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Dear Muncy Family,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and enjoying your summer.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with updates related to the district's health and safety plan. You can access the updated plan through the following link: [Muncy School District's 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan](#).

On Friday, July 16th, the PA Secretary of Education, Noe Ortega, released the following statement: "DOH and PDE will not be releasing separate state guidance or recommendations for the start of the 2021-22 school year. Instead, PDE and DOH plan to align practices and policies for safely operating schools with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). You can access PDE's released guidance through the following hyperlink – [PDE Outline of Aligned Guidance](#)."

Currently, which prevention strategies and to what extent each of the prevention strategies are applied in our schools for the safety of students and staff is a local decision with one exception. Per the CDC's order on wearing masks on public transportation, regardless of the school mask policy, masks are required to be worn by passengers and drivers on school buses. Therefore, until the CDC order on wearing masks on public transportation expires or changes, all individuals are required to wear masks on school district transportation regardless of vaccination status and regardless of our school's mask policy.

As required, the Muncy School District Board of Directors reviewed the recently updated CDC guidance at Monday's (July 19th) Board meeting in reference to the following prevention strategies. (a) promoting vaccination, (b) consistent and correct mask use; (c) physical distancing; (d) screening testing; (e) ventilation; (f) handwashing and respiratory etiquette; (g) staying home when sick and getting tested; (h) contact tracing, isolation and quarantine and (i) cleaning and disinfecting. The Board decided not to make any changes to [Muncy School District's 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan](#). A summary of the district's approach to each strategy based on the board approved health and safety plan is listed below for your review.

Prevention Strategy	Current Health and Safety Plan
1. Consistent and Correct Mask Use (Consistent with the lifting of PA's Masking Order on June 28 th)	Masks are optional for all individuals in our school buildings and on our school grounds. Masks are required for all individuals on school district transportation.
2. Physical Distancing (Consistent with the lifting of PA's Mitigation Orders on May 31 st)	Return to normal operating procedures related to moving and interacting within our schools. Most classrooms should allow for 3 feet of separation when students are seated at their desks. It may be difficult to impossible to maintain 3 feet of separation in larger group settings (ex. larger individual classes; lunches; assemblies etc.)
3. Screening Testing (Chose not to participate in state's voluntary program)	Continue to ask individuals to self-monitor for symptoms, stay home when ill, follow-up with primary care physician and communicate with the school district.
4. Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	Continue to ask individuals to self-monitor for symptoms, stay home when ill, follow-up with primary care physician and communicate with the school district.
5. Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	Continue to follow PA DOH requirements which align to CDC guidance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinated individuals who are exposed to a positive case do not need to quarantine as long as they are not experiencing symptoms. If you choose to have your child(ren) vaccinated as vaccinations become available to K-12 students, please maintain a copy of your child(ren)'s vaccination card. • In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition <i>excludes students</i> who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting masks; This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
6. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	<p>Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>Remind everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently and assist young children with handwashing.</p> <p>If handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.</p>
7. Cleaning and Disinfecting (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	Continue to use CDC aligned cleaning and disinfecting techniques throughout the school year.
8. Ventilation (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	Continue to use CDC aligned ventilation recommendations by bringing in outdoor air where applicable, increasing ventilation settings, filtering air, using exhaust fans and opening windows on transportation vehicles.
9. Promoting Vaccination (Aligned to CDC Guidance)	Continue to provide information provided by our local health providers about upcoming vaccination clinics available to our school community during the 2021-2022 school year. If there seems to be a community need outside of already established community vaccination clinics, the school may explore opportunities to partner with our local health providers to offer vaccination clinics on school grounds during the 2021-2022 school year.

Muncy School District’s Board of Education will continue to review the district’s health and safety plan each month. If necessary, based on updated requirements or based on Board approval of updates to the 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan, Muncy School District may reinstitute some of the successful strategies that allowed us to maintain continuous in-person instruction during the past school year.

Please continue to communicate with the school so we can all work together to best meet the needs of our students and families. Since schools are still required to follow contact tracing, isolation and quarantining procedures from the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), please stay home if you become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, are unvaccinated and exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or to someone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID 19 or are vaccinated and exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or to someone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID 19 and you are currently experiencing symptoms.

Please remember, Muncy School District will completely return to in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. Option 2, which included synchronous live Zoom sessions into classrooms, has been eliminated for the 2021-2022 school year. Please note it may still be necessary for an entire school building to transition to remote instruction for all students from time to time. Attendance policies and procedures will be communicated at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, including procedures on how students may be able to keep up to date on

classroom content and complete assignments during routine absences from school and during extended absences from school due to diagnosed medical conditions or required quarantines.

If interested, the enrollment period for Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy (Option 3) begins on Monday, July 26th and ends on Wednesday, August 18th. Please e-mail Mr. Erik Berthold (eberthold@muncysd.org) if your child(ren) are interested in participating in Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy (Option 3) for the 2021-2022 school year. Students participating in Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy (Option 3) will pick up their materials for the 2021-2022 school year on Thursday, August 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by making an appointment with Mr. Berthold.

As we prepare to start the 2021-2022 school year, we have provided a list of upcoming events for your review.

Upcoming Events for the 2021-2022 School Year

- Monday, July 26th – Enrollment for Muncy School District Online Learning Academy (Option 3) Begins
- Tuesday, July 27th – 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 2nd through Friday, August 6th – Band Camp Week One (1)
- Tuesday, August 3rd – 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 9th – Football Heat Acclimation Begins
- Monday August 9th through Friday, August 13th – Band Camp Week Two (2)
- Tuesday, August 10th – 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 16th – Fall Sports Begins
- Tuesday, August 17th – 7:30 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Wednesday, August 18th – Enrollment for Muncy School District Online Learning Academy (Option 3) Ends
- Tuesday August 24th
 - Elementary Open House – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 - High School Open House – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - New Addition Open House – 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Blue/White Night – 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 26th – Material Pickup for Students Enrolled in Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy (Option 3) for the 2021-2022 school year – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 30th – First Day of School

As always, please e-mail us or give us a call if you have any questions or concerns. We will work as quickly as possible to answer individual inquiries.

1. For district related questions and concerns, please contact Linda Kneedler at lkneedler@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 2040
2. For high school related questions and concerns, please contact Nicole Edwards at nedwards@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3220
3. For elementary school related questions and concerns, please contact Vickie Conner at vconner@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1100
4. For special education related questions and concerns, please contact Cheryl Good at cgood@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1250

5. For food service related questions and concerns, please contact Tom Kuntz at tkuntz@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 1120
6. For athletic related questions and concerns, please contact Curt Chilson at cchilson@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3630
7. For transportation related questions and concerns, please contact Kay Buck at kay@susquehannabus.com or 570-935-0542
8. For questions and concerns related to cleaning products or cleaning procedures, please contact Jerry Knier at jknier@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 3720
9. For questions and concerns related to technology, please contact Chris Frey at cfrey@muncysd.org or 570-546-3125 ext. 7777

I hope everyone gets to spend quality time with family and friends throughout the rest of the summer!

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Strong!

Sincerely,



Craig R. Skaluba, Ph.D.
Superintendent

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