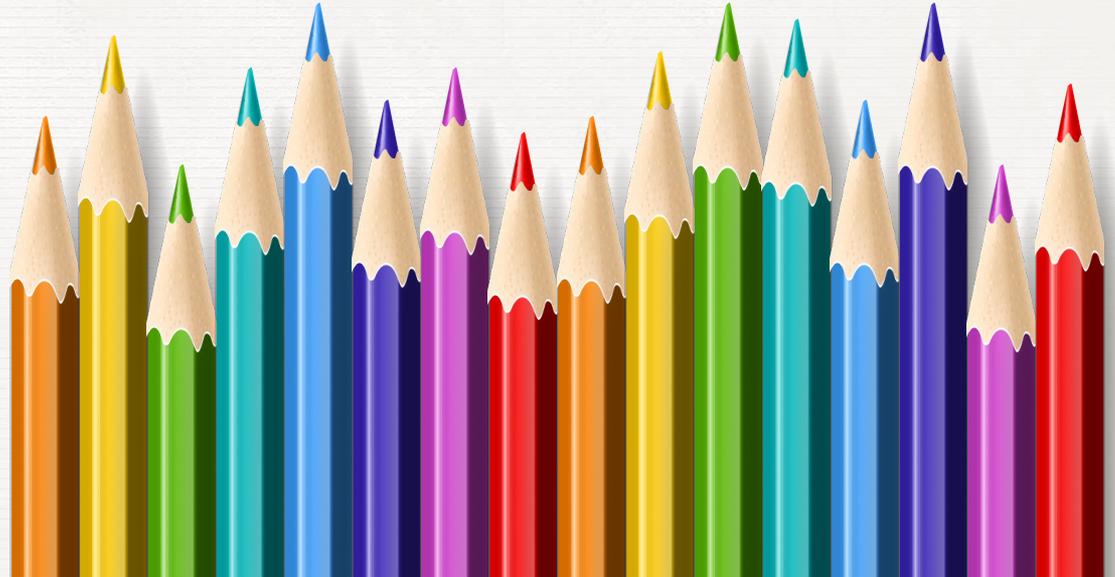


# Ensuring Safe Schools in Region One:

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## A Continuity of Service Plan for the Reopening of School 2021-2022

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# The Region One Team - 8 Task Groups

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# Recommendations

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The plan outlined in this presentation is based on the mitigations that are required according to current CDC guidelines and the Governor's Executive Orders No. 13A, C and D. Executive Order No. 13A (requiring masks) expires on September 30, 2021. The Region 1 plan has been revised during the summer to align with any changes in CSDE and CT DPH guidance, which complies with CDC guidance.

Changes to this plan will be shared with families during the week of August 23. Please direct any questions to Superintendent, Lisa Carter [lcarter@region1schools.org](mailto:lcarter@region1schools.org)



# The Process: CSDE Guidelines - May 2021

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## Guiding Principles

- ❖ Safeguarding the health and safety of students and staff
- ❖ Continuation of the 2020-2021 COVID-19 mitigation practices
- ❖ Emphasizing equity, access, and support to the students and communities that are emerging from this historic disruption
- ❖ Fostering strong two-way communication with partners such as families, educators, and staff
- ❖ Considering the challenges to the social emotional well-being, and the mental health needs of our students



# The Process: CSDE Guidelines - May 2021

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## A Continuity of Service Plan for Each District:

- ◆ *All students will attend school in person - research confirms this to be the most effective learning environment for students*
  - *Community case rate is low*
  - *Mitigation practices are effective*
  - *Many individuals have been and/or will be fully vaccinated*

*Current CT legislation does not support the continuation of a distance learning option for students.*



# The Process: Review/Modify Existing School Operating Practices



## Eight Areas of Focus

- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Health & Wellness
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Learning & SEL
- ❖ Athletics and Extracurricular Activities
- ❖ Technology
- ❖ Fiscal Responsibilities

# Additional Sources of Information

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- ◆ Documents embedded in the CSDE Plan Guidelines
  - CDC - Center for Disease Control
  - DPH - Department for Public Health
  - CSDE - CT State Department of Education
  - EEOC - Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
  - CIAC - CT Interscholastic Athletic Conference
  - CASEL - Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning
  - Region 1 Consultants



# Plan Overview

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- ◆ **Created as a Regional Plan**
  - Provide coherence not standardization
  - Ensure equity
  - Support networking and collaboration
  - Allow for purchasing efficiencies and resource sharing

**Plans will be implemented in schools by following Regional guidelines in a manner that best meets specific school needs.**



# Plan Overview: Ongoing Safety Considerations

	<p>Continue Morning health checks by caregivers</p>		<p>Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine</p>
	<p>Face coverings or masks required indoors</p>		<p>Diagnostic Screening and Testing (Parent Interest Survey)</p>
	<p>Social distancing required (3-6 feet)</p>		<p>Access to Vaccination</p>
	<p>Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizing expected</p>		<p>Appropriate Accommodations for students with Disabilities</p>
	<p>Clean and Well-Ventilated Facilities</p>		<p>Care for all students and staff</p>



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

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## Health and Wellness

- ❖ Staff and families will screen for health and wellness each day before coming to school
  - Stay home when feeling ill and will follow protocols for reporting illness
- ❖ Immunizations and health assessments for students can be delayed, but should be completed as soon as possible
- ❖ Schools will continue to have an “isolation area” for students who are exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms during the school day
- ❖ Some visitors will be allowed
  - Case-by-case basis - follow all mitigation practices
  - Proof of vaccination recommended but not required



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

## Health and Wellness

### ◆ Close contact

#### ➤ *Student-to-student*

- Within 3 ft or less for 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period when in the classroom assuming that everyone is wearing a mask
- Within 6 ft or less for a 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period for all other locations - playground, gym, after school activities both in and out of school

#### ➤ *Student-to adult*

- Within 6 ft or less for a 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period

#### ➤ *Adult-to adult*

- Within 6 ft or less for a 15 minutes or longer over a 24 hour period



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

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## Health and Wellness

### ◆ Quarantine

- Vaccinated students and staff no longer need to quarantine (if asymptomatic).
- Any student seated at least 3 ft. away from a positive student case no longer needs to quarantine if exposure was limited to a classroom setting (assuming contact is asymptomatic and consistent/correct mask use)
- All other quarantine restrictions remain in place, including those that should be followed after travelling out of the State of CT.



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

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## Health and Wellness

- ◆ **Testing and Screening**
  - PCR testing available at no cost to schools
    - Grades K-6 - students and unvaccinated staff
    - CSDE/DPH provided
    - Independent laboratory testing
    - Parental Consent
    - Screening for positive asymptomatic cases only

**Survey administered to assess family interest. Testing will begin in mid-September if there is enough support.**



# Plan Overview- Reminders and Changes

## Health and Wellness

### ◆ Vaccination

- Mandated for all staff - , by September 27, 2021
  - fully vaccinated status or proof that full vaccination will occur
  - Prove exemption -medical or religious supported by the submission of required documentation; or
- Per the order - compliance is required to remain employed
- Region 1 schools are required to maintain records for all staff with respect to COVID-19 vaccination status.



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

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## Operations, Facilities and Food Service

- ❖ Cohorting not required, but may be used when practicable
- ❖ Meals will be served in accordance with the NSLP and according to the advice of Trish Malloy, the Region One Food Service Consultant
  - In the cafeteria/communal eating space
  - Distancing of 3-6 feet when possible
  - Masks worn at all times when not eating or drinking



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

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## Transportation

- ❖ All students riding the bus will be expected to wear face masks and must be wearing them prior to boarding the bus
- ❖ Social distancing will be implemented when possible
- ❖ Social distancing will be followed at all bus stops
- ❖ Buses will be cleaned daily
- ❖ Principals will inform parents about drop-off and pick-up procedures at each school



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

## Curriculum, Instruction, Professional Learning

- ❖ Instruction in Social-Emotional awareness will continue
- ❖ Classes will begin with on-grade level activities in which students can experience success
  - Emphasis on mastery of priority standards
  - Supported by scaffolding and intervention
- ❖ Students who are absent due to illness or quarantine will have access to daily lessons on Google Classroom or other digital platforms, but will not have access to the live classroom



# Plan Overview - Reminders and Changes

## Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- ❖ **High School Athletics**
  - Follow CIAC Guidelines
    - Plan for a full season in the fall (including tournaments)
    - Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine from sports or other activities
    - Indoor sports and activities will require participants to wear masks at all times
    - Spectators are permitted - social distancing and masks (indoors) are required
- ❖ **Middle School Local and Regional Athletics and Activities Programs**
  - Plan to safely operate in the fall. Athletic programs will follow CIAC guidelines
    - Plan for a full season in the fall
    - Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine from sports or other activities
    - Indoor sports and activities will require participants to wear masks at all times
    - Spectators are permitted - social distancing and masks (indoors) are required
- ❖ **Extracurricular activities**
  - These activities may resume with all students and staff following required virus mitigation protocols.
  - Away event procedures TBD.



**Cornwall  
Consolidated  
School Plan  
Overview**



# OBJECTIVES OF SCHOOL YEAR

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## SAFETY

Keep students and staff safe in school.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL

Ensure that every student feels comfortable and has a trusted adult to connect with at school in order to learn at their full potential.

## COMMUNICATION

Ongoing communication to support challenges / concerns this school year.



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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## TRAINING

Staff and students will be reminded of and continue the safety protocols from the 2020-2021 school year.

## HEALTH SCREENING

Staff and families should screen for health and wellness each day before coming to school, stay home when feeling ill, and report illness.

[Daily Home Screening Check](#)

## HEALTH SUPPORT

Contact Clare Rashkoff, school nurse, at 860 672-6617 Ext 304 for any health guidance throughout the year.



# Health and Wellness

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- ❖ Face masks must be worn by all students and staff when inside. Extra face masks will be available if needed.
- ❖ An “isolation room” will be used for students who are exhibiting Covid-19-like symptoms during the school day. Parents will be called immediately when this occurs. (Importance of Emergency Contacts)
- ❖ Only staff, students and outside providers will have access to the building during the school day.



# FACILITIES

## LUNCH

Students will eat in the gathering room or gym at tables with dividers.

## SIGNS

Signs and floor markings will manage traffic flow.

## CLASSROOMS

Classrooms will be organized to maximize social distancing and the building cleaned as recommended. Proper ventilation will be maintained.

## Operations, Facilities and Food Service

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- ❖ Ventilation systems maintained by custodians and checked according to DPH standard
- ❖ Each classroom has fresh air being blown into the room and air being blown out by fans.
- ❖ Protocols for the assignment and cleaning of bathrooms will be followed.
- ❖ Students will be able to go to other rooms for academics and specials.



# TRANSPORTATION

## DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop-off and pick-up procedures continue from last year.

## FACE MASKS

All students and bus operators will wear face coverings prior to boarding the bus as well as during the bus ride.

## SEATING CHART

A seating chart will be created for each bus and students will sit in the same seat every day.

# Transportation

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- ❖ Students will follow bus loading and unloading procedures whenever riding the bus.
- ❖ Only the assigned bus may be taken.
- ❖ Social distancing needs to be followed at all bus stops
- ❖ Parents may pick up their child by calling office.



# CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## SEL

Our focus on social and emotional learning (life skills) will continue.

## GRADE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

Begin classes with on-grade level activities so students can experience success.

## CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Middle School sports for grades 7-8 will resume. Planning on offering other after school activities.

## Curriculum, Instruction, Co curricular Activities

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- ❖ Social-Emotional Learning and community are essential and will be main focus of teachers.
- ❖ Review priority standards for courses and make adjustments to plan accordingly.
- ❖ Monitor student's academic growth closely through multiple data points ensuring intervention is provided as needed.



# TECHNOLOGY

## PROGRAM CONSISTENCY

Seesaw will be the platform for grades K-2 and Google Classroom for grades 3-8.

## GRADE LEVEL ACTIVITIES

One to one devices, Chromebooks with touch-screens will be available to all students.

## ACCEPTABLE USE

Acceptable use forms were in back to school packets to ensure students and parents understand expectations for school issued devices.

# Technology

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- ❖ Ensure consistency and uniformity in the use of programs and apps
- ❖ Ensure that technology is vetted for safety and security
- ❖ Continue to teacher internet safety to students



# COVID INFORMATION

## COVID SYMPTOMS

Staff and students with COVID symptoms must stay home, see a healthcare provider, and be tested, if prescribed.

## COMMUNICATION

Families will continue to be notified of any positive COVID cases

## WEBSITE

CCS school website will be updated with the latest COVID information.

<https://www.cornwallconsolidatedschool.com/>



**“ALONE WE CAN  
DO SO LITTLE;  
TOGETHER WE  
CAN DO SO MUCH.”**  
- Helen Keller

*Here is to a successful year for our  
children!*



# Questions???

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