

The Dillon Child Study Center Re-Opening Plan 2020-2021 for the New York State Department of Health

I. Re-Opening of School Facilities for In-Person Instruction

- Assuming that the New York City DOHMH, the governor and the mayor allow us to do so, the school will be open starting on September 14, 2020. This will be an ease in week, where children attend for two hours on the first day, three hours on the second day, four hours on the third day, five hours on the fourth day, and six hours on the fifth day.
- The first full day of school will be on September 21, 2020. Children and their parents/guardians will already have had at least one Zoom visit with their teachers in August, and then an in-person visit to the school (with no other children present) the week prior to the first day of school.
- Parents will not be allowed in the school building once school starts, nor will any volunteers or delivery persons. If work needs to be done in the building, workers will be required to submit to the health screening and the work must be done before or after school hours.
- The school will follow all guidance related to health and safety, fire code compliance, DOHMH inspection and lead testing.
- Student drop-off and pick-up will take place outdoors, and will be staggered, and three different entrances will be used to minimize gatherings of children and their caregivers for the mandatory health screening and the sign in/sign out protocol.
- Signage about proper hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and disposal of PPE will be posted outside and throughout the building in appropriate areas.
- Portable hand sanitizer stations will be on each floor, and each classroom will have its own hand sanitizing product, as well as access to its own sink with running water, soap and paper towels.

II. Monitoring of Health Conditions

- Parents have been instructed to observe for signs of illness and to keep their child home if he/she is demonstrated them.
- Every child and staff member will complete a mandatory health screening each day before they enter the building. This will include the answering of a list of

- questions, as well as a touchless temperature check. We will maintain records that confirm individuals were screened, as well as the results of the screening.
- Staff have been trained to recognize the symptoms of illness, and all students and staff will be assessed by the school nurse in a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up, if they have fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 that are not explained by a chronic health condition.
 - The educational director or school nurse will immediately notify the DOHMH of any disease reportable under the public health law.

III. Containment of Potential Transmission of 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19)

- A maximum of 10 students will be enrolled in each classroom, and all pods will be kept separate from other pods, including both teachers and students.
- All employees will wear a face covering whenever in the presence of students, and whenever social distancing cannot be maintained when they are not in the presence of students.
- Students will wear cloth masks during the mandatory health screening each morning, when in the public spaces of the school building, during circle time, and when singing will take place.
- All staff and students will be given instruction in proper hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene, and the protocol of washing hands immediately upon entering the building, and during every classroom transition, will be observed.
- Classroom furniture will be set up to provide social distancing.
- Rest mats will be set up at least 6 feet apart, and the students will be arranged head-to-toe, so that no two children are facing one another.
- The classrooms, public spaces, bathrooms, and classroom materials will be cleaned and disinfected according to CDC guidelines.
- The After Care program has been discontinued for the 2020-2021 academic year due to its potential for transmission of the virus.
- School Safety Drills will be conducted with modifications to ensure social distancing.
- The hallways and staircases will be designated as one-way to prevent cross-contamination.
- All staff areas in the building will be set up to allow for social distancing, or limited to one person at a time when social distancing cannot be provided.

Equipment that must be shared (e.g. the copier) will require a disinfecting protocol in between uses, and materials to conduct the disinfection will be stored by the equipment, along with a cleaning log.

- The school nurse has been designated as the COVID-19 Safety Coordinator whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the school's re-opening plan.

IV. Closure of School Facilities and In-Person Instruction

- If a student or teacher in a pod tests positive for COVID-19, all persons in that pod will be notified according to FERPA guidelines, and all must quarantine for 14 days before returning to school. During that time, instruction will revert to remote.
- If a close contact of a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19, but the child or teacher does not test positive, the pod in total will not have to quarantine, although the student or staff member in question must quarantine for 14 days before returning to school.
- If there are multiple positive cases of COVID-19 in the school building affecting more than one pod, and/or the DOHMH, the mayor or the governor of New York closes schools, instruction will revert to remote.
- Remote instruction will include bi-weekly video phone calls to each family, daily live Zooms, and bi-weekly teacher-made videos of classroom activities housed on YouTube. All instruction will be aligned with the outcomes in the New York State Early Learning Standards, and all head teachers responsible for remote instruction will be NYS certified.