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Dear Muncy Family,

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

The purpose of this letter is provide you with updates related to last evening's board meeting. More specifically, please refer to the summary below for what did not change and what did change in relation to Muncy School District's Health and Safety Plan.

As a result of the changes listed in the summary, please contact either the high school office or the elementary school office if you wish to make a change to your child(ren)'s education selection for the 2020-2021 school year.

We look forward to working with everyone during the 2020-2021 school year to provide continuous learning opportunities for all of our students. By working together and everyone doing their part we can all help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community.

Summary of Changes to Health and Safety Plan at Last Evening's Board Meeting

1. What DID NOT Change

Muncy School District plans on reopening for in-person instruction five days a week starting Monday, August 31st.

2. What DID Change

New Masking Requirement

All students will be required to wear face coverings at all times even when spaced six (6) feet apart. As part of the new requirement released by the Department of Health (DOH) yesterday, all school health and safety plans are required to reflect this change. Limited exceptions to the requirement include:

- (a) eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart;
- (b) when wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task;
- (c) at least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes.

(d) a medical or mental health condition or disability, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school.

Please visit [DOH Answers to FAQs on Face Coverings/Masks webpage for more information](#).

Distance Learning Day

Last evening, the Board decided to make Friday, September 18th a distance learning day for all students.

Planned distance learning days, delays or dismissals may continue be added to the school calendar in the future to help assist our teachers with planning and implementation efforts. We will work to provide advanced notification for students and families to properly plan for any changes to the school calendar. The Board will evaluate the need for further calendar changes at the Monday, September 21st board meeting.

Metrics for Determining Instructional Model Status

The Board decided to base instructional model decisions on our local contexts. More specifically, the Board will monitor ‘17756 Zip Code Data’ from the Pennsylvania Department of Health to make instructional model decisions.

PCR Percent Positivity (Most Recent 7 Days)	Recommended Instructional Models
<5%	Full in-person Model
5% to <10%	Hybrid Learning Model
≥10%	Full Distance Learning Model

The corresponding threshold may change week-by-week as positivity rates rise and fall. In order to confirm stability of transmission, when a the corresponding threshold changes, school entities should wait to see the results from the next 7-day reporting period before considering a change to their instructional models.

Hybrid Learning Model

The Board decided that if it becomes necessary to transition to a hybrid learning model, the district will bring approximately 50% of the student population on a set, two-day a week

schedule rather than bringing approximately 33% of the student population on a rotating three-day cycle. Please refer to the following schedule. The school district will work with families to make necessary adjustments to allow all members of the same family attend school on the same schedule.

50% - Hybrid Schedule				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group A: In-School/ In-Person Student Last Names: A----- through King-----	Group B: In-School/ In-Person Student Last Names: Kinh----- to Z-----	Groups A & B - Remote Learning	Group A: In-School/ In-Person Student Last Names: A----- through King-----	Group B: In-School/ In-Person Student Last Names: Kinh----- to Z-----
Group B: Distance Learning	Group A: Distance Learning		Group B: Distance Learning	Group A: Distance Learning

Note: Wednesdays will be a distance learning day for all students if the district were to move to a hybrid schedule.

School Closure Decisions

The Board decided to use the following DOH and PDE released recommendations on procedures to follow when responding to COVID-19 cases in the school setting. Schools will transition to distance learning for the duration of school closures.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building	5+ students/staff in same school building
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School does not need to close Clean area(s) where case spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 3-5 days* Clean area(s) where cases spent time Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close school(s) for 14 days* Clean entire school(s) Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine

Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School does not need to close • Clean area(s) where case spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 5-7 days* • Clean area(s) where cases spent time • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close school(s) for 14 days* • Clean entire school(s) • Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine
Substantial	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>	<u>DOH and PDE recommend a Full Remote Learning Model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission</u>

**When an entire school is recommended to close, lengths of closure time will vary by level of community transmission and number of cases. This allows public health staff the necessary time to complete case investigations and contact tracing, and to provide schools with other appropriate public health advice like cleaning and disinfecting.*

Please note the following schedule for Chromebook distribution. Please be sure to wear a mask or other appropriate face covering throughout the pick-up process.

Ward L. Myers Elementary School Pickup

1. **Elementary In-Person Instruction with Muncy Teachers (Option #1)** – Chromebooks will be distributed during the first day of school. Students will initially keep Chromebooks at school while teachers work with students on using the Chromebooks for their classes.
2. **Elementary Distance Learning with Muncy Teachers (Option #2)** –Chromebooks, textbooks and other distance learning materials will be distributed near the elementary gym exit doors (accessible from Swimming Pool Drive) on any of the following dates or times:
 - a. Monday, August 24th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - b. Tuesday, August 25th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - c. Wednesday, August 26th – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. / 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - d. Thursday, August 27th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Parents must pick up the device for the student and have completed the Muncy School District Technology Agreement. If necessary, parents can complete Muncy School District’s Technology Agreement when picking up the device. Parents must present photo identification at the time of pick up.

3. **Elementary EQUIP Distance Learning Students (Option #3)** – We are currently enrolling students into EQUIP this week. Once we complete the enrollment process, EQUIP will let us know dates and times for device pickup.

Muncy Jr. / Sr. High School Pickup – Item pick up will be at the high school gym in the existing high school, not the new addition.

1. **High School In-Person Instruction with Muncy Teachers (Option #1)** – Chromebooks will be distributed at the high school on any of the following dates and times:
 - a. Monday, August 24th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 - b. Tuesday, August 25th – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
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Please use the link below to request alternate busing needed on a long-term basis from Susquehanna Transit.

<https://www.muncysd.org/cms/lib/PA06000076/Centricity/Domain/310/Alternate%20Transportation%20Daycare%20request%20fillable%20form.pdf>

This form can be used to request an AM alternate stop only, PM alternate stop only, or both AM and PM alternate stops. Sufficient time is needed for driver notification and implementation. The requested stop must be on an established route in the Muncy School District. This form must be resubmitted each year.

If interested in participating in the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), please visit www.CHIPcoversPAkids.com. CHIP covers uninsured children and teens up to 19. CHIP

provides quality, comprehensive health insurance for routine doctor visits, prescriptions, dental, eye care, eyeglasses, mental health, and much more. For most families, CHIP is free – for others its low cost.

Reinforcing universal precautions both at school and at home will also help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community. The Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidance on [How to Protect Yourself and Others](#) is a good resource to reference for helping to reinforce these strategies. Additionally, if you find it helpful please use the [Washing Your Hands Link](#) or [CDC's You Tube Handwashing Video](#) to access more information that is specific to washing your hands.

Please inform the school if you become sick with COVID-19 Symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, are exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or to someone with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 or if you traveled to areas recommended for self-quarantine so we can all work together to best meet the needs of our students and families.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns by e-mailing or calling the individuals listed below. We will continue to 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

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Strong!

Sincerely,

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