



Selinsgrove Area School District's Plan for Reopening

Frequently Asked Questions – General

- **What is a district Health and Safety Plan?**
 - This is a living document that will continuously adhere to state mandates while meeting the needs of the Selinsgrove Area School District Community.
 - [Click Here for Selinsgrove Area School District's Health and Safety Plan](#)
- **What Social Distancing measures will be in place?**
 - Classroom environments will be created to distance students from one another to the maximum extent feasible while facing the same direction.
 - Large areas/Outdoor spaces will be used for larger classes to allow for social distancing (auditorium used for band/chorus, library availability, etc.).
 - Assemblies will be limited and will comply with guidelines for social distancing.
 - Classrooms may be used for lunch in an effort to maximize social distancing.
 - Traffic patterns will be established to promote social distancing in the halls.
 - Signage and floor markings will be used to enhance social distancing.
 - Students will report directly to classrooms upon entering schools to eliminate the need for larger groups to assemble in one area.
 - Where possible and appropriate, teachers will move or rotate to different classrooms to minimize student transitions.
- **What hygiene practices will be implemented?**
 - Students will be reminded to wash hands upon entering rooms, before and after lunch, and throughout the day as needed.
 - All students will have access to a personal hand sanitizer and hand sanitizer stations placed throughout the buildings.
 - Signs that highlight hygiene, hand washing, and social distance will be posted in classrooms, restrooms, and communal areas.
 - Explicit instruction on hygiene practices will be provided to students as deemed appropriate for age/grade level.
- **Are students going to be required to wear masks?**
 - Yes, per the Secretary of the [Pennsylvania Department of Health's Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#), students will be required to wear masks. Click [HERE](#) to view the Secretary's order.
 - **The Pennsylvania Department of Education has provided the following expectations for schools regarding face coverings:**
 - All students must wear a face covering (cloth mask or face shield) that covers their nose and mouth inside the school and while outside when physical distancing is not feasible.
 - *Children two years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Accommodations for such students should be made in partnership with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and IEP/504 team.*
 - Schools should teach students and families how to properly wear a face covering (cover nose and mouth), to maintain hand hygiene when removing the face covering for meals and physical activity, and how to replace and maintain (washing regularly) a cloth face covering.
 - Schools should provide face covering breaks throughout the day. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet during these face covering breaks. Schools may allow students to remove face coverings when students are:
 - Eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart;
 - Seated at desks or assigned workspaces at least 6 feet apart;

- Engaged in any activity at least 6 feet apart (e.g., face covering breaks, recess, etc.); or
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.
- Transparent face coverings provide the opportunity for more visual cues and should be especially considered as an alternative for younger students, students who are deaf and hard of hearing, and their teachers.
- **Are face coverings required on the bus?**
 - Yes. This applies to riders and drivers. The same expectations regarding face coverings provided above pertain to busses as well.
- **Will staff be required to wear face coverings?**
 - Yes. The same expectations above also apply to staff.
- **Will the district provide face coverings?**
 - Yes. Face coverings will be provided upon request.
 - Options include a face shield or a mask.
- **How will cafeterias/lunch times operate?**
 - Cafeteria/Eating areas will be expanded to include common areas such as lobbies, libraries, outdoor spaces, gymnasiums, LGIs (large group instruction rooms) to support social distancing.
 - Face to face seating will be avoided in lunch settings.
 - The scaffolding/staggering of lunch schedules will occur to limit the number of students in the cafeteria or serving lines.
 - Touchless transactions will occur at the point of sale in the cafeteria.
 - Bagged lunch and/or more “grab and go” options will be part of the daily lunch menus to eliminate the need for shared utensils.
 - Classrooms may be used for lunch in an effort to maximize social distancing.
- **Is there a procedure for daily screening of students?**
 - The school will provide expectations for staff, families, and students to report symptoms or exposure.
 - Parents will be expected to use self-screening tools/symptoms checklists that will be provided to families.
 - The nurse will screen any individual who presents COVID-19 symptoms during the school day.
 - Students and staff will be encouraged to report absence to the school if it is COVID-19 related.
- **Will visitors be permitted into the buildings?**
 - Yes, visitors will be permitted, but on a limited basis for essential reasons.
 - All visitors will be subject to a health screening and temperature check.
- **What if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - Department of Health protocols will be followed. More information can be found by clicking [HERE](#) and navigating to the bottom of the page under “Responding to a Confirmed or Positive Case”.
- **What if a student or staff member becomes symptomatic?**
 - Designated areas will be created in each building to allow for isolation.
 - Individuals believed to be sick or having been in close contact with someone who is sick will be required to report to the designated area.
 - Parents will be expected to have a plan in place for picking up a student when directed by school nurse.
 - An individual (who is sick or may have been in close contact with someone believed to be sick) will be isolated until he/she is dismissed from school.
- **Will students be permitted to ride the bus?**
 - Yes. Transportation will still be available.
 - We are encouraging families to drive their students to school in an effort to enhance social distancing.
 - Students from the same household will be seated together and seats will be assigned to assist with contact tracing should the need arise.