

## QCSD Health and Safety Plan July 7, 2020

The QCSD Health and Safety Plan, revised July 7, 2020, has been updated to incorporate new orders from the PA Department of Health regarding face coverings. It also incorporates new guidance on expected quarantine after travel to states identified as COVID-19 hot spots. Changes from the original plan as presented on June 25, 2020 are identified with ~~strikeout~~ highlighting for ease of reference. Yesterday, the Secretary of Education advised the Bucks County Superintendents that further PDE or PA Department of Health requirements are expected to be issued. So, additional changes to this plan are to be expected as well. The Administration recommends approval of this plan on July 9, 2020 to (1) provide parents with clarity prior to their selection of learning and transportation options and to (2) provide buildings with direction so that detailed logistical planning can begin which will allow academic planning and scheduling to be finalized. As new guidance and requirements occur, we will update the plan document and bring it back before the board for re-approval. It is likely that this will occur at each of the August board meetings.

This plan has implications for providing transportation and live instruction for students. The overall impact can best be described as *we will provide some level of live instruction for all students who select that option*. The exact schedule of live instruction at the secondary level will be determined once parents select the option they want for their child. If the percentage of students selecting live instruction in a building can fit into that building while maintaining social distancing, then all students in that building will be able to attend live instruction for five shortened days per week or four full days per week. If the percentage of students selecting live instruction in a building exceeds capacity (space and staff) then a staggered schedule will be employed. This is consistent with the findings of the REL/Mathematica report commissioned by PDE that reducing density is our best strategy for delivering live instruction in a way that will not contribute to spreading COVID-19 within our buildings and community.

Similarly, if the percentage of students selecting district transportation is within the capacity of the bus fleet while maintaining social distancing guidelines, then transportation can be provided to all students who want it. If the percentage of students who select district transportation exceeds capacity, we will not be able to offer transportation to and from school.

Throughout development of this plan, the Quakertown Task Force Workgroup and Administration have relied upon numerous reports and publications, and as new information emerges each week, we read and digest it and review and revise our plans accordingly. As of July 3, 2020, our primary guidance comes from PDE and the PA Department of Health, which we are required to follow. Some of the resources used are listed below. The REL/Mathematica report, commissioned by PDE, is particularly helpful due to the survey of available research and the modeling showing the impact of various options to reopen school.

**REL/Mathematica Report: [Considerations for Reopening Pennsylvania Schools](#)**

**CDC: [one-page guidance for reopening schools](#) and [63-page unreleased guidance for opening up America](#) (updated guidance expected)**

**[PA Department of Health Order regarding face coverings](#)**

**PDE: [Preliminary School Reopening Guidance](#)**

**PASA/PSBA/PAIU/PASBO/PA Principals/PACTA/PARSS: [Pennsylvania School Reopening Task Force Report](#)**