



# MUNCY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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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 to make you aware of approved changes to the district’s health and safety plan from Monday evening’s board meeting and to update you on the new state mandate related to “Out of State Travel” effective Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

The main change approved to the district’s health and safety plan (pg. 10), relates to the district using building specific metrics to make determinations on when to temporarily move to a distance learning instructional model. Although the district will continue to monitor ‘17756’ Zip Code Data, the building specific metrics will be the main metrics used in making instructional model decisions. Previously, the health and safety plan only listed the thresholds and actions for ‘Low’ and ‘Moderate’ levels of community transmission. The health and safety plan now lists the thresholds and actions for ‘Substantial’ levels of community transmission as the same thresholds and actions as the ‘Moderate’ level of community transmission as seen below.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</u> 1-2 student/staff in same school building	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</u> 3 students/staff in same school building	<u>Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day period:</u> 5 or more students/staff in same school building
<b>Low</b>	Continue In-Person Instruction or other selected option (ex. Distance Learning, Homeschooling).  Continue In-Person athletics and extracurriculars	Distance Learning for 3-5 days for all students before returning to In-Person instruction.  Postpone athletics and extracurriculars until In-Person instruction resumes.	Distance Learning for 14 days for all students before returning to In-person instruction.  Postpone athletics and extracurriculars until In-Person instruction resumes.
<b>Moderate/Substantial</b>	Continue In-Person Instruction or other selected option (ex. Distance Learning, Homeschooling).  Continue In-Person athletics and extracurriculars	Distance Learning for 5-7 days for all students before returning to In-Person instruction.  Postpone athletics and extracurriculars until In-Person instruction resumes.	Distance Learning for 14 days for all students before returning to In-Person instruction.  Postpone athletics and extracurriculars until In-Person instruction resumes.

The complete updated plan is available for your review by using the following hyperlink: [Muncy School District’s Health and Safety Plan](#). In the event we may need to temporarily transition to distance learning for all students at a particular building, please familiarize yourself with our [Distance Learning Expectations](#) which highlights expectations for both students and teachers and provides tips to help your child with distance learning at home. If you are in need of a hotspot to participate in distance learning activities, please e-mail Linda Kneedler at [lkneedler@muncysd.org](mailto:lkneedler@muncysd.org).

Additional updates to the plan approved at Monday's board meeting included: (a) the inclusion of winter and spring sports in the Athletics Health and Safety Plan portion of the document (pp. 82-89) and (b) the addition of other school district spaces to our indoor gathering calculations section (pg. 89). We will continue to provide similar updates as the plan is revised in the future based on received guidance and changing conditions within our school and our community.

At 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health announced [updates to the state's masking order](#) and [new travel mandates](#). As we continue to receive clarification related to these orders, if necessary, we will provide additional updates.

In the meantime, please make sure to notify each school building of any planned out of state travel by students and families. An electronic 'Out of State Travel / Educational Trip Form' has been developed to help students and families in notifying the school district of planned 'Out of State Travel.'

1. Ward L. Myers Elementary School Out of State Travel / Educational Trip Form link:  
<https://www.muncysd.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=1610>
2. Muncy Jr./Sr. High School Out of State Travel / Educational Trip Form link:  
<https://www.muncysd.org/cms/module/selectsurvey/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=1608>

Based on the new order, any individual returning from "Out of State Travel" needs to have a negative COVID-19 test dated within 72 hours of their return to the state or quarantine for 14-days upon return to the state with limited exceptions.

Negative COVID-19 test results complying with this mandate may be forwarded to our school nurse, Mr. Jay Drumheller at [jdrumheller@muncysd.org](mailto:jdrumheller@muncysd.org) to facilitate a student's return to in-person instruction upon return from 'Out of State Travel.' Student and families who do not forward negative COVID-19 test results, must participate in our 'Real-Time' Distance Learning from Home (Synchronous) Instructional Model (Option #2) until negative COVID-19 results are received or 14-days have passed from returning to the state from 'Out of State Travel' with limited exceptions.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving Break, a friendly reminder that the following days are considered student holidays: (a) Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, (b) Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, (c) Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, (d) Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and (d) Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

If you need to contact the school district over the break due to COVID-19 related issues, please leave a voicemail with our school nurse, Mr. Jay Drumheller by calling 570-546-3125 and entering his direct extension (Ext. # 1160). Please continue to let us know if you become sick with [COVID-19 Symptoms](#), if you are being tested for COVID-19, if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms, if you are exposed to someone who is a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, and if you are traveling out of the state. By continually working together we can help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and our community.

The continuity of our educational environment involves every individual working together to practice universal precautions as follows:

- **If sick, please stay home.** Please use the updated [symptom-screening tool](#) prior to having your child(ren) ride the school bus or attend school in the morning. Immediately seek medical advice/attention if one has symptoms of COVID-19.
- **Practice good hand hygiene** by regularly washing your hands, using hand sanitizer when unable to wash your hands and avoid touching your face and eyes.
- **To the maximum extent possible, maintain a physical or social distance from others.** If possible, try to maintain a physical or social distance of at least six (6) feet from others. If not possible, maintain as much physical or social distance as possible based on the circumstances.
- **Wear face coverings at all times with [limited exceptions](#),** even when able to keep six feet apart. All face coverings need to cover both the mouth and the nose. Face coverings should be worn by all individuals at all times while on school property.

We are so grateful for everyone's efforts in helping us to provide continuous learning opportunities as well as extracurricular and athletic experiences for our students and families. We cannot THANK YOU enough for your continued cooperation, flexibility and support as we move forward together (# ONE TRIBE! MUNCY PRIDE!).

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

1. For school health related question and concerns, please contact Jay Drumheller at [jdrumheller@muncysd.org](mailto:jdrumheller@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 1160.
2. For district related questions and concerns, please contact Linda Kneedler at [lkneedler@muncysd.org](mailto:lkneedler@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 2040
3. For high school related questions and concerns, please contact Nicole Edwards at [nedwards@muncysd.org](mailto:nedwards@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 3220
4. For elementary school related questions and concerns, please contact Vickie Conner at [vconner@muncysd.org](mailto:vconner@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 1100
5. For special education related questions and concerns, please contact Cheryl Good at [cgood@muncysd.org](mailto:cgood@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 1250
6. For food service related questions and concerns, please contact Tom Kuntz at [tkuntz@muncysd.org](mailto:tkuntz@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 1120
7. For athletic related questions and concerns, please contact Curt Chilson at [cchilson@muncysd.org](mailto:cchilson@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 3630
8. For transportation related questions and concerns, please contact Kay Buck at [kay@susquehannabus.com](mailto:kay@susquehannabus.com) or 570-935-0542
9. For questions and concerns related to cleaning products or cleaning procedures, please contact Jerry Knier at [jknier@muncysd.org](mailto:jknier@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 3720
10. For questions and concerns related to technology, please contact Chris Frey at [cfrey@muncysd.org](mailto:cfrey@muncysd.org) or 570-546-3125 ext. 7777

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay Strong!

Happy Thanksgiving to All,

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