

**Tully CSD**  
**Community Presentation**

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Reopening Our Schools

August 2020

# **Tonight's Agenda**

- Introductions
- Summary of our Reopening Plan
- Address Questions Submitted via the Google Form

\*Please note that Wednesday's Presentation will be recorded and posted to our Reopening Website.

# TES Grades PK-6

- Two Options:
  - Five day week remote learning.
  - Five day a week in-person learning.
  
- We will try to accommodate parental requests to change a student's placement, unless this request impacts the safety of other students. For example, if a request results in increased in-person enrollment and thus impacts our ability to ensure proper social distancing in classrooms, we may not be able to accommodate it.

# **JSHS Grades 7-12**

- Two Options.
  - Five day week remote learning.
  - Hybrid Learning Model (2-1-2) with Wednesday as remote day for all.
  - ELL students, students without reliable internet, students with IEPs all have the option for four days in-person learning
- CTE, CAS, 7-Valley Tech, New Vision, TASC, BOCES Special Education Programs all five days per week in-person.
- We will try to accommodate parental requests to change a student's placement, unless this request impacts the safety of other students. For example, if a request results in increased in-person enrollment and thus impacts our ability to ensure proper social distancing in classrooms, we may not be able to accommodate it.

# Transportation

- On School Buses:
  - Strive to maintain one student per seat.
  - Family members may sit in same seat.
  - Masks required at all times on school buses
  
- Regarding parent morning drop-off and afternoon pickup, we are still working on details regarding how best to manage this.

# **Masks/Face Coverings**

- Required to be worn at all times on buses and on the school campus.
- Students, faculty, staff will be allowed mask breaks:
  - When eating.
  - When alone in an office or classroom.
  - During instructional time as designated by building principals/teachers.
  
- There may be medical exemptions for some students.

# Social Distancing

- Six (6) feet of separation:
  - Sitting in desks.
  - Walking in hallways.
  - Standing in line.
- Barriers can be used when six (6) feet of separation is not practical/possible
- Follow directional arrows in hallways

# School Visitors

- In general visitors will be discouraged from entering our school buildings.
- Visitors who do enter our schools must:
  - Complete a COVID-19 survey to attest they have no symptoms and do not meet other risk factors.
  - Wear masks & practice good social distancing etiquette.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be done virtually if at all possible.
- Typically vendors will remain maintenance areas of the schools.



# COVID-19 Screenings for Students

- Temperature screenings must be done daily:
  - Before getting on the bus.
  - Before entering the schools (walkers and drop-offs).
  - Can be done by parents or school personnel.
  - We are investigating ways for school personnel to do this.
  
- Parents must complete a screening questionnaire periodically for each child. There are both electronic and paper options for doing this.

# **COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire for Faculty/Staff**

- Must be done daily, before reporting to work.

# COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire

Have you:

- Been in contact in the past 14 days with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- Been notified by your medical provider or a local government official to remain home because of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Had a fever of 100.0 or greater now or in the past 14 days?
- Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?

# **Students/Faculty/Staff with COVID-19 Symptoms During the School Day**

- School nurses will evaluate students/faculty/staff who present COVID-19 symptoms.
- As a general rule, those with symptoms will be sent home.
- Students with symptoms will be segregated from others until they are picked up by a parent/guardian.

# **Students/Faculty/Staff Who Screen Positive COVID-19**

- To return to school/work those who screen positive for COVID-19 must either:
  - Present a note from a physician clearing them to return to school/work, or:
  - Present a negative COVID-19 test result in lieu of physician's note.
- Our District Medical Director may review physician's notes/test results.
- Our School Nurses may be able to help facilitate scheduling COVID-19 tests.

# COVID-19 Symptoms - Per the CDC

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

# Initial COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

- Initial COVID-19 diagnostic testing will be:
  - Offered through Onondaga County prior to start of school.
  - Voluntary for faculty/staff/students.
  - Done at mobile testing sites, strategically located throughout the County.
  - Done by appointment, scheduled via the Onondaga County Health Department Website.
  - A quick turn around nasal test (results should come back quickly).

# Ongoing COVID-19 Surveillance Testing

- Ongoing COVID-19 surveillance testing will be:
  - Done by Onondaga County during school year.
  - Voluntary for students/faculty/staff.
  - Available to students with written parent permission.
  - Done at the school.
  - A saliva based pool test (i.e.: common test for 12 people, and if positive those 12 will be individually tested).
  - A quick turn around test (results should come back quickly).



# Positive COVID-19 Test Results

- Tully Schools can not share personal health information with the community, but we will send out a general notice if someone in the schools tests positive.
- The Onondaga County Health Department notifies individual people, via the process of contact tracing, if they have been exposed.
- Local school districts make the decision regarding closing schools, in collaboration with the Onondaga County Health Department.

# Contact Tracing

- The Onondaga County Health Department (OCHD) conducts contract tracing.
- Local school districts supply the OCHD with information to help facilitate this process.
- The Onondaga County Health Department notifies people, via the contact tracing process, regarding potential exposure to COVID-19.

# Cleaning/Disinfecting

- We have recently hired two new custodians.
- We have purchased additional cleaning equipment and supplies to help with nightly cleaning/disinfecting.
- We are re-assigning some maintenance/custodial staff to allow for regular, ongoing daytime cleaning/disinfecting of high touch surfaces.
- We will be following CDC cleaning protocols.
- We will be cleaning/disinfecting buses after each bus run.

# **PPE & Air Filtration**

- We have purchased an anticipated three month supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Students/faculty/staff may supply their own PPE, provided it meets minimum guidelines.
- We have installed MERV 13 filters throughout the campus (up from MERV 8).
- We are investigating additional air filtration options.

# Start of 2020-21 School Calendar

- Pending Board Approval, we anticipate the following dates for the start of the 2020-21 school year:
  - Wednesday, September 2nd - Superintendent Conference Day
  - Thursday, September 3rd - Superintendent Conference Day
  - Tuesday, September 8th - Superintendent Conference Day
  - Wednesday, September 9th - Superintendent Conference Day
  
  - Thursday, September 10th - First Day for Grades PK-2 and 7-12 Cohort 1
  - Friday, September 11th - First Day for Grades 3-6 and 7-12 Cohort 2

# School Closures

- Health related school closure decisions will be made in collaboration with the Onondaga County Health Department.
- We may encounter school closures as a result of staffing shortages.
- We will use SchoolMessenger to announce emergency school closures.
- We will make every effort to communicate school closures in a timely fashion.

# Questions/Comments

Discussion of questions/comments submitted via the Google Form (see link in the Announcements Section of the District Homepage).