



Health and Safety Plan
Halifax Area School District
Phased Reopening Covid-19 Pandemic

2020-2021

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This resource draws on a resource created by the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) that is based on official guidance from multiple sources to include: the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the White House, American Academy of Pediatrics, Learning Policy Institute, American Enterprise Institute, Rutgers Graduate School of Education, the World Health Organization, the Office of the Prime Minister of Norway as well as the departments of education/health and/or offices of the governor for Idaho, Montana, New York, Texas and Washington, DC. Any updates to this plan will be presented to the HASD School Board and posted on www.hasd.us

Health and Safety Plan: Halifax Area School District

All decision-makers should be mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that can completely eliminate transmission risk within a school population. The goal is to keep transmission as low as possible to safely continue school activities. All school activities must be informed by [Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#). The administration has categorized reopening into three broad phases: red, yellow, or green. These designations signal how counties and/or regions may begin easing some restrictions on school, work, congregate settings, and social interactions:

- The Red Phase: Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction must be provided via remote learning, whether using digital or non-digital platforms. Provisions for student services such as school meal programs should continue. Large gatherings are prohibited.
- The Yellow Phase and Green Phase: Schools may provide in-person instruction after developing a written Health and Safety Plan, to be approved by the local governing body (e.g. board of directors/trustees) and posted on the school entity's publicly available website.

Based on your county's current designation (i.e., red, yellow, green) and the best interests of your local community, indicate which type of reopening your Local Education Agency (LEA) has selected by checking the appropriate box in row three of the table below. Use the remainder of the template to document your LEA's plan to bring back students and staff, how you will communicate the type of reopening with stakeholders in your community, and the process for continued monitoring of local health data to assess implications for school operations and potential adjustments throughout the school year.

Depending upon the public health conditions in any county within the Commonwealth, there could be additional actions, orders, or guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) and/or the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) designating the county as being in the red, yellow, or green phase. Some counties may not experience a straight path from a red designation, to a yellow, and then a green designation. Instead, cycling back and forth between less restrictive to more restrictive designations may occur as public health indicators improve or worsen. This means that Halifax Area School District should account for changing conditions in the Health and Safety Plan to ensure fluid transition from more to less restrictive conditions in each of the phase requirements as needed.

Type of Reopening

Key Questions

- How do you plan to bring students and staff back to physical school buildings, particularly if you still need social distancing in place?
- How did you engage stakeholders in the type of re-opening your school entity selected?
- How will you communicate your plan to your local community?
- Once you reopen, what will the decision-making process look like to prompt a school closure or other significant modification to operations?

Based on your county's current designation and local community needs, which type of reopening has your school entity selected?

- Total reopen for all students and staff (but some students/families opt for distance learning out of safety/health concern).
- Scaffolded reopening: Some students are engaged in in-person learning, while others are distance learning (i.e., some grade levels in-person, other grade levels remote learning).
- Blended reopening that balances in-person learning and remote learning for all students (i.e., alternating days or weeks).
- Total remote learning for all students. (Plan should reflect future action steps to be implemented and conditions that would prompt the decision as to when schools will re-open for in-person learning).

Anticipated launch date for in-person learning (i.e., start of blended, scaffolded, or total reopening): August 25, 2020

Pandemic Coordinator/Team

Each school entity is required to identify a pandemic coordinator and/or pandemic team with defined roles and responsibilities for health and safety preparedness and response planning during the phased reopening of schools. The pandemic coordinator and team will be responsible for facilitating the local planning process, monitoring implementation of your local Health and Safety Plan, and continued monitoring of local health data to assess implications for school operations and potential adjustments to the Health and Safety Plan throughout the school year. To ensure a comprehensive plan that reflects the considerations and needs of every stakeholder in the local education community, LEAs are encouraged to establish a pandemic team to support the pandemic coordinator. Inclusion of a diverse group of stakeholders is critical to the success of planning and implementation. LEAs are highly encouraged to make extra effort to engage representatives from every stakeholder group (i.e., administrators, teachers, support staff, students, families, community health official or other partners), with a special focus on ensuring that the voices of underrepresented and historically marginalized stakeholder groups are prioritized. In the table below, identify the individual who will serve as the pandemic coordinator and the stakeholder group they represent in the row marked “Pandemic Coordinator”. For each additional pandemic team member, enter the individual’s name, stakeholder group they represent, and the specific role they will play in planning and implementation of your local Health and Safety Plan by entering one of the following under “Pandemic Team Roles and Responsibilities”:

- **Health and Safety Plan Development:** Individual will play a role in drafting the enclosed Health and Safety Plan;
- **Pandemic Crisis Response Team:** Individual will play a role in within-year decision making regarding response efforts in the event of a confirmed positive case or exposure among staff and students; or
- **Both (Plan Development and Response Team):** Individual will play a role in drafting the plan and within-year decision making regarding response efforts in the event of confirmed positive case.

Individual(s)	Stakeholder Group Represented	Pandemic Team Roles and Responsibilities (Options Above)
David R. Hatfield	Superintendent	Both
Carla Sauer	Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.	Both
Matthew Ulmer	Business and Operations Manager	Both
John Osuch	High School Principal	Both
Lisa Slover	Director of Special Education	Both
Matt Czaplicki	Middle School Principal	Both
Mindy Lorah	Technology Director	Both
Lori Weber	Food Services Director	Both
Michelle Bisking	Transportation	Both
Maria Palmer	School Nurse	Both
Sandra Cook	School Nurse	Both
Elizabeth Bower	Teacher/ HEA President	Both
Christine Miller	Instructional Aide/HESPA President	Both
Jacob Sprengle	Athletic Director	Both
Stephanie Barnes	Parent	Plan Development
Chandra Burkholder	Parent	Plan Development
Stephanie Harker	Parent	Plan Development
Emily Hoffman	School Board Member	Plan Development
Heidi Eyster	Teacher/Parent	Plan Development

Key Strategies, Policies, and Procedures

Once your LEA has determined the type of reopening that is best for your local community and established a pandemic coordinator and/or pandemic team, use the action plan templates on the following pages to create a thorough plan for each of the requirements outlined in the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of PreK-12 Schools.

For each domain of the Health and Safety Plan, draft a detailed summary describing the key strategies, policies, and procedures your LEA will employ to satisfy the requirements of the domain. The domain summary will serve as the public-facing description of the efforts your LEA will take to ensure health and safety of every stakeholder in your local education community. Thus, the summary should be focused on the key information that staff, students, and families will require to clearly understand your local plan for the phased reopening of schools. You can use the key questions to guide your domain summary.

For each requirement within each domain, document the following:

- **Action Steps under Yellow Phase:** Identify the discrete action steps required to prepare for and implement the requirement under the guidelines outlined for counties in yellow. List the discrete action steps for each requirement in sequential order.
- **Action Steps under Green Phase:** Identify the specific adjustments the LEA or school will make to the requirement during the time period the county is designated as green. If implementation of the requirement will be the same regardless of county designation, then type “same as Yellow” in this cell.
- **Lead Individual and Position:** List the person(s) responsible for ensuring the action steps are fully planned and the school system is prepared for effective implementation.
- **Materials, Resources, and/or Supports Needed:** List any materials, resources, or support required to implement the requirement.
- **Professional Development (PD) Required:** In order to implement this requirement effectively, will staff, students, families, or other stakeholders require professional development?

In the following tables, an asterisk (*) denotes a mandatory element of the plan. All other requirements are highly encouraged to the extent possible.

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Key Questions

- How will you ensure the building is cleaned and ready to safely welcome staff and students?
- How will you procure adequate disinfection supplies meeting OSHA and [CDC requirements for COVID-19](#)?
- How often will you implement cleaning, sanitation, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols/procedures to maintain staff and student safety?
- What protocols will you put in place to clean and disinfect throughout an individual school day?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation protocols? When and how will the training be provided? How will preparedness to implement as a result of the training be measured?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<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>Increased use of PPE required (masks, gloves, face-shields) in accordance with PA DOH recommendations to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Increase Social Distancing & Hygiene Practices</p> <p>The district will follow the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Schools</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects at least daily, including door handles, sink handles, and drinking fountains.</p> <p>Steps will be taken to limit the use of communal drinking fountains and provide safe alternatives for providing water when possible.</p> <p>Increase ventilation rates from OCC Hours Only to 24/7 Operation</p> <p>Increase OA%</p>	<p>Increased use of PPE required (masks, gloves, face-shields) in accordance with PA DOH recommendations to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Increase Social Distancing & Hygiene Practices</p> <p>The district will follow the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Schools</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects at least daily, including door handles, sink handles, and drinking fountains.</p> <p>Steps will be taken to limit the use of communal drinking fountains and provide safe alternatives for providing water when possible.</p> <p>Increase ventilation rates from OCC Hours Only to 24/7 Operation</p> <p>Increase OA%</p>	<p>Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager</p>	<p>PPE</p> <p>CDC Website</p> <p>Cleaning Checklists.</p>	<p>Y</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
Other cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation practices	<p>Weekly use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant</p> <p>Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, using windows, doors, and/or fans.</p>	<p>Weekly use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant</p> <p>Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, using windows, doors, and/or fans.</p>	Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager	Cleaning Materials and Sprayer	

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Key Questions

- How will classrooms/learning spaces be organized to mitigate spread?
- How will you group students with staff to limit the number of individuals who come into contact with each other throughout the school day?
- What policies and procedures will govern use of other communal spaces within the school building?
- How will you utilize outdoor space to help meet social distancing needs?
- What hygiene routines will be implemented throughout the school day?
- How will you adjust student transportation to meet social distancing requirements?
- What visitor and volunteer policies will you implement to mitigate spread?
- Will any of these social distancing and other safety protocols differ based on age and/or grade ranges?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on social distancing and other safety protocols? When and how will the training be provided? How will preparedness to implement as a result of the training be measured?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Classroom/ learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</p>	<p>Schedules should be as static as possible by having the same group of students with the same group of staff based on age and developmental level.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students</p> <p>Limit the number of individuals in a classroom or other space.</p> <p>Limit gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing.</p> <p>Hold classes in gyms, auditoriums other large spaces, or outdoors when possible.</p> <p>Turn desks facing the same direction or have students only sit on one side of the table, spaced apart.</p>	<p>Schedules should be as static as possible by having the same group of students with the same group of staff based on age and developmental level.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students</p> <p>Limit the number of individuals in a classroom or other space.</p> <p>Limit gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing.</p> <p>Hold classes in gyms, auditoriums other large spaces, or outdoors when possible.</p> <p>Turn desks facing the same direction or have students only sit on one side of the table, spaced apart.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p>	<p>Building Level Schedules</p>	<p>Y</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</p>	<p>Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer, provided at stations within the cafeterias, prior to consuming food or beverages.</p> <p>Parents/guardians will be encouraged to deposit funds using the on-line payment portal, avoiding the handling of cash and checks in the cafeterias.</p> <p>Meal condiments will be limited and provided to students on the serving trays.</p> <p>Students may not be permitted to serve themselves for items such as fruit and or vegetable selections. Staff will serve students all meal components. Selection of fruits and vegetables will be limited.</p> <p>Student dining areas and cafeteria serving areas will be thoroughly cleaned between lunch periods.</p>	<p>Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer, provided at stations within the cafeterias, prior to consuming food or beverages.</p> <p>Parents /guardians will be encouraged to deposit funds using the on-line payment portal, avoiding the handling of cash and checks in the cafeterias.</p> <p>Meal condiments will be limited and provided to students on the serving trays.</p> <p>Students may not be permitted to serve themselves for items such as fruit and or vegetable selections. Staff will serve students all meal components. Selection of fruits and vegetables will be limited.</p> <p>Student dining areas and cafeteria serving areas will be thoroughly cleaned between lunch periods.</p>	<p>Building Level Principals</p> <p>Lori Weber, Food Services Director</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</p>	<p>All staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach these to students.</p> <p>Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.</p> <p>CDC – handwashing resources that include health promotion materials, information on proper handwashing technique and tips for families to help children develop good handwashing habits.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices.</p>	<p>All staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach these to students.</p> <p>Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.</p> <p>CDC – handwashing resources that include health promotion materials, information on proper handwashing technique and tips for families to help children develop good handwashing habits.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices.</p>	<p>Building Level Principals</p>		
<p>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</p>	<p>Post CDC Germs Are Everywhere and Wash Your Hands Posters in all District Cafeterias and Restrooms and other high traffic areas.</p>	<p>Post CDC Germs Are Everywhere and Wash Your Hands Posters in all District Cafeterias and Restrooms and other high traffic areas.</p>	<p>Building Principals and Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager.</p>	<p>CDC Website</p> <p>Germs Are Everywhere Posters</p> <p>Wash Your Hands Posters</p>	<p>N</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers</p>	<p>Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities that involve other groups.</p> <p>No outside individuals renting facilities under Policy 707.</p> <p>Do not schedule large group activities including, assemblies, concerts, etc.</p>	<p>Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities that involve other groups.</p> <p>Evaluate proposals for renting facilities under Policy 707.</p> <p>Limit large group activities such as extracurriculars in accordance with PIAA and PMEA Guidelines</p> <p>Ensure all large group activities including, but not limited to assemblies, concerts, and theater shows follow social distancing guidelines.</p>	<p>Building Principals and Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N</p>

<p>* Handling sporting activities for recess and physical education classes consistent with the CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</p>	<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Select and provide safe opportunities for exercise and sports events for students. Consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical proximity of players • Amount of touching of shared equipment • Ability to engage in social distancing while not engaged in active play. • Engagement of players at higher risk. • Size of team. <p>Train teachers, coaches, officials, and staff on all safety protocols.</p> <p>CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</p> <p>Recess</p> <p>Limit recreation areas to open spaces.</p> <p>Greatly restrict or eliminate use of playground structures.</p> <p>Ensure adequate playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.) to limit the sharing of items or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect between uses.</p> <p>Limit team sports and group games following social distancing guidelines.</p>	<p>Physical Education</p> <p>Select and provide safe opportunities for exercise and sports events for students. Consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical proximity of players • Amount of touching of shared equipment • Ability to engage in social distancing while not engaged in active play. • Engagement of players at higher risk. • Size of team. <p>Train teachers, coaches, officials, and staff on all safety protocols.</p> <p>CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</p> <p>Recess</p> <p>Limit to one group of students, following social distancing guidelines, using playground structures at a time.</p> <p>Ensure adequate playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.) to limit the sharing of items or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect between uses.</p> <p>Limit team sports and group games following social distancing guidelines.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p> <p>Carla Sauer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment</p> <p>Physical Education Department Teachers</p>	<p>Playground Equipment (balls, jump ropes)</p>	<p>Y - PE Teachers</p>
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Limiting the sharing of materials among students	<p>Clean and disinfect shared items between uses</p> <p>Keep each student's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers, or other areas.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect in between use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Textbooks that are shared ● Technology ● Art Supplies ● PE Equipment <p>Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. Clean and disinfect them before after use.</p>	<p>Clean and disinfect shared items between uses</p> <p>Keep each student's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers, or other areas.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect in between use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Textbooks that are shared ● Technology ● Art Supplies ● PE Equipment <p>Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. Clean and disinfect them before after use.</p>	Building Principals	Cleaning Materials Individual Student Spaces	N

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
Staggering the use of communal spaces and hallways	<p>Take steps to stagger use of hallways and communal spaces.</p> <p>Separate students within common areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrival ● Dismissal Lines ● Lunch <p>Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 3-6 feet between people if events are held.</p>	<p>Take steps to stagger use of hallways and communal spaces.</p> <p>Separate students within common areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrival ● Dismissal Lines ● Lunch <p>Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 3-6 feet between people if events are held.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p>	<p>Hallway Signage</p>	<p>N</p>
Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students	<p>Routes will be developed, paying particular attention to balancing student ridership.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to wear masks in accordance with PA DOH guidelines to the greatest extent possible. They will also be encouraged to sit apart from other students.</p> <p>Extracurricular and Educational field trips will be limited.</p> <p>Roof hatches and windows will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.</p> <p>School buses and vehicles will be disinfected nightly, at minimum.</p>	<p>Routes will be developed, paying particular attention to balancing student ridership.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to wear masks in accordance with PA DOH guidelines to the greatest extent possible. They will also be encouraged to sit apart from other students.</p> <p>Extracurricular and Educational field trips will be limited.</p> <p>Roof hatches and windows will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.</p> <p>School buses and vehicles will be disinfected nightly, at minimum.</p>	<p>Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager</p>	<p>Contractors to provide disinfectant and mister for application.</p>	<p>N</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
Limiting the number of individuals in classrooms and other learning spaces, and interactions between groups of students	<p>To the extent feasible, students should be socially distanced three-six feet apart pursuant to CDC and PDE guidelines. If three- six feet is not achievable in the classroom setting, students should be spaced to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>Identify small groups and keep them together (cohorting).</p> <p>Ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, as much as possible for older children).</p> <p>Limit mixing between groups if possible.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students.</p>	<p>To the extent feasible, students should be socially distanced six feet apart pursuant to CDC and PDE guidelines. If three- six feet is not achievable in the classroom setting, students should be spaced to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>Identify small groups and keep them together (cohorting).</p> <p>Ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, as much as possible for older children).</p> <p>Limit mixing between groups if possible.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students.</p>	Building Principals	N/A	N
Coordinating with local childcare regarding on site care, transportation protocol changes and, when possible, revised hours of operation or modified school-year calendars	<p>Update the HASD website with any transportation changes.</p>	<p>Update the HASD website with any transportation changes.</p>	Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager	N/A	N

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
Other social distancing and safety practices			Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager	Purchase Sneeze-Guards Maintenance to install	N

Monitoring Student and Staff Health

Key Questions

- How will you monitor students, staff, and others who interact with each other to ensure they are healthy and not exhibiting signs of illness?
- Where, to whom, when, and how frequently will the monitoring take place (e.g. parent or child report from home or upon arrival to school)?
- What is the policy for quarantine or isolation if a staff, student, or other member of the school community becomes ill or has been exposed to an individual confirmed positive for COVID-19?
- Which staff will be responsible for making decisions regarding quarantine or isolation requirements of staff or students?
- What conditions will a staff or student confirmed to have COVID-19 need to meet to safely return to school? How will you accommodate staff who are unable to uncomfortable to return?
- How will you determine which students are willing/able to return? How will you accommodate students who are unable or uncomfortable to return?
- When and how will families be notified of confirmed staff or student illness or exposure and resulting changes to the local Health and Safety Plan?
- Which stakeholders will be trained on protocols for monitoring student and staff health? When and how will the training be provided? How will preparedness to implement as a result of the training be measured?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Monitoring students and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</p>	<p>Symptom screening will be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day.</p> <p>No children with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.</p> <p>All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill.</p> <p>Temperature screening will not be required upon entrance to school for students or staff.</p> <p>Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.</p> <p>The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home.</p>	<p>Symptom screening will be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day.</p> <p>No children with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.</p> <p>All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill.</p> <p>Temperature screening will not be required upon entrance to school for students or staff.</p> <p>Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.</p> <p>The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p> <p>Maria Palmer, School Nurse</p>	<p>Self-Screen and Reporting Procedures</p> <p>Staff training</p> <p>Parent and Community Resources</p>	

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
<p>* Isolating or quarantining students, staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</p>	<p>Work with school administrators, nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people.</p> <p>What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection.</p> <p>Close off the area used by a person testing positive for COVID-19 and do not use before cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>Notify staff and families confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality.</p>	<p>Work with school administrators, nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people.</p> <p>What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection.</p> <p>Close off the area used by a person testing positive for COVID-19 and do not use before cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>Notify staff and families confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p> <p>Maria Palmer, School Nurse</p>	<p>Isolation Area</p> <p>Notification Letter</p> <p>District Physician Training (Nurses)</p>	<p>Y</p>

Requirements	Action Steps under Yellow Phase	Action Steps under Green Phase	Lead Individual and Position	Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed	PD Required (Y/N)
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Other monitoring and screening practices					

Other Considerations for Students and Staff

Key Questions

- What is the local policy/procedure regarding face coverings for staff? What is the policy/procedure for students?
- What special protocols will you implement to protect students and staff at higher risk for severe illness?
- How will you ensure enough substitute teachers are prepared in the event of staff illness?
- How will the LEA strategically deploy instructional and non-instructional staff to ensure all students have access to quality learning opportunities, as well as supports for social emotional wellness at school and at home?

Summary of Responses to Key Questions:

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<p>* Use of face coverings (masks or face shields) by all staff</p>	<p>Face coverings are recommended but not required. HASD will follow PA DOH and PDE guidelines to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Face masks are encouraged for use during times when groups of individuals pass or are in close proximity such as hallway transitions.</p>	<p>Face coverings are recommended but not required. HASD will follow PA DOH and PDE guidelines to the greatest extent possible.</p> <p>Face masks are encouraged for use during times when groups of individuals pass or are in close proximity such as hallway transitions.</p>	<p>Building Principals</p>	<p>Signage regarding expectations</p>	<p>N</p>
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<p>Unique safety protocols for students with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals</p>	<p>Extra precautions in low incidence programs (AS, MDS, SFLS, LSS).</p> <p>Servicing students in low incidence programs can be problematic due to, but not limited to, students with medical concerns, students not understanding the importance of wearing a mask, students unable to maintain proper social distance, students requiring hand-over-hand instruction and support, students requiring assistance with feeding or toileting.</p> <p>For these reasons, extra precautions will be implemented. These precautions include:</p> <p>If a sink is available in the classroom, staff should thoroughly wash hands immediately before and after working with a student.</p> <p>Avoid the use of communal objects for student reinforcement. If such objects are used with multiple students, each object should be disinfected immediately before and after student use.</p> <p>Personal student iPads/AAC devices should be disinfected each time a student enters or exits the classroom.</p> <p>The district's feeding protocol should be followed when feeding</p>	<p>Extra precautions in low incidence programs (AS, MDS, SFLS, LSS).</p> <p>Servicing students in low incidence programs can be problematic due to, but not limited to, students with medical concerns, students not understanding the importance of wearing a mask, students unable to maintain proper social distance, students requiring hand-over-hand instruction and support, students requiring assistance with feeding or toileting.</p> <p>For these reasons, extra precautions will be implemented. These precautions include:</p> <p>If a sink is available in the classroom, staff should thoroughly wash hands immediately before and after working with a student.</p> <p>Avoid the use of communal objects for student reinforcement. If such objects are used with multiple students, each object should be disinfected immediately before and after student use.</p> <p>Personal student iPads/AAC devices should be disinfected each time a student enters or exits the classroom.</p> <p>The district's feeding protocol should be followed when feeding</p>	<p>Lisa Slover, Director of Special Education</p>	<p>Gloves</p>	<p>Y</p>
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Strategic deployment of staff	Identify critical job functions and positions, and plan for alternative coverage by cross-training staff.	Identify critical job functions and positions, and plan for alternative coverage by cross-training staff.	David Hatfield, Superintendent	N/A	N

Health and Safety Plan Professional Development

The success of your plan for a healthy and safe reopening requires all stakeholders to be prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills to implement the plan as intended. For each item that requires professional development, document the following components of your professional learning plan.

- **Topic:** List the content on which the professional development will focus.
- **Audience:** List the stakeholder group(s) who will participate in the professional learning activity.
- **Lead Person and Position:** List the person or organization that will provide the professional learning.
- **Session Format:** List the strategy/format that will be utilized to facilitate participant learning.
- **Materials, Resources, and or Supports Needed:** List any materials, resources, or support required to implement the requirement.
- **Start Date:** Enter the date on which the first professional learning activity for the topic will be offered.
- **Completion Date:** Enter the date on which the last professional learning activity for the topic will be offered.

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Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students	HASD Custodial/Maintenance Staff	Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager	Staff Meeting	CDC Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools		
Protexus Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant	HASD Custodial/Maintenance Staff	Matthew Ulmer, Business and Operations Manager	Training			
Healthy Hygiene Practices	All Staff	Building Principals	Training			Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year
Implementing the HASD Health and Safety Plan	All Staff	Building Principals	Training			Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year

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Physical Education	PE Teachers	Carla Sauer, Director of C, I, & A	Training			Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year
Implementing the HASD Health and Safety Plan for Building Principals	All Principals					Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year
COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan Discussion	Principals Nurse			District Physicians		
COVID-19 Health Care Procedures for Nurse	Nurse					Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year
Safety Protocols for Students with Complex Needs	Special Education	Lisa Slover, Director of Special Education				Prior to start of 2020-2021 School Year

Health and Safety Plan Communications

Timely and effective family and caregiver communication about health and safety protocols and schedules will be critical. Schools should be particularly mindful that frequent communications are accessible in non-English languages and to all caregivers (this is particularly important for children residing with grandparents or other kin or foster caregivers). Additionally, LEAs should establish and maintain ongoing communication with local and state authorities to determine current mitigation levels in your community.

Topic	Audience	Lead Person and Position	Mode of Communications	Start Date	Completion Date
2020-2021 District Instructional Options	Staff Guardians Community	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Email, Phone, SMS, Web Page, Town Hall Zoom(s)	July 2020	August 24, 2020
Board of Directors COVID-19 Update	HASD Board of Directors	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Verbal reporting during school board meetings.	April 2020	Bi-weekly, Ongoing
Superintendents' Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting	Building Staff Representative	David Hatfield, Superintendent			
Parent Survey	Parents/Guardians	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Online Survey	June 2020	August 2020
Return to School Survey	Parents/Guardians	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Online Survey	July 2020	August 2020
Parent/Guardian Updates	Parents/Guardians	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Email, Phone Message	Ongoing	Ongoing
Staff Updates	Staff	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Email, Video, Phone Message	Ongoing	Ongoing
Dept. of Health Communication	All Stakeholders	David Hatfield, Superintendent	Phone, Email	Ongoing	Ongoing

Health and Safety Plan Summary: Halifax Area School District

Anticipated Launch Date: August 25, 2020

Use these summary tables to provide your local education community with a detailed overview of your Health and Safety Plan. LEAs are required to post this summary on their website. To complete the summary, copy and paste the domain summaries from the Health and Safety Plan tables above.

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>Increased use of PPE required (masks, gloves, face-shields)</p> <p>Increase Social Distancing & Hygiene Practices</p> <p>The district will follow the CDC's Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Schools</p> <p>CDC Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Schools</p> <p>Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school and on buses at least daily, including door handles, sink handles, and drinking fountains.</p> <p>Steps will be taken to limit the use of communal drinking fountains and provide safe alternatives for providing water when possible.</p> <p>Implement and Supervise the Daily and Weekly COVID-19 Cleaning Activities as specified on the Daily and Weekly COVID-19 Job Cards</p> <p>Increase ventilation rates from OCC Hours Only to 24/7 Operation</p> <p>Increase OA% Weekly use of Electrostatic Spray Disinfectant</p> <p>Classrooms and common areas will be ventilated with additional circulation of outdoor air when possible, using windows, doors, and/or fans.</p>

Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p>* Classroom/learning space occupancy that allows for 3-6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day, to the maximum extent feasible</p> <p>* Restricting the use of cafeterias and other congregate settings, and serving meals in alternate settings such as classrooms</p> <p>* Hygiene practices for students and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</p> <p>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</p>	<p>Schedules should be as static as possible by having the same group of students with the same group of staff based on age and developmental level.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students</p> <p>Limit the number of individuals in a classroom or other space.</p> <p>Limit gatherings, events, and extracurricular activities to those that can maintain social distancing.</p> <p>Hold classes in gyms, auditoriums, other large spaces, or outdoors when possible.</p> <p>Turn desks facing the same direction or have students only sit on one side of the table, spaced apart.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to use hand sanitizer, provided at stations within the cafeterias, prior to consuming food or beverages.</p> <p>Parents /guardians will be encouraged to deposit funds using the on-line payment portal, avoiding the handling of cash and checks in the cafeterias.</p> <p>Meal condiments will be limited and provided to students on the serving trays.</p> <p>Students will not be permitted to serve themselves for items such as fruit and or vegetable selections. Staff will serve students all meal components. Selection of fruits and vegetables will be limited.</p> <p>Student dining areas and cafeteria serving areas will be thoroughly cleaned between lunch periods.</p> <p>All staff will be trained on healthy hygiene practices so they can teach these to students.</p>

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<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>Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.</p> <p>CDC - handwashing resources that include health promotion materials, information on proper handwashing technique, and tips for families to help children develop good handwashing habits.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies (e.g., soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue) to support healthy hygiene practices.</p> <p>Post CDC Germs Are Everywhere and Wash Your Hands Posters in all District Cafeterias and Restrooms and other high traffic areas.</p> <p>CDC Germs are Everywhere</p> <p>CDC Wash Your Hands</p> <p>Translated Posters</p> <p>Restrict nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities that involve other groups.</p> <p>No outside individuals renting facilities under Policy 707. (This will be re-evaluated in the future)</p> <p>Limit large group activities such as extracurriculars in accordance with PIAA and PMEA Guidelines</p> <p>Ensure all large group activities including, but not limited to assemblies, concerts, and theater shows follow social distancing guidelines.</p>

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<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>Physical Education</p> <p>Select and provide safe opportunities for exercise and sports events for students. Consider;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical proximity of players ● Amount of touching of shared equipment ● Ability to engage in social distancing while not engaged in active play. ● Engagement of players at higher risk. ● Size of team. <p>Train teachers, coaches, officials, and staff on all safety protocols.</p> <p>CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</p> <p>Recess</p> <p>Limit to one group of students, following social distancing guidelines, using playground structures at a time.</p> <p>Ensure adequate playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.) to limit the sharing of items or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect between uses.</p> <p>Limit team sports and group games following social distancing guidelines.</p> <p>Follow Covid-19 Instrument Cleaning Policies. Teachers will provide students instruction on these cleaning policies prior to resuming instrumental music lessons or classes.</p> <p>Covid-19 Instrument Cleaning Policies</p> <p>Select and provide safe opportunities for music instruction for students. Consider;</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical proximity of students. ● Use of appropriate facilities to accommodate social distancing. ● Amount of touching of shared equipment. ● Ability to engage in social distancing while not engaged in active play. ● Engagement of players at higher risk. ● Size of group. <p>Clean and disinfect shared items between uses</p> <p>Keep each student's belongings separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, lockers, or other areas.</p> <p>Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible or limit to one group of students at a time and disinfect in between use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Textbooks that are shared ● Technology ● Art Supplies ● PE Equipment <p>Avoid using other employees' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment, when possible. Clean and disinfect them before and after use.</p> <p>Create one-way traffic patterns in hallways.</p> <p>Separate students within common areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrival ● Dismissal Lines ● Lunch <p>Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 3-6 feet between people if events are held.</p>

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	<p>Routes will be developed as they normally would paying particular attention to balancing student ridership.</p> <p>Students will be encouraged to wear masks. They will also be encouraged to sit apart from other students.</p> <p>Extracurricular and Educational field trips will be limited.</p> <p>Roof hatches and windows will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.</p> <p>School buses and vehicles will be disinfected nightly, at minimum.</p> <p>To the extent feasible, students should be socially distanced three-six feet apart pursuant to CDC and PDE guidelines. If three-six feet is not achievable in the classroom setting, students should be spaced to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>Identify small groups and keep them together (cohorting).</p> <p>Ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, as much as possible for older children).</p> <p>Limit mixing between groups if possible.</p> <p>Restrict interactions between groups of students. Update the HASD website with any transportation changes</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>Symptom screening will be done by all parents/guardians at home each morning before the school day.</p> <p>No children with symptoms will be sent on a bus or brought to school.</p>

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<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>All district staff will perform a symptom screen on themselves prior to leaving for work and will stay home if ill.</p> <p>Temperature screening will not be required upon entrance to school for students or staff.</p> <p>Students and staff will consistently be made aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>Students and staff will go to the nurse immediately if feeling symptomatic.</p> <p>The District will share resources with the school community to help families understand when to keep children home. AAP When to Keep Your Child Home</p> <p>Work with school administrators, nurses, and other healthcare providers to identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms.</p> <p>School nurses and other healthcare providers should use Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions when caring for sick people.</p> <p>What Healthcare Personnel Should Know About Caring for Patients with Confirmed or Possible COVID-19 Infection.</p> <p>Close off the area used by a person testing positive for COVID-19 and do not use before cleaning and disinfecting.</p> <p>Notify staff and families confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality.</p> <p>Persons who have COVID-19 who have symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:</p> <p>10 days from the onset of symptoms.</p>

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	Identify critical job functions and positions, and plan for alternative coverage by cross-training staff.

Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Halifax Area School District** reviewed and approved the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan on **July 14, 2020**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

_____ **Yes**

_____ **No**

Affirmed on: **July 14, 2020**

By:

(Signature of Board President)*

(Print Name of Board President)

*Electronic signatures on this document are acceptable using one of the two methods detailed below.

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