

Califon School Reopening Plan

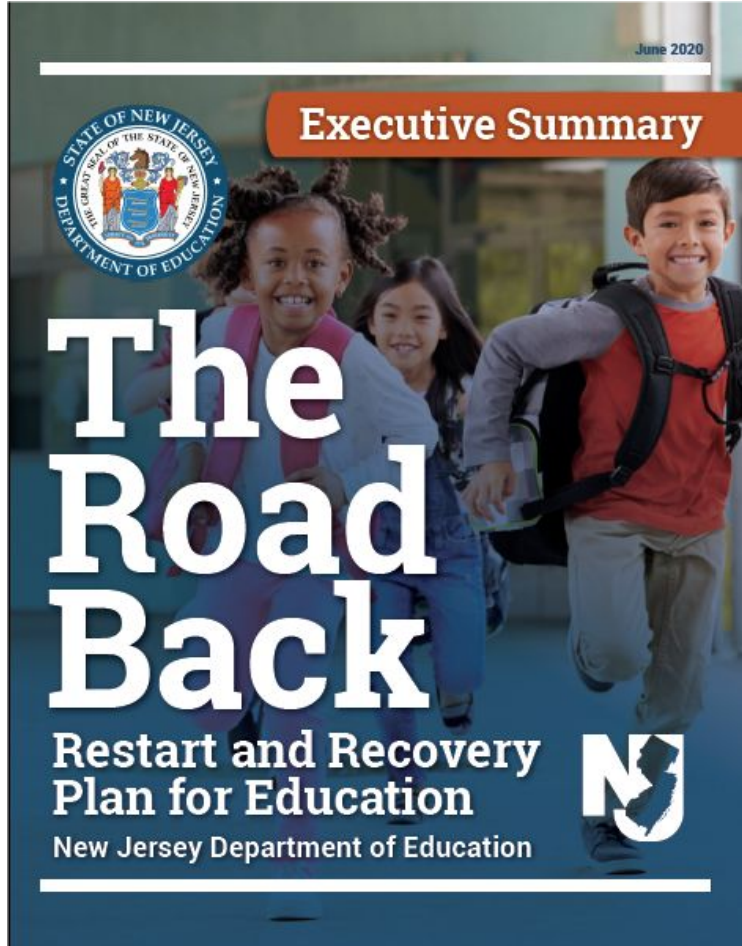
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Goals

- To ensure a safe learning environment for a return to instruction for students and staff.
- To establish protocols for daily disinfection of the school.
- To establish protocols for illness response and reporting to DOH if necessary.
- To establish daily schedules and routines to ensure safety for students and staff.
- To address the impact of closure and reopening on the social emotional learning of students.
- To address communication with families and staff while keeping current with the most up to date information.
- To address policy for both instructional and financial impacts of closure and reopening.



The NJ Department of Education has presented guidance related to four key areas:

- Conditions for Learning (*10 required components described in this presentation*)
- Leadership and Planning (*Suggests the creation of a Restart Committee and school-based teams for planning*)
- Policy and Funding (*Provides considerations to offset fiscal challenges related to the safe reopening of school*)
- Continuity of Learning (*Suggests a focus on Special Education and Related Services, Technology, Professional Learning, and Curriculum and Instruction*)

Critical Areas of Operation New Jersey Department of Education

1. General Health and Safety Guidelines
2. Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms
3. Transportation
4. Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas
5. Screening, PPE, and Response to Students and Staff Presenting Symptoms
6. Contact Tracing
7. Facilities Cleaning Practices
8. Meals
9. Recess/Physical Education
10. Extracurricular Activities and Use of Facilities Outside of School Hours

School & District Planning Teams

- Reopening Committee (Representatives from California staff, parents, BOE and Administration)
 - Virtual Learning Subcommittee
 - Social Emotional Learning(SEL) Subcommittee
 - Climate & Culture Subcommittee
- Pandemic Response team (school-based)

Demographic Information

Total Student Population	79
Grade PK	15
Grade K	10
Grade 1	6
Grade 2	6
Grade 4	9
Grade 5	6
Grade 6	7
Grade 7	5
Grade 8	15

Recommended Reopening Model

In-Person Instruction

Overview:

- **Adjustment of September calendar**
- **Staggered Arrival/Dismissal times**
- **Use of Masks & Social Distancing**
- **Instruction & lunch in classrooms**
- **Limit “cohort” mixing**
- **Increased sanitization**

Key considerations:

1. Protects to the greatest degree possible the health and well-being of students and staff.
2. Provides instructional consistency and sound practice.
3. Is sustainable in each of these key areas -
 - School community health
 - Teaching and learning
 - Personnel
 - Finance

September

Adjustment of September calendar:

August 31 & September 1- Staff Only

Week One: September 2- 4 Early Dismissal for students

Monday, September 7- Labor Day/No School

Week Two: September 8 & 9 - Early Dismissal for students

September 10 & 11 - Full Days

1. General Health & Safety Guidelines

Califon School will follow the recommendations of the CDC, NJDOH and NJDOE and adhere to the following:

- Students & staff will stay home when not feeling well.
- Students & staff will be screened daily.
- Social distancing and mask wearing when social distancing is not possible.
- Hand washing & sanitizing will be reinforced.
- Measures to limit gatherings such as arrival & dismissal will be followed.
- Measures to limit outside contact (visitors, assemblies, etc) will be implemented.

*Accommodations will be provided for high risk individuals or for those which wearing a mask is medically contraindicated.

2. Classrooms, Therapy & Testing Rooms

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for measures in the school environment which include:

- Classroom environments will be arranged to maximize social distancing.
- Students will remain in their classroom for all subjects except physical education.
- “Special area” subject teachers will travel to the students.
- Lunch will take place in classroom or outside as a class.
- Recess will take place in designated play areas for each class.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in all classrooms & outside restrooms throughout the school.
- Therapy rooms & offices will include the use of plexiglass barriers.

3. Transportation

Transportation is not an area of consideration for Califon School, however, the school does rely on busing for trips and activities.

At this time, no trips or activities will take place.

4. Student Flow, Entry, Exit & Common Areas

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for student flow, entry, exit & common areas which include:

- Limit large gatherings by utilizing multiple doors & staggering arrival/dismissal times.
 - **Arrival A-K (8:10-8:20) And L-Z (8:20-8:30)**
 - **Dismissal A-K (3:12) And L-Z (3:20)**
- Hallway traffic will be limited & utilize a one-way traffic pattern.
- Lunch will take place in classrooms.
- Recess areas will be designated for grade levels.

5. Screening, PPE & Response to Students & Staff Presenting Symptoms

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for measures in screening, PPE & response to illness which include:

- All Staff will wear masks.
- Students will wear masks at arrival, dismissal & during the day when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Staff will be screened daily upon arrival by the nurse.
- Students will be screened at home & reported by parents to the nurse daily.
- Staff will visually screen students upon arrival.
- Students that are symptomatic will be referred to the nurse & isolated until parent can pick up the child.

6. Contact Tracing

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for requirements in contact tracing which include providing the following information to the Hunterdon County DOH upon request.

- Staff contact information
- Parent contact information
- School logs

The process includes a report from the doctor directly to the DOH, contact with the school & contact with individuals who may have been exposed. Individual privacy is maintained in the process.

Contact tracing is mandated by the NJDOH for all communicable diseases & public health emergencies. Schools are also required to report known cases to the NJDOH.

7. Facilities Cleaning Practice

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for facility cleaning practices which include:

- Training for custodial staff regarding protocols.
- Increased sanitization throughout the day for all areas in building including restrooms, and frequent contact surfaces.
- Daily sanitization of playground equipment.
- Cleaning protocols utilizing EPA COVID-19 effective products.
- Shut off hand dryer blowers and install paper towels in restrooms.
- Shut off drinking fountains except bottle filler station.
- Provide hand sanitizer throughout the building and in classrooms.

8. Meals

Although the Califon School does not have a meal service program, Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance on serving of any food item which include:

- Continuation of the milk program utilizing safe handling practices.
- Reinforcement of “no food treats from home” practice.
- Reinforcement of “no sharing of food” practice.
- Lunch in classrooms/outside to begin the year.
- Delay in the PTA lunch program until safe practices are established such as pre-packaging at the restaurant.
- Delay the “going home for lunch” practice.

9.Recess/Physical Education

It is important for students to continue with physical activity during the day. Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for practices in recess & physical education which include:

- No mixing of grade levels for recess or physical education.
- Recess areas in designated areas per grade.
- Social distancing and/or mask wearing.
- Sanitization of equipment after individual use.
- Outdoor Physical education weather permitting.

10. Field Trips, Extra-Curricular Activities & Use of Facilities outside of School Hours

Califon School will follow the CDC, NJDOH & NJDOE guidance for field trips, activities & facilities use which include:

- No field trips
- No in-person extra-curricular activities
- Virtual clubs
- Virtual activities
- No outside use of facilities other than potential aftercare from 3-6pm daily.

Next Steps:

- Identify important **Califon traditions** & methods to continue those traditions in a safe & compliant manner.
- Review & update **Remote Learning Plan**
- Prepare for **Social Emotional Learning** needs of students
- Planning for assessments to **identify learning needs** and/or gaps
- Identify & **plan for students** who may not return to in-person instruction
- Determine need & finalize **aftercare program**
- Identify & prepare for **staff support**
- **Communicate opening information to parents**