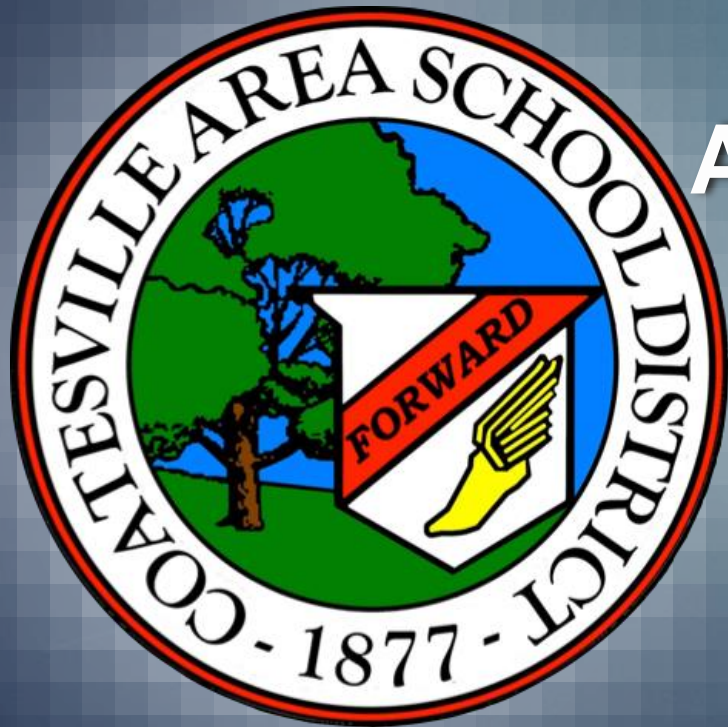


# COATESVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT



**A SAFE RETURN TO INCREASED  
IN-PERSON LEARNING**

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# Change in Chester County Health Department Guidance

- ▶ The Chester County Health Department (CCHD) issued new guidance that allows for schools to reduce distancing in order to increase the amount of in-person learning.
  - ▶ **6 feet still recommended, but no less than 3 feet between students.**
  - ▶ Staff must still remain 6 feet from other adults and from students.
  - ▶ Other mitigation efforts *must* remain in place (masking, hygiene, contact tracing, etc.)
  - ▶ An online/remote option must be offered
  - ▶ Change can occur when County achieves case counts of less than than 100 cases per 100,000 for 3 consecutive weeks.



# What Does This Mean For CASD?

- ▶ To the greatest extent possible – every effort will be made to meet the new recommendations issued by the Chester County Department of Health Guidelines
- ▶ Mitigation Strategies – process and procedures to be followed to assist with decreased risk of transmission and infection
- ▶ Social distancing model of minimum of 3 ft. in all instructional classrooms (6 feet from teachers to students, and adult to adult)
- ▶ Social distancing model of 6 ft. for all lunches
- ▶ In the event of having to close buildings or classrooms because of infection rates, students will receive instructional through a virtual platform until in-person learning can continue



# Areas of Importance to Increase In-Person Learning

## Communication to Staff and Families on Returning to In-Person Learning

- ▶ Schedules have been distributed
- ▶ Home screening
- ▶ Antigen testing - symptomatic
- ▶ Mask requirement – no gaiters
- ▶ Commitment forms from families to determine student numbers per classroom
  - ▶ 80% in-person
  - ▶ 20% virtual

## Creating New Social Distancing Models

- ▶ Apply new guidelines to the social distancing model in each building
- ▶ Square footage addressed
- ▶ 4-day instruction model with continued use of asynchronous Wednesdays



# Areas of Importance to Increase In-Person Learning

## Facilities

- ▶ Staffing
- ▶ Classroom models
- ▶ Furniture moves
- ▶ PPE inventory
- ▶ Water coolers

## Food Service

- ▶ Breakfast
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Cafeteria guidelines, 6 ft. distance
- ▶ Recess
- ▶ General purpose tents



# Areas of Importance to Increase In-Person Learning

## Staffing

- ▶ Quarantine
- ▶ Coverage
- ▶ Closure
- ▶ Vaccinations underway as of Friday

## Transportation

- ▶ Orientation for kindergarten students
- ▶ Number of virtual students to return
- ▶ Turn around time for changes
- ▶ Staffing bus runs
- ▶ Consolidation of bus runs
- ▶ PPE and safety procedures



# Areas of Importance To Increase In-Person Learning

## Childcare

- ▶ ACP will continue to hold their program at Reeceville.
- ▶ Transportation will be provided from Reeceville to each student's home school in the morning.
- ▶ Transportation will also be provided back to Reeceville at the end of the day for students participating in the after-school care.

## COVID Testing

- ▶ Antigen testing for students and employees
- ▶ CCIU/CASD Sites
- ▶ MOA between the School Board and Chester County Health Department



# Recommendation for In-Person Learning

**Providing case counts continue to fall, all students return to in-person learning March 15, 2021.**

- ▶ **In Grades K - 7, in-person learning four to five days a week.**
  - ▶ Every other Wednesday remains a virtual day.
- ▶ **In Grades 8 - 12, students will be able to attend in-person learning two to three days a week, in a A/B hybrid model.**
  - ▶ Every other Wednesday would remain a virtual day.
- ▶ **Virtual option**



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## Questions

