

# Schoharie

Central School District

## Community Update

November 16, 2020



# Today's Meeting

**Review Reopening Plan**

**Updates to Reopening Plan**

**Clarification of FAQs**

# Reopening Review

District reopening plan is posted on the school website

<http://www.schoharieschools.org>

Reopening forum (August 10th) can be viewed:

<https://www.schoharieschools.org/the-aug-10-reopening-public-forum-recording-is-available/>

As updates occur, the district will communicate via email and school messenger. **THIS SITUATION IS FLUID!**

# Masks

All Staff and students **are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth with no gaps** at all times during the school day, with the exception of teacher scheduled mask breaks:

- Face shields alone are not an acceptable face covering.
- Bandanas and neck gaitors are **not** considered acceptable face coverings.
- This includes when students are seated at their desks.
- The district will work with families whose children have a medical concern regarding wearing a mask (documentation is required).

This is based on current County, State, and CDC Guidance.

# Updates to plan - Since September 2020

- **Pre-K moved to 5 days a week 9:00-12:00**
- **Students have been returning to in-person learning**
  - CTE Students
  - Students with IEPs and 504's
  - Students (based on Teacher and Counselor recommendations)
- **Using antimicrobial / disinfectant spray on buses and throughout school buildings**
- **Building air handlers increasing outside airflow by 50% in classrooms**
- **As of today, no positive cases within district staff / students**
- **Tents have been removed without an impact on programming**

# Updates to plan - Since September 2020

- **Attendance & Discipline rates**
- **Technology Enhancements**
  - 295 Chromebooks have been ordered (and received)
  - 100 Cameras for classrooms
  - Network speed increased (doubled wifi capacity)
- **Additional fabric masks for staff and students**
- **Number of virtual students has decreased district wide**
- **Social Emotional Support is strong**
- **People are attesting regularly**

# Concerns

- **Issues around virtual learning**
  - Attendance & Participation
  - Behavioral expectations at home in an online learning environment
- **Physical Education**
  - Weather
- **Overall Academic Success**
  - Maintaining high expectations while being in tune with student needs

# Concerns

- **Communication**
  - Nursing
  - Teacher to Parents and vice versa
- **Classroom Management / Cohort Model**
  - Paraprofessionals and Teachers
- **Sports and Extracurriculars**
  - Under the direction of County and NYS
- **Full remote learning (if directed by county DOH or NYS)**



# Addressing Concerns

- **Working to bring more students back to full in person learning**
  - Utilize larger spaces district wide
- **Consideration of 10th period / structured study halls**
- **Working to implement updated guidance as we receive it**
- **Professional development on virtual learning / hybrid learning**
- **PE will be spaced out throughout building in HS**
- **Students will engage in low-impact activities indoors**
- **More outdoor winter sport activities will be offered**

# Frequently Asked Questions

**A switch from remote to in-person or vice versa does not guarantee you the same teacher in the elementary school.**

**In person learners who do not attend in person are marked absent, but can make up the work (in Schoology and Google Classroom).**