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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With the start of the school year only weeks away, we wanted to provide the most current information to our parents, guardians, and students in the Susquehanna Community School District. The school year will open on Monday, August 31, 2020, with a full reopening with all students in the schools. A revised calendar is included. There were also minor changes to the Health and Safety Plan which can be found on the website. There are two significant changes:

1. Vital Oxide does not protect surfaces for 24 hours therefore we will have desks cleaned/wiped down between classes.
2. Face coverings/Masks Protocol for the 2020/2021 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic which is to help and assist with the safety of all faculty, staff, and students.
 - Face coverings will be worn on all the school buses and car contracts by all students to and from school. The bus driver will wear a face covering at all times. Masks will be provided for students on the bus by request.
 - Face coverings will be worn as the students enter the school buildings and must be worn throughout the school day.
 - Face coverings will be worn in hallways at all times during transitions.
 - Face coverings can be removed while eating or drinking.
 - Face coverings/masks can be removed for recess and Physical Education.
 - Any student can request a face-covering/mask break at any time by letting their teacher know.
3. Transportation will be provided for all students whether needed or not. Extra runs will be added. Information will be provided during the week of August 17th.

The mask protocol allows all students to come to school every day and is what is best for the health and safety of all and the education of your student. In addition, we will continue to communicate with Barnes-Kasson Hospital personnel to stay informed on cases in the county and area. Lastly, if anyone travels to a "hotspot" of COVID-19 you will be required to quarantine for 14 days upon return.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (570) 853-4921 Ext. 1304 or your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

Peter J Supko
Acting Superintendent

Susquehanna Community School District Parent and Student Information



Daily Health Screening

Families will be asked to complete this checklist on a daily basis prior to school to monitor for symptoms of COVID19. (Staff will also self-monitor.)

Symptoms that would require absence or immediate parent pick-up from school for possible medical evaluation due to the high risk of association with COVID-19 (may include one or more symptom from Group A or two or more symptoms from Group B, along with a determination by the school nurse on duty. Please contact the school nurse for guidance.)

Group A 1 or more symptoms	Group B 2 or more symptoms
Fever (100.4 or higher)	Sore throat
Cough	Runny nose/congestion
Shortness of breath	Chills
Difficulty breathing	New lack of smell or taste
	Muscle pain
	Nausea or Vomiting
	Headache
	Diarrhea



Face Coverings

All students and staff will be required to wear face coverings inside the building except during meals/recess/PE. The latest guidance on face coverings states "children...are required to wear a face-covering unless they have a medical or mental condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in a school." Both Section 504 and IDEA permit school officials to ask for medical documentation to demonstrate a student's need for an exemption from any face-covering requirement.

Our intention is to establish creative solutions that allow students to remove face coverings as much as possible while still adhering to social distancing requirements set forth by PA DOH (Breaks, etc).

Face covering is defined as a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A face covering can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen.

A face covering includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. Face coverings may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or be improvised from household items, including but not limited to, scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for healthcare providers and first responders meet these requirements, such as N95 respirators, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.

Source: [PA Department of Health](#)



Hand Sanitizer

Hand sanitizers available in schools and classrooms will contain at least 60% alcohol.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/hand-hygiene.html>



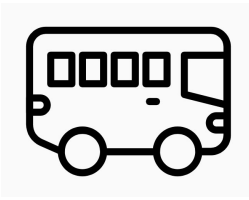
Water Bottles

Students should bring a clear refillable water bottle to school daily. This should be filled at home.

Water filling stations are back-ordered at this time. Water fountain use is still being considered.

**Child Nutrition**

Students will eat in the cafeteria, following social distancing guidelines of approximately 6 feet. Alternate spaces will be used in order to accommodate all students and maintain social distancing.

**Transportation**

Face coverings will be required in order to board buses. Students will board the bus, with up to two (2) students per assigned seat. Siblings will sit together when possible. Students will not be permitted to switch seats.