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
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
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

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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.
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 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
Student success and well-being remain our top priority.