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Re: School Reopening Plan

Dear Parents:

The purpose of this letter is to outline our school reopening plan for the upcoming 2020-2021 school term. The first day of student attendance will be on Thursday, August 20th from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The school reopening plan, which was adopted by the Cissna Park Unit 6 Board of Education at its regular meeting on July 20, 2020, is aligned with all of the safety requirements from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) while also maximizing in-person instruction for our students. Having said this, please know that the plan is not intended to be an end-all document for educating our students.

To effectively educate our students in a safe and supportive environment, we will all need to work together and, make no mistake about it, we will all be inconvenienced at some level or another. We believe strongly that children need to be in school as much as possible. Please also understand that in-person instruction this year will look very much different than in years past. We ask that you work with us as much as possible in helping to provide a quality educational experience for your children. Please find below some of the highlights of our school reopening plan:

1. All Requirements Established by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Education (IDPH) as set forth in the Part 3 Transition Guidance for the Reopening of Schools as well as follow-up guidance found in ISBE Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents will be followed by the school district. These requirements include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Daily certification by parents that students have temperatures not greater than 100.4 F/38 C and don't exhibit any of the following COVID-19 like symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - b. Wearing of face masks at all times while on school buses and inside the school building. Face masks outside of the bus and building are not required as long as students are socially distanced more than six feet apart.

- c. Students in classrooms with another student or staff member who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 will have to self-quarantine for 14 days if he or she has spent more than 15 minutes within six feet of the infected individual.
2. Schedule: Everyday student attendance from 7:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Students who have a serious medical condition (documented by a physician) which would prevent them from wearing a face mask and students who have to self-quarantine for 14 days will be taught remotely. We ask parents of students with serious medical conditions preventing them from wearing a face mask to bring this medical documentation with them to the school during school registration on Monday, August 3rd or Tuesday, August 4th.
3. Lunch: Grab and Go with students eating in their classrooms. Students may also bring their lunch. High school students will still have the option of eating off campus.
4. Transportation: The district will continue to provide free transportation for students who live more than 1.5 miles from school. The total number of students riding the bus cannot exceed 49 (50 including the driver). Prior to getting on the school bus students will need to provide a form signed by a parent certifying he or she does not have a fever above 100.4 F/38 C and do not exhibit any of the COVID-19 like symptoms listed above. This form will also serve as the one needed to enter the school building.

Please know that the members of the Cissna Park Unit 6 Board of Education discussed each of these items at length during the meeting. While there is bound to be disagreement by different parties on particular items within the school reopening plan, we believe this plan is simply the best we can do at this time. Minor changes to the plan can be made by the administration in consultation with the staff, but any major changes would need to be approved by the Cissna Park Unit 6 Board of Education at a board meeting prior to implementation. The exception to this would be if the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and/or the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) add or change the requirements related to the reopening of schools.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you have related to the school reopening plan. As always, we appreciate the support you give to our school in trying to provide the best quality education possible for your children. God Bless and Stay Safe.

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Hylbert, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Members of the Cissna Park C.U.S.D. 6 Board of Education
Faculty and Staff of Cissna Park C.U.S.D. 6

Cissna Park's School Reopening Plan

On Monday, July 20th, 2020 the Cissna Park Unit 6 Board of Education approved a school reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school term with all students returning to school every day from 7:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Remote learning will be offered only to those students who are unable to wear a face mask due to a serious medical condition (a licensed physician's note is required with the specific reason a student may not attend school in person stated) and those students who are required to self-quarantine at home.

In-person instruction will begin on August 20th, 2020. Districts must follow Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines, which provide the following:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings;
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible;
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and,
- Require an increase in school wide cleaning and disinfection.

All public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving prekindergarten through 12th grade students must follow these guidelines.

This handbook procedure is meant to apply generally to any pandemic or other health emergency and should be supplemented with other relevant and timely information.

A pandemic is a global outbreak of disease. Pandemics happen when a new virus emerges to infect individuals and, because there is little to no pre-existing immunity against the new virus, it spreads sustainably. Your child's school and district play an essential role, along with the local health department and emergency management agencies, in protecting the public's health and safety during a pandemic or other health emergency.

During a pandemic or other health emergency, you will be notified in a timely manner of all changes to the school environment and schedule that impact your child. Please be assured that even if school is not physically in session, it is the goal of the school and district to provide your child with the best educational opportunities possible.

Additionally, please note the following:

1. All decisions regarding changes to the school environment and schedule, including a possible interruption of in-person learning, will be made by the superintendent in consultation with and, if necessary, at the direction of the Governor, Illinois Department of Public Health, local health department, emergency management agencies, and/or Regional Office of Education.
2. Students and parents will be required to observe all public health and safety measures implemented by the school and district in conjunction with state and local requirements.
3. During a pandemic or other health emergency, the school and district will ensure that educational opportunities are available to all students.
4. School personnel will work closely with students with disabilities and other vulnerable student populations to minimize the impact of any educational disruption.
5. Students who have a compromised immune system, live with an individual with a compromised immune system, or have a medical condition that may impact their ability to attend school during a pandemic or other public health emergency should contact school officials.
6. During a pandemic or other health emergency, teachers and school staff will receive additional training on health and safety measures.
7. In accordance with school district or state mandates, the school will need to conduct a daily health assessment of your child. Parents and students will be notified of the exact assessment procedures if this becomes necessary.
8. Parents should not send their child to school if their child exhibits any symptoms consistent with the pandemic or other health emergency.
9. Please do not hesitate to contact school or district officials if you have any concerns regarding your child's education, health or safety.

Face Masks

Students will be required to wear face masks at all times while on school buses and inside the school building. The exception to this is when the students eat lunch in their classrooms. Face masks outside of the bus and building are not required as long as students are socially distanced more than six feet apart.

Temperature Checks

Cissna Park Schools will comply with the requirements set forth by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) requiring compliance with student temperatures and anti-Covid-19 symptoms. Parents will certify daily that their child has a temperature not greater than 100.4 F/38 C.

Bus service

The school district will continue to provide free transportation to those students living more than 1.5 miles from school. Bus ridership may not exceed forty-nine students (fifty with the driver). Certification by parents on a daily basis indicating their child does not have a temperature greater than 100.4 F/38 C and do not have any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea will be required for students to board a bus. The signed certification form will also serve as the one needed to enter the school building.

Preparing for When a Student or Staff Member Becomes Sick

Currently known symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. Students or staff returning from illness related to COVID-19 should call to check in with the school following quarantine. Any individual within the school environment who shows these symptoms will be immediately separated from the rest of the school population. Individuals who are sick will be sent home. Those individuals who had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to self-quarantine at home and monitor for symptoms for 14 days.

Close contact means the individual was within 6 feet of the infected individual for more than 15 minutes.

Scheduling

All students will attend school daily from 7:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Lunches will be grab-and-go and will be eaten in classrooms.

The Daily Schedule

All students will report to their first class of the day immediately upon entering the building.

The elementary students will report to their homeroom teacher.

JH and HS students will rotate which classes they attend every other day. This will be either periods 1-4 or 5-8.

Lunch

Lunch will be served on a grab and go basis and eaten in the classrooms. Students will still be able to bring their own lunch. High school students will still be able to eat off campus.

Plan Modifications

Minor modifications to this plan may be made by the school administration in consultation with the faculty and staff. Major modifications must be approved by the Cissna Park Unit 6 Board of Education unless the modifications are required to be immediately implemented by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) or the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).