

East Granby Public Schools

Reopening Planning Document Fall 2020

Connecticut State Department of Education

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together

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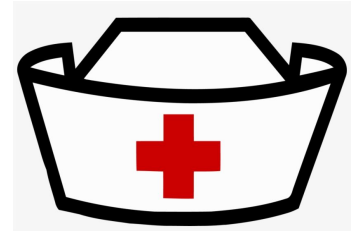


Feedback / Input / Guidance

- **Committees**
 - Health and Safety
 - Curriculum and Instruction
 - Facilities and Operations
- **Surveys for Preliminary Data**
 - Families
 - EGPS Staff
- **Guidance**
 - Governor Executive Orders (EO)
 - CT State Dept of Education (CSDE)
 - Center for Disease Control (CDC)
 - CT Department of Public Health (DPH)
 - Farmington Valley Health District (FVHD)



Isolation / Quarantine Protocols - Return to School



Farmington Valley Health District:

- **Protocols when isolation or quarantine is required**
- **Guidance when a student or adult may return to the school building**
- **Typical and less typical symptoms and when the decision will be made for a student or adult to be dismissed**
- **Tracing ~ Notifications when a student / adult has symptoms / been exposed / tests positive and the next steps in those situations?**

Survey Results



Total Responses: 702 / 845 (7/17/2020)

- **Parent / Guardian:**
 - **60% of families plan to send their child(ren) back for in-school learning**
 - **10% of families will not be sending their children back for in-school learning**
 - **29% of families are unsure**

- **Transportation :**
 - **66% of families are willing and able to transport their child**
 - **34% of families plan to use the bus to transport their children to school**

Return to School



- Bob McGrath is the COVID-19 Health and Safety Compliance Liaison
 - coronavirus@eastgranby.k12.ct.us
- Covid 19 district webpage
 - <https://www.eastgranby.k12.ct.us/parents/covid-19/>
 - Communications to families and staff
 - Meal and Health Resources
 - Resources from School Counseling
 - Google Meet Tutorial
 - Social and Emotional supports
 - FAQ
- Connecticut State Department of Education Resources for Families
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>
- CSDE Frequently Asked Questions
 - <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Digest/2020-21/Reopening-FAQs.pdf>

2020-2021 School Calendar



- **CSDE has issued flexibility in the 180 day requirement for students and may be acted on by local Boards of Education. For the 2020-2021 school year; students are required to attend school for 177 days.**
- **The additional three days must be used prior to the start of the school year for the purposes including but not limited to:**
 - **additional training and professional development days to adjust to and educate on new requirements or policies related to health and safety in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;**
 - **time for educators and staff to plan classroom set-up and consider changes to facilities required to maximize safety measures;**
 - **social-emotional services to staff, and training to prepare them to provide that support to students.**

Transportation



Thank you M&J Transportation for engaging in committee conversations and partnering with us for best solutions

- **Low Risk**
 - Up to full capacity
 - All students must wear masks
 - Disinfecting between cohorts
 - Loading and unloading in controlled manner
- **Moderate Risk**
 - Reduced capacity, students should be 6ft. apart unless from the same household
- **Drop Off and Pick Up**
 - Revised procedures will be communicated by principals before the start of school.

Health and Safety



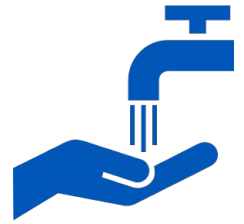
- **Social Distancing**

- East Granby Public Schools will maximize space by arranging furniture as needed to maximize social distancing.
- Instructional strategies will be modified to support social distancing.
- Areas of large space will be repurposed to support teaching and learning with social distancing.

- **Masks**

- Face covering for all students and staff are required by the Governor and the CSDE when inside the school building. The following are exceptions:
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance, per CDC guidance.
 - Anyone who has a medical reason making it unsafe to wear a face covering

Health and Safety



- **Hand Washing**
 - Proper handwashing techniques will be reviewed with students at the start of school.
 - District is researching temporary hand washing stations to be placed in buildings where access to sinks are limited.

- **Hand Sanitizer**
 - The district has purchased hand sanitizer dispensers that will be mounted throughout the buildings.

Health and Safety



- **Signage**
 - The district will be posting signage upon entry and throughout each building
 - Wash hands / social distancing / masks
 - Traffic patterns
- **Material Sharing**
 - Protocols will be developed to minimize multiple students sharing high touch materials to the extent possible
- **Fire and Crisis Drills**
 - Administrators are working under the guidance of fire and safety officials and will follow required and recommended practices

Cohorting and Hallway Traffic Flow



- Elementary students will remain with their classroom cohort throughout the day with multiple outdoor breaks and recesses, weather permitting. Specials will rotate a week at a time in cohort classrooms.
- Middle school students will remain with the same cohort throughout the day to the greatest extent possible.
- Given the range of courses and class requirements, East Granby High School will cluster grade level subjects together, to the greatest extent possible, to maximize social distancing for students.
- Hallway traffic will be designed to best maintain social distance.
- Locker protocols will be determined. Backpacks will be allowed in class.

Cleaning and Disinfecting



- **Increased cleaning and disinfecting**
 - **Custodians will receive training that aligns with CDC guidelines**
 - **Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected two times a day while building is occupied.**
 - **All high touch hard surfaces to be cleaned and disinfected daily.**
 - **EGPS have purchased electrostatic sprayers to assist in disinfecting.**
 - **Classroom cleaning protocols being developed in alignment with CDC guidelines.**

Lunch/Snack



- East Granby is a “brown bag” school system.
- The district will follow CDC guidelines limiting volunteers/visitors in the building. As an example: Student and PTO sponsored hot lunch offerings are temporarily suspended.
- Milk will be offered for sale.
- Elementary students will eat in classrooms.
- Middle School and High School students will eat in larger areas allowing for social distancing: gym / commons
- Vending machine and microwave use will be determined with guidance from FVHD

Special Education / 504 Plans

English Language Learners



- Transitional Activities (August)
- Evaluations and the PPT/504 Process
- Service Delivery Model
- Protocols for Occupational Therapy / Physical Therapy / Speech and Language

After School Activities



- **Use of buildings and activities may be affected as a function of space limitations**
 - **Clubs and activities**
 - **Town use**
 - **Outside group rentals**
- **All groups using a school building must submit a plan of action demonstrating compliance with district Covid policies.**
- **The district will work with the after school care program held at Allgrove School**

Athletics

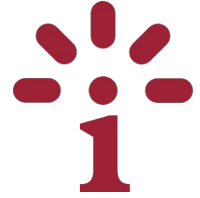


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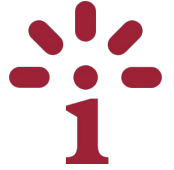
CIAC Resocialization to Interscholastic and Activities Programs Guidelines
<https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/CIACResocializationofAthleticsGuidanceUpdated6-29-2020.pdf>

CIAC COVID-19 Updates
https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/CIAC_COVID-19_Updates.pdf

Learning Pathways



- There are three models for returning to school, as required by the state.
- EGPS has polled parents regarding distance learning (DL) and returning to the building in the fall. In addition, parent and community representatives are on the Reopening 2020 Committee for Curriculum.
- Similarly, faculty and students have given feedback on what was effective for teaching and learning from our spring experience.
- The district has added some online subscriptions and apps to its repertoire for the fall, from simplified logins to greater access to reading materials.
- Additional faculty and staff training will occur for possible future DL.
- We are examining various scheduling models for optimum participation.



Professional Development

- Faculty and staff will receive professional development (PD) on the following: signs and symptoms of COVID-19, standard public health protocols, hygiene practices, PPE usage, reporting illness
- Also, we will provide training focusing on the social-emotional well being of students and adults.
- Technology training for new programs will be made available for on-demand access, either through providers or in-house
- Time for additional training for distance learning PD is allotted in our plans

COVID-19 Expenses



- **Current Purchases**
 - Personal Protection Equipment
 - Technology / Licences and Subscriptions
 - Cleaning and disinfecting materials and supplies
- **Future Purchases**
 - Desk shields for staff
 - Portable handwashing station
- **Future Labor Costs**
 - Bus monitors / healthroom aides / custodial / paraprofessionals

Questions / Comments

Please direct questions / comments to:

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