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As directed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Octorara's COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan will expire on the last day of the 2020-2021 school year. In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the school community, the following health and safety protocols, for all district operations, will take effect beginning Thursday, June 17, 2021 thru Friday, August 20, 2021. These protocols follow the recommended guidance from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Chester County Health Department as of Friday June 11, 2021 and are subject to change as conditions warrant.

A. Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation:

- (1) All drinking fountains will be closed and mouth pieces taped. Bottle fillers will be used where applicable.
- (2) All frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected at 1x/ 5 days per week.
- (3) When needed, classrooms, hallways, offices and common areas will be disinfected with applicable disinfectant and/or electrostatic foggers.
- (4) Hand sanitizer will be available in all buildings.
- (5) Per ASHRAE, HVAC will continue to run as engineered having 15 CFM per occupant and up to 15 air changes per hour. Rooms will be monitored daily for temperature, RH, and dewpoint. When applicable, windows will be opened to increase outside air movement. Buildings will be inspected routinely for condensation.
- (6) Devices and materials that must be shared should be cleaned between uses.

B. Monitoring Student and Staff Health:

- (1) Staff, parents/guardians and volunteers will be encouraged to self-report COVID-19 symptoms or exposure to the school nurse, or designee.
- (2) Any individual on school property who develops COVID-19 symptoms, tests positive for COVID-19, or may be a probable COVID-19 case will be directed to an isolation room/area until dismissal is possible.
- (3) The school district will maintain adequate personal protective equipment for use when individuals become ill: gowns, N95 face covering, eye protection, gloves.
- (4) The school district will report all cases of COVID-19 and close contacts to the Chester County Health Department.
- (5) Staff and students will be encouraged to stay home when sick.

C. Transportation Services:

- (1) Bus drivers will wear face coverings, (mask or shield), when interacting with passengers.
UPDATED: 6/25/21: As a result of the expiration of Pennsylvania's mask order, effective Monday, June 28, 2021, bus drivers are no longer required to wear face coverings, (mask or shield), when interacting with passengers.
- (2) Buses will operate at full capacity as needed. All students will be required to wear a face covering, mask or shield. Students from the same family will sit together whenever possible.
UPDATED: 6/25/21: As a result of the expiration of Pennsylvania's mask order, effective Monday, June 28, 2021, students are no longer required to wear a face covering, mask or shield, on school busses. Students from the same family may sit together if so desired.
- (3) The transportation company will utilize EPA approved surface disinfectants effective for the use against SARS0CoCV-2, (COVID-19).

D. Other Considerations:

- (1) Unvaccinated individuals (staff and students) will be encouraged to wear a face covering or face shield when indoors: (hallways, classrooms, and common areas).
- (2) Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a face covering indoors or outdoors.
- (3) Staff and students when engaging in high exertion outdoor activities, including but not limited to, athletics, exercise, or play activities, will not be required to wear masks when actively engaged in those activities.
- (4) The school district will continue to collaborate with the Chester County Health Department to monitor COVID-19 and will adjust mitigation measures as needed.