

School Reopening Updates

Getting Back to
School Safely

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Academics & Equity Updates

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Academics and Equity

- Remote learning has entered its third week. We are working at the school and district level to support families in getting connected to their teachers and schools.
- We are using our support personnel to contact all families by phone or home visit to assess their technology and academic needs.
- Our Academics and Equity Committee, District, Building and Program leaders are currently planning the Christina School District design for a hybrid return to school.

Christina School District Virtual Academy

- Total Enrollment:
 - 1691
 - Elementary - 890
 - Middle - 412
 - High - 389
- Registered families have been notified of next steps/timeline.
- Waiting list has been established.
- Collaborating with school leaders on organization/structure/staffing





Operations and Services Updates

Chuck Longfellow and George Wicks

Operations and Services

Focus on Increasing Equity & Access

Technology

- Since last update on September 8, CSD has received
 - 282 devices
 - 500 hotspots
 - 600 cameras
- An additional 2,750 devices are being imaged by our vendor and will be shipped to us once completed

Nutrition

- Providing remote meal access via bus delivery to high-need communities in addition to curbside pickup
 - 21 curbside sites
 - 21 bus stop sites
- Breakfast and lunch meals are provided for free

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Transportation

- Transportation staff are working on routes based on current students enrolled
- Routes will be adjusted based on several inputs
 - Virtual Academy enrollment
 - Updated car rider and before/after care information
 - Hybrid learning cohorts

Facilities

PPE Updates

- Staff face coverings delivered week of Sept. 14th.
- Nurse isolation rooms' medical partitions are expected to be delivered by the end of September.

HVAC Updates

- Additional HEPA air purifiers have been delivered to DAP & Reach classrooms throughout District.
- Sterionizer air purification units will be installed at the Brennen School.

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Athletics

- DIAA and State Board of Education approved a return to play for fall athletics.
 - Beginning - September 28th
- Christina's action items for a return to athletics:
 - Approve/Hire Coaches
 - Garner approval of our comprehensive return to athletics plan from the Delaware Division of Public Health
 - Prepare for implementation of the plan
 - PPE
 - Training and educating our coaches and athletes on COVID safety.





Health and Wellness Updates

Dean Ivory

Health and Wellness

COVID-19 Testing:

■ Staff COVID-19 Testing

- Round 1 - 2,650 unique URL's have been distributed
- Round 2 - Maintenance Testing
 - Employees have been given a sequencing number - 25% of staff will be tested weekly. Everyone will be tested at least monthly.
 - Employees may request a URL at anytime given the new process.



Health and Wellness

COVID-19 Testing:

■ Student Testing

- 4 Locations - GHS, Kirk, Drew, NHS
- October 8, 9, 12, and 13
- Collaborative effort with DEMA, NCC, and CSD
- NCC will provide all testing materials and volunteers.
 - Maintenance testing will continue throughout the year.





Special Population Updates

Patty Knapp

Special Populations Update

Coordination with DPH

- Communicating updates & changes in CDC guidelines
- Providing support in maintaining appropriate levels of appropriate PPE
- Added all New Castle County district's special services committees to collaborate on similar challenges

Identifying Barriers/ Solutions

- Surveying families about participation for in-person instruction and their perceived barriers
- Identifying parameters for cohorting based on DPH /CDC guidance
- Implementing proven mitigating strategies

Educating Stakeholders

- Developing staff training with DPH support
- Creating education for families on protocols in preparing their child for in-person instruction

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