

VENTNOR SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

(ALL SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON GUIDANCE FROM NJDOE,
NJDOH, SCHOOL PHYSICIAN, AND SCHOOL SOLICITOR)

August 6, 2020

Dr. Carmela Somershoe, Superintendent

REOPENING COMMITTEE

- Representation from a variety of stakeholders
 - Parents- Marissa Russo, Tiffany Hewitt, Denise McGeown
 - Teachers- Gina Perkins, Michele Masterman, Margie Master
 - Support Staff- Lucy Morgano
 - Administration- Carmela Somershoe, Rob Baker, Alison Ricciotti, Terri Nowotny
 - Board of Education- Lori Abbott
 - Maintenance and custodial- Ron Fenton
 - Technology- John Spencer
 - Nurses- Jane Ann Marrone, Taylor Nehmad
 - Food Service- Pattrica Pettigrosso
- In consultation with the NJDOE, NJDOH, school physician, and school solicitor

- CDC guidelines in place
- Frequent routine hand washing/ hand sanitizer stations
- Cleaning supplies in all classrooms, increased cleaning/ disinfecting building wide especially at high traffic areas
- Daily room cleaning and disinfecting checklist
- Cleaning and disinfecting sprayer
- Increased frequency of air filter changes
- Touchless soap dispensers installed in many areas
- Masks for all students and staff- 2 reusable masks will be provided for all. Outdoor mask breaks
- PPE- Gloves, masks, face shields, gowns on order
- Plexiglas dividers on order for desks and tables in classrooms
- Offices equipped with Plexiglas dividers

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Social distancing whenever possible
- Sharing of individual items discouraged
- Arrival and dismissal through a variety of entrances
- NJDOE Early Childhood recommendations in place for preschool
- Professional development on health and safety precautions for all staff
- Signage displayed for social distancing and hygiene reminders
- Backpacks required instead of locker use
- Cohorts in use with limited commingling between classes
- Breakfast delivered to classroom. Lunch may be in classroom or cafeteria
- Water fountains closed. Students encouraged to bring water bottles. Filling station available if needed

HEALTH AND SAFETY

STAFF AND STUDENTS SCREENING

- **Staff screening completed at home through a form prior to coming to school**
- **Parents complete student's screening completed at home through a form prior to coming to school**
- **As students enter, staff will visually check for symptoms**
- **Anyone with symptoms or a fever are to remain home.**
- **Random temperature checks may occur**



DISTRICT CALENDAR REVISION

- The District Calendar has been revised for all Professional Development for staff on September 1, 2, 3. Students will begin Full Day Hybrid Instruction on September 8, 2020.

REOPENING PLAN

Option 1: Hybrid schedule A/B cohorts. Families in the same cohort. In-person, full day 8:15am - 3:15pm.

	Cohort A	Cohort B
Monday	In-person	Remote
Tuesday	Remote	In-person
Wednesday	In-person	Remote
Thursday	Remote	In-person
Friday	Remote	Remote

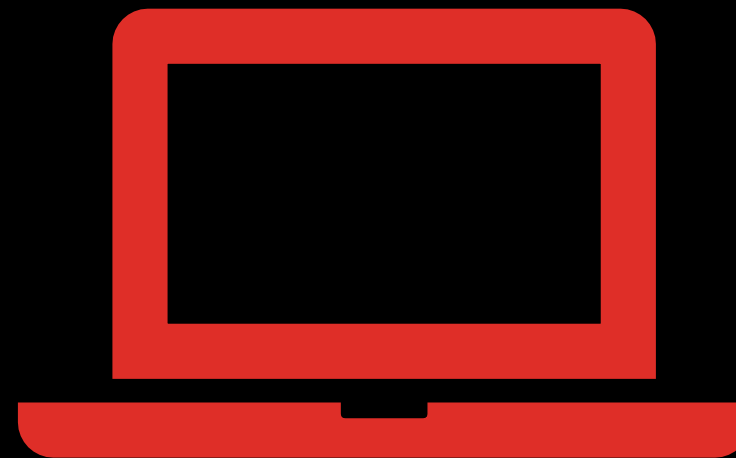
Option 2:

- **Remote learning as a full-time option after completing required registration. Participation and work completion required.**
- **School day consists synchronous and asynchronous instruction for 4 hours of student engagement a day, 2.5 hours for kindergarten**

- **Full school closure and return to all remote learning is a decision that can only be made by the governor. Guidance from the NJDOE requires districts to offer in-person learning with remote option given to families.**

REMOTE LEARNING OPTION

- Families must apply for remote learning by no later than August 13th via the online form
- One form for each student being registered for full-time remote learning
- Students can reenter in person at the start of the new marking period with 20-days' notice
- Technology support for fully remote learning option provided by district
- If a student begins the year in-person and wants to transition to remote, the parent or guardian must submit the written request to the principal
- If you should have additional questions, please contact your child's building principal or refer to Ventnor BOE Policy 6173.1 at www.veccnj.org



CURRICULUM

- **All curriculum continues to be aligned to New Jersey Student Learning Standards**
- **Creative Curriculum for Preschool with modified based on current guidance**
- **Fountas and Pinnell Classroom, Really Great Reading, Step Up to Writing**
- **Go Math, Big Ideas Math**
- **Pearson Science and Social Studies, Science Fusion**
- **Online Platform Microsoft Teams**
- **Online programs Achieve3000, SmartyAnts, IXL, Readinga-z, Raz-kids, SumDog, Discovery Education, Accelerated Reader**

TECHNOLOGY READINESS

- **1-1 devices for all students Grades 1-8**
- **Devices available for kindergarten if needed**
- **Upgraded staff devices**
- **AUP updated to allow for remote learning**
- **Improved monitoring and ability to provide technical support when devices are not on site**
- **Microsoft TEAMS professional learning for all staff to ensure usage during remote learning**
- **Professional development in additional web-based resources to be used in remote instruction by all staff**
- **Parent portal updates: Log in to Parent Portal to access your account in order to update/ verify your phone number, emergency contacts, and email address**

ENSURING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

- **In- person testing to begin 7/27 with CDC guidelines and social distancing regulations in place. State approved 7/2/2020**
- **District students in the greatest need of services may receive instruction in -person 4 days, remote 1 day**
- **Related services provided to eligible students during in -person learning days**
- **Cohort placement consideration based on related services provided**
- **Remote services allowable as of April 2020**
- **Increase monitoring of students in resource and inclusion who will be following general education cohort**
- **Increase monitoring of ELL students who will be following general education cohort**

PARENT DROP OFF/ PICK UP & TRANSPORTATION

- **Classroom doors and a variety of entrances will be used for drop off / pick up**
- **Contactless pick up through security**
- **Masks required from bus stop throughout ride and into building**
- **Maintain social distancing at the bus stop**
- **Buses at less than 50% capacity**
- **Allow for families will be seated together**
- **Families may choose to transport their own children**
- **Possible aides riding on the buses**
- **Coordination of busing for all surrounding high schools that our students attend based on their reopening schedules**
- **Details including revised bus stops and additional information will be forthcoming**

POSITIVE CASES

Initial contact regarding positive case may come from the Department of Health

Letters notifying parents and staff will be sent out by the district when directed by the Department of Health or School Physician

The district will maintain contact with the Department of Health and our school physician

Contact tracers from the Department of Health will be in contact with close contacts of the positive case. Close contacts are defined as individuals within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes

The close contacts will receive direction from the Department of Health to quarantine for 14 days

The district will follow the recommendations of the Department of Health with regard to cleaning, disinfecting, and possible school closure

The district is required to maintain confidentiality

Emergency school closure may occur. In the event that school needs to transition to remote learning for any reason in consultation with the Department of Health, Parents are asked to make childcare arrangements for one or more days.

FACILITIES/ EXTRACURRICULARS/ AFTERCARE

- In order to maintain the health and safety of the district employees and enrolled students there will be no outside visitors or volunteers, school sports, or use of facilities until further notice
- Limited after care only program starting with students at kindergarten level will be provided, no before care
- Students will need to preregister for program due to restrictions on number of students. No same day additions will be allowed.
- Weekly registration required.
- After care location will be based on student count
- Health and safety procedures will be in place for the program

FUNDING



The district is utilizing CARES funding, FEMA, as well as any applicable grant funding to navigate finances during pandemic conditions.



The district is reallocating funds in certain areas to help offset additional costs in the areas of supplies, cleaning, staffing and technology needs.



The district is negotiating with third party vendors for reduced contract expenses.



The district continues to use cooperative purchasing and our county business administrators are sharing vendor and purchasing information as appropriate.



Although survey was submitted regarding needs, district did not receive any allocation for Digital Divide funds



The district has maintenance reserve that could be used for facility needs

NEXT STEPS



Plan submission to the county office for review



Revisions will be made based on updated guidance and information



ALL PARTS OF THE PLAN SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON NJDOE, NJDOH, AND THE GOVERNOR

QUESTIONS

- Email questions to questions@veccnj.org
- Thank you to those families that have already asked questions. I have incorporated many of your questions directly into this updated presentation.

