fountains will be unavailable** to students throughout the school day.
- Additional water will be available upon request.



Fitness Protocols

- **No shared athletic equipment** between students – Students will be assigned their own equipment to use.
- Fitness lessons will take place in the classroom or outdoors – gyms only if the school plan allows.
- **No Changing for Fitness.**
- Hydration - **Students must bring their own water bottles** and have them filled prior to Fitness class and/or workouts. Water bottles must not be shared.



Back to School Orientation & Events

- **Meet the Teacher Night:** Will be held at the school across 3 nights in August. Families will be scheduled according to last name, alphabetically.
 - Schedules will be sent out by building principals.
- **Family events** (student conferences, curriculum meetings, IEP/ETR meetings etc.) **will be primarily virtual for now.**



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New Staggered Start for the 2020-2021 School Year

Staggered start schedule for the 2020-2021 school year will allow students and teachers to learn and adjust to social distancing practices and new routines and procedures. It will also allow students and teachers to practice remote learning for the day in the event of school closure.



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Staggered Start Schedule

August 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development
10	11	12	13	14
Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Staff Professional Development	Family Orientation Group 1 - Student last names A-K *Scheduled with individual teachers
17	18	19	20	21
Family Orientation - Remote Learning Families Pick-up *Scheduled	Family Orientation Group 2 - Students last names L-Z *Scheduled with individual teachers	First day of in school for Group 1 - Student last name A-K - Performance Academies Remote Learning Program for	First day of in school for Group 2 - Students last names L-Z	Hybrid Orientation Day ALL IN PERSON STUDENTS AT HOME to practice Online Learning
24	25	26	27	28
Second day of in school for Group 1 - Students last names A-K	Third day of in school for Group 1 - Students last names A-K	Second day of in school for Group 2 - Students last names L-Z	Third day of in school for Group 2 - Students last names L-Z	Hybrid Orientation Day ALL IN PERSON STUDENTS AT HOME to practice Online Learning
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ALL IN PERSON STUDENTS BEGIN SCHOOL DAILY				

