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Celina City Schools Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year

The Celina City School District, including Mercer County Head Start and Tri Star Career Compact, has continued to work in cooperation with the Mercer County Department of Health to develop a Reopening Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Celina City Schools plan to reopen our school buildings to students on August 26, 2020. Student and staff safety continues to be paramount in our decision making for reopening our schools. Please be aware that there will be some level of risk present when students and school staff occupy district facilities. We ask that all students, staff and volunteers complete health checks prior to leaving home for school.

Celina City Schools will regularly sanitize all areas of our facility and will sanitize those areas more often which are frequently occupied. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout our buildings. Soap and water will continue to be available for more frequent hand washing, which is strongly recommended. Students and staff will receive instruction on personal hygiene practices. Students are permitted to bring in their own sanitizer for personal use. (Caution should be taken when purchasing hand sanitizer to be sure that it does not contain methanol.)

Students in grades 3-12 are recommended to wear a face covering (not required), and this is a family decision. Staff members are required to wear a face covering. There is a list of exceptions, which does include working in the warm classrooms of our non-air conditioned buildings, according to the Mercer County Department of Health officials.

Communication is being developed by the Mercer County Department of Health in regards to when a student/staff member is diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case. The Mercer County Department of Health will work with the Celina City School District to determine the quarantine protocol.

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In regards to student health issues which are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19, the duration of the home-stay for a child sent home with a fever and who is then fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) AND has improvement of all other symptoms is 24 hours. To return to school, the child should be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by school personnel. Temperatures may be taken upon return.

Celina City Schools will be running our busses to pick students up for school and to bring them home after school. Students will be seated from the back of the bus to the front of the bus when they board the bus, and will be dismissed from the front of the bus to the back of the bus, in order to reduce student physical interaction. Busses will be sanitized after the morning routes and after the evening routes.

The Celina City Schools' cafeterias will be serving breakfast and lunch for our students. Each of our school buildings present a different physical situation to consider when we are serving student meals. The students and staff of each building will receive building specific information in regards to their routine for serving and eating meals.

The Celina City School District administrators believe that the educational, mental health and well-being benefits of having students return to the classroom far outweigh a decision which would keep the students isolated at home at this point in time. There are situations where some families do have strong concerns or questions regarding the in-person classroom plans which are included in the Celina City Schools Reopening Plan. The parents/guardians in these situations should either contact their child's building principal or Superintendent Dr. Ken Schmiesing by August 1, 2020. Dr. Schmiesing can be reached by phone at (419)-586-8300 extension 1002, or by email at ken.schmiesing@celinaschools.org