

COVID-19 Review and Update

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What is happening tonight:

- Overview the recent PDE Publication - “Responding to COVID-19 Cases in Schools”
 - Clarity from PDE in the form of FAQ docs is expected
- What do we anticipate the implications to be
 - Updated Order of the Secretary Requiring Universal Face Coverings (11/18/20)
 - Requirements for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19-
NEW
- Mitigation order for Delaware County -- limiting gatherings of 10 or more and how it relates to school sports
- Staffing Update
- Recommendations

New PDE Recommendations – Identification of COVID cases

“Rolling 14 Day” case count

- Need to track cases daily, by school
- PDE clarification as to what exactly this provision means
- “Rolling 14 Day” Defined - 14 days from symptom onset of the first case in a building. The 14 Day Rolling window resets after a school is closed for cases.

If a school is forced to close, it is likely there will be very little notice afforded to families.

If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.

PDE Recommendations

County Level of transmission is SUBSTANTIAL

School Size Guidelines:	Number of cases* within a rolling 14 day period:	PA Protocols for Closing (rolling 14 day period)	Number of cases* within a rolling 14 day period:	PA Protocols for Closing (rolling 14 day period)
“Medium” schools (500-900) = All our Elementary Schools	4-6 cases	3-7 days**	7+ cases	14 days**
“Large” Schools (>900) = Haverford Middle School and High School	6-10 cases	3-7 days**	11+ cases	14 days**

*Number of cases in the same school building, counting in-person students and staff only

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Delaware County Mitigation – limit attendance

- Mitigation order limits indoor gatherings to ten individuals
 - Impacts athletics, club activities, etc.
 - Coaches and advisors are working to identify small groups to keep students involved
- Order is in effect until January 2nd
 - Continuation to be determined

Staffing Update

Quarantine

- CDC released guidance on the quarantine length (to shorten the number of days).
 - We await communication from CCHD as our Health Authority.

Bus Drivers

- Low number of students riding the bus allow for combinations of runs
- CDL License requirements are a challenge to finding additional drivers to hire

Teachers

- Substitute Teachers and participation DCIU Guest Teacher Program
- Retirees can return to the classroom via the DCIU - retirees please contact the DCIU
- Make better use of large group areas (auditorium) where they exist
- For Haverford Online - short term absence - asynchronous assignments on days there is no available substitute
- May have to notify families that a class will learn virtually for a day or two if all other possibilities for substitute coverage have been exhausted.

Recommendations

- Amend the Health & Safety plan to allow for timely response to COVID-19 cases; if necessary.
- Return K-12 to hybrid mode of instruction beginning December 9, 2020