

WE HAVE A PLAN TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY SAFE



FACE TO FACE LEARNING FAQ
REOPENING
PLAN 2020

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Questions? Email us at service.desk@detroitk12.org

As of July 29, 2020

Face to Face Learning

Question: What safety measures are in place for face-to-face learning?

Answer: The District will: perform daily temperature and health screenings for employees and students, require frequent hand-washing, require masks indoors and provide face shields for teachers, implement daily cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces, maintain small class sizes and social distancing, ensure proper ventilation, and promote practices such as staying home when sick.

Question: Will staggered scheduling (such as varied start time and passing times) be used to decrease students in hallways?

Answer: No, however, schools will identify additional entry points to encourage distancing as students are entering school. Schools may modify traditional schedules to limit transitions and hallway movement.

Question: What will specials/elective classes and recess look like in the upcoming school year?

Answer: All classes will practice social distancing to the extent possible as recommended by the CDC. Daily, staff will review distancing and cleanliness protocols that support the safety of all students and staff, including while overseeing recess. Please speak with your child about why certain actions are being taken in a manner that expresses care and concern — rather than fear. The District is working hard to maintain students' access to elective courses, however, there may be more limited elective offerings based on social distancing and online learning requirements.

Question: How will schools with large student bodies be able to social distance?

Answer: Based on parent and family engagement, most schools will operate below 50% capacity based on the face to face or online learning option. This will mean much smaller class sizes and groups of students in schools and in areas such as cafeterias or auditoriums.

Question: If students or teachers are sent home upon temperature checks, will they be able to host or participate in online learning for the rest of the day?

Some students, either due to illness or other special circumstances, may not be able to come physically to school and will benefit from access to online instruction from home during the day or during non-school hours. When students attend face to face, they will become familiar with online platforms so they can easily transition between in person and online instruction.

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Question: Will students be required to get tested for COVID prior to returning to school?

Answer: For summer school, students were required to get a COVID test for face-to-face learning. At this time, we do not plan to have students tested before returning to school this fall. We do encourage students and families who have any symptoms or exposure to be tested. All DPSCD employees will be tested before returning to school. No-cost testing is available for any resident of Southeast Michigan at the City of Detroit drive-through testing centers. An appointment is required and can be scheduled by calling 313-230-0505.

Question: Will before and after school care and after school clubs still meet?

Answer: Several schools have shown interest in offering before and after school care. The District is working to create structures for clubs, such as Academic Games, Chess, and Robotics to be offered online. As in any year, these offerings are subject to the willingness of an adult or educator to coach or host the club/team. We anticipate that there will be a limited number of in-person offerings of these opportunities throughout the District as well.

Question: How will breakfast, lunch, and snacks be provided to students?

Answer: Students will be served Breakfast on the Go after clearing screening as they enter the building. Breakfast will be consumed in the classroom. Students will also report to the identified serving area in the building to receive lunch and will then report back to the classroom to consume their meal. Snacks will also be served in classrooms.

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