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### **5310.1 HEALTH SERVICES**

#### Pandemic Reopening and Recovery

- A. Students are required to wear face coverings, unless doing so would inhibit the student's health. It is necessary to acknowledge that enforcing the use of face coverings may be impractical for young children or individuals with disabilities. Exceptions:
1. Wearing a face covering would inhibit the student's health;
  2. The student is in extreme heat outdoors;
  3. The student is in water;
  4. A student's documented medical condition, or disability as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), precludes the use of face covering;
  5. The student is under the age of two (2), due to the risk of suffocation;
  6. During the period that a student is eating or drinking;
  7. Face coverings should not be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance (e.g. face coverings should not be worn by Pre-K students during nap time);
  8. The student is engaged in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic activities;
  9. Face coverings may be removed during gym and music classes when individuals are in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet apart;
  10. When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.
- B. Screening and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
1. Adequate amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be available, accessible, and provided for use by staff and students.
  2. School staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or the individual is under two years of age.
  3. Staff and students shall be screened for entry into the school building;
  4. The principal or his or her designee shall develop a school entry plan that includes:
    - a. Staff assigned to do the screening;
    - b. Designated entrances that will be used to admit students;
    - c. The assignment of classes and grades to designated entrances and/or designated entrance times;
  5. Staff must visually check students for symptoms upon arrival (which may include temperature checks) and/or confirm with families that students are free of COVID-19 symptoms;

6. Health checks must be conducted safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations;
7. Results must be documented when signs/symptoms of COVID-19 are observed;
8. Screening procedures shall take into account students with disabilities and accommodations that may be needed in the screening process for those students;

C. Procedures for symptomatic staff and students:

1. The school principal or his or her designee shall establish an isolation space;
2. Students and staff with symptoms related to COVID-19 shall be safely and respectfully isolated from others. Students should remain in isolation with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult;
3. Staff must provide continuous monitoring of symptoms;
4. The current Communicable Disease Service guidance for illness reporting shall be followed;
5. If a staff member becomes aware that an individual who has spent time in a district facility tests positive for COVID-19, the staff members shall notify the principal and the school nurse. The school nurse shall immediately notify local health officials, staff, and families of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality;

D. Preparations for when someone tests positive for COVID-19:

1. The current Communicable Disease Service guidance for illness reporting shall be followed;
2. Readmittance to school shall be consistent with Department of Health guidance and information for schools and Department of Health/Communicable Disease Service's Quick Reference Guidance on Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Home Isolation for Persons Diagnosed with COVID-19;
3. Contact tracing shall be initiated including records of groups/cohorts, assigned staff, and daily attendance.

E. Protocols to address a positive case:

Students and employees may be asked to leave or not come into school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19, based on CDC guidance that is not otherwise explained:

1. A fever of 100° F or greater;
2. Cough;
3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
4. Chills;
5. Repeated shaking with chills;
6. Muscle pain;
7. Headache;
8. Sore throat;
9. New loss of taste or smell;
10. Fatigue;

11. Congestion or runny nose;
12. Nausea or vomiting;
13. Diarrhea.

The NJDOE Guidance: *The Road Back: Restart and Recovery* at:  
<https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/>

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