



MUNCY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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. At Monday's (July 18th) board meeting, the Muncy School District Board of Directors approved the district's health and safety plan for the 2022-2023 school year. You can access the plan through the following link: [Muncy School District's 2022-2023 Health and Safety Plan](#).

A summary of our approach for each required prevention strategy in order to maintain continuous in-person instruction is listed below for your review. Muncy School District's Board of Education will continue to review the district's health and safety as required. If necessary, based on updated requirements or based on Board approval of updates to the 2022-2023 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 two school years.

Prevention Strategy	2022-2023 Board Approved Health and Safety Plan
1. Consistent and Correct Mask Use	Masks are optional for all individuals in our school buildings, on our school grounds and on school district transportation.
2. Physical Distancing	Maintain normal operating procedures related to moving and interacting within our schools. If necessary based on changing conditions, Muncy School District may reinstitute some physical distancing measures.
3. Screening Testing (Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested)	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. Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine	Muncy School District will continue to apply contact tracing as well as isolating and quarantining procedures based on the requirements set by the Board for the 2022-2023 school year as follows: 1. Asymptomatic individuals exposed to a non-household contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Required to Quarantine • Not Required to Mask 2. Asymptomatic individuals exposed to a household contact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Required to Quarantine • Required to Mask for Five (5) Days

4. Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine (cont.)	<p>3. Symptomatic Individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If sick, please stay home until evaluated by primary care physician • If presumed positive, see #4 <p>4. Positive COVID Test Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to Quarantine for Five (5) Days • Required to Mask for Five (5) Days After Quarantine <p>5. Unique situations may be evaluated on a case by case basis</p>
5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	Continue to emphasize handwashing and respiratory etiquette throughout the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Cleaning and Disinfecting; including Improving Ventilation	Continue to use CDC aligned cleaning, disinfecting and ventilation techniques throughout the school year.
7. Promoting Vaccinations	Continue to make information provided by our local health providers about upcoming vaccination clinics available to our school community during the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Continue to implement appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies throughout the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Coordination with state and local health officials	Continue to coordinate with state and local health officials in responding to various aspects related to the pandemic.

Please note it may still be necessary for an entire school building or classroom to transition to remote instruction from time to time. Short-term transitions to remote instruction may be necessary if the school district experiences personnel shortages or if there is a need to prevent a potential outbreak.

Long-term transitions (Up to 14 days) to remote instruction may be necessary based on the Health & Safety Plan in effect at that time. Currently, the Board has set the threshold for transitioning to remote instruction at 10% of a particular school building’s total number of students and staff within a 14 day rolling period. The threshold for Ward L. Myers Elementary School is currently 51 total cases based on a school population of 517. The threshold for Muncy Jr. / Sr. High School is currently 55 total cases based on a school population of 558.

Similar to last year, we will only keep track of confirmed cases that result in a direct exposure on school grounds or at school related events. Confirmed cases that do not result in a direct exposure on school grounds or at school related events will not be tracked by the school district. For example, a confirmed case that was not in school during the exposure window or a confirmed case that was in quarantine during the exposure window will not be tracked by the school district.

At this time, we will no longer report confirmed case counts on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Occasionally, we may decide to report case counts for a limited amount of a time based on rising numbers or if we begin to approach the threshold for transitioning to remote learning for a particular building.

We will continue to have our school nurses make parents or guardians aware when their child is identified as close contact of a known exposure in school. A close contact is defined as an individual who was within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 or more consecutive minutes.

Additionally, we will continue to use all scheduled snow days in the school calendar for school closures due to inclement weather. The district will transition to Flexible Instructional Days (FID) after all five snow days are used in the school calendar. More information about Flexible Instructional Days will be shared during the school year if it becomes likely we will need to use one.

If interested, the enrollment period for Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy begins on Monday, July 25th and ends on Wednesday, August 24th. 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 for the 2022-2023 school year. Students participating in Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy will pick up their materials for the 2022-2023 school year on Thursday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by making an appointment with Mr. Berthold.

As we prepare to start the 2022-2023 school year, we have provided a list of upcoming events for your review.

Upcoming Events for the 2022-2023 School Year

- Monday, July 25th – Enrollment for Muncy School District Online Learning Academy Begins
- Tuesday, July 26th – 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 1st through Friday, August 5th – Band Camp Week One (1)
- Tuesday, August 2nd – 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 8th – Football Heat Acclimation Begins
- Monday August 8th through Friday, August 12th – Band Camp Week Two (2)
- Tuesday, August 9th – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 15th – Fall Sports Begins
- Tuesday, August 16th – 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. – Fall Sports Physicals – Elementary Nurse's Office
- Monday, August 22nd – 7th Grade Orientation – 7:00 p.m. – High School Auditorium
- Tuesday, August 23rd
 - Elementary Open House – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - High School Open House – 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Indian Fest – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 - Blue/White Night – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 24th – Enrollment for Muncy School District Online Learning Academy Ends
- Thursday, August 25th – Material Pickup for Students Enrolled in Muncy School District's Online Learning Academy for the 2022-2023 school year – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 29th – First Day of School Grades 1-12
 - Kindergarten students (**Last Name A – J only**) will have their first day of school on 8/29 and their second day of school on 8/31
- Tuesday, August 30th
 - Kindergarten students (**Last Name K – Z only**) will have their first day of school on 8/30 and their second day of school on 8/31

We look forward to working with everyone during the 2022-2023 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 in our community.

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 Corey Palmatier at cpalmatier@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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