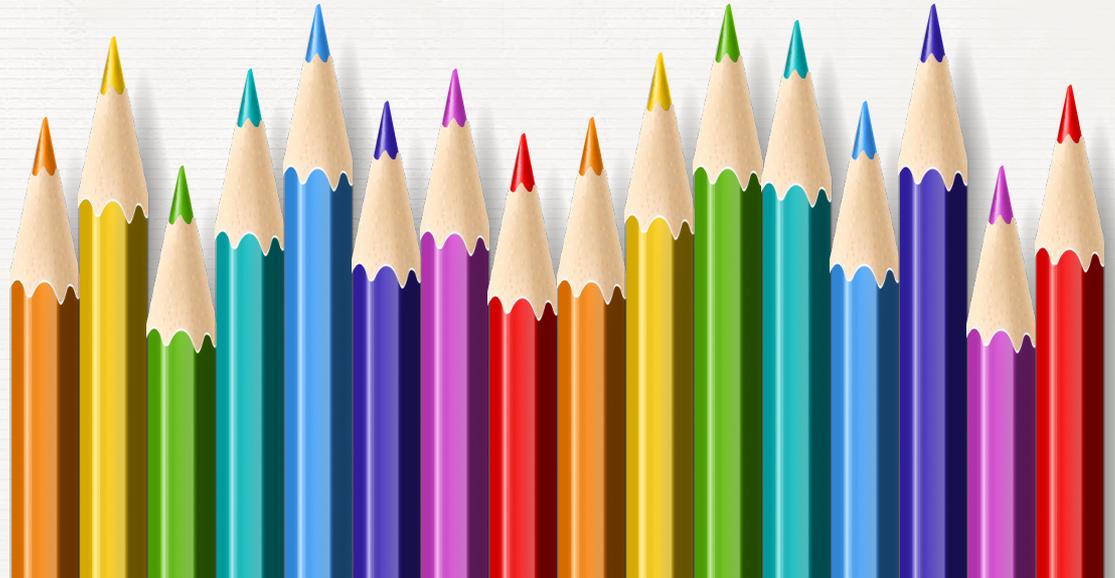
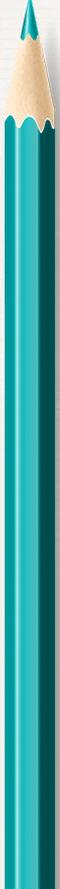


HCSS INITIAL FALL 2020 REOPENING PLANS





THANK YOU!

Staff , Students, and Parents

Initial Fall Reopening Guidance from DESE

Governor Baker and Commissioner Riley has released Initial Fall Reopening Guidelines on Thursday, June 25th.

*“Our goal is the **safe return of as many students as possible to in-person school settings**, to maximize learning and address our students’ holistic needs.”*

*“Our guidance attempts to **balance the health and safety risks of COVID-19 with the health, safety, socioeconomic, and achievement risks** of keeping students out of school.”*



Background



“We are currently in Phase 2 of Reopening Massachusetts, and more businesses are able to resume operations with restrictions and capacity limitations. We are optimistic that with our collective continued vigilance (wearing masks, hand washing/sanitizing, staying home when sick), Massachusetts will continue to progress through subsequent reopening phases.

The virus has had different impacts on communities across the state; several cities and towns were impacted significantly, while others have had few infections and no reported fatalities. Over the past several weeks, Massachusetts has seen rates of infections, hospitalizations and fatalities fall steadily, even as the virus remains a significant concern in several communities. As we all know, the COVID-19 context in Massachusetts is not static, and we will continue to monitor the situation closely.” - DESE June 2020



Review of medical literature suggests that children are less susceptible to and less likely to transmit COVID-19

Schools do not appear to have played a major role in COVID-19 transmission

- In a review of COVID clusters, only ~4% (8 of 210) involved school transmission

In general, rates of COVID-19 infection are lower for children than for adults

- Based on an analysis of data from six countries, children under 20 are half as susceptible to COVID-19 infection than adults

If exposed, children may be less likely to become infected with COVID-19

- In China, in households with COVID-19 exposure, children under the age of 18 were infected at a rate of 4% compared with 17% for adults.

If infected, children may be less likely to infect others with COVID-19

- In Switzerland, a study of household clusters found that only 8% had a child as the index case. In nearly 80% of the cases, the child got COVID-19 from an adult family member.



In Trajectory of COVID-19

The guidance provided by DESE is based on the best information available as of mid-June. The data will carefully be monitored in the coming weeks and months. So we must be prepared to be flexible and ready to pivot if circumstances change significantly.

For this reason, we are advised to plan not only for in-person learning, but also hybrid learning models (in which students learn in-person for some of the time and remotely for some of the time), and also full remote learning.



New Safety Requirements



Masks/ face coverings

Primary route of transmission for COVID-19 is respiratory.
Masks/ face coverings protect against COVID-19 infection
(study estimates 80% effectiveness in reducing transmission¹)



Physical distancing Minimum:3 feet

Physical distancing helps mitigate virus transmission.
Aim for six feet between individuals when feasible;
a minimum physical distance of three feet is required.



Handwashing / hand sanitizing

Handwashing removes pathogens from the hands. While handwashing with soap and water is the best option, alcohol-based hand sanitizer may be utilized when handwashing is not available

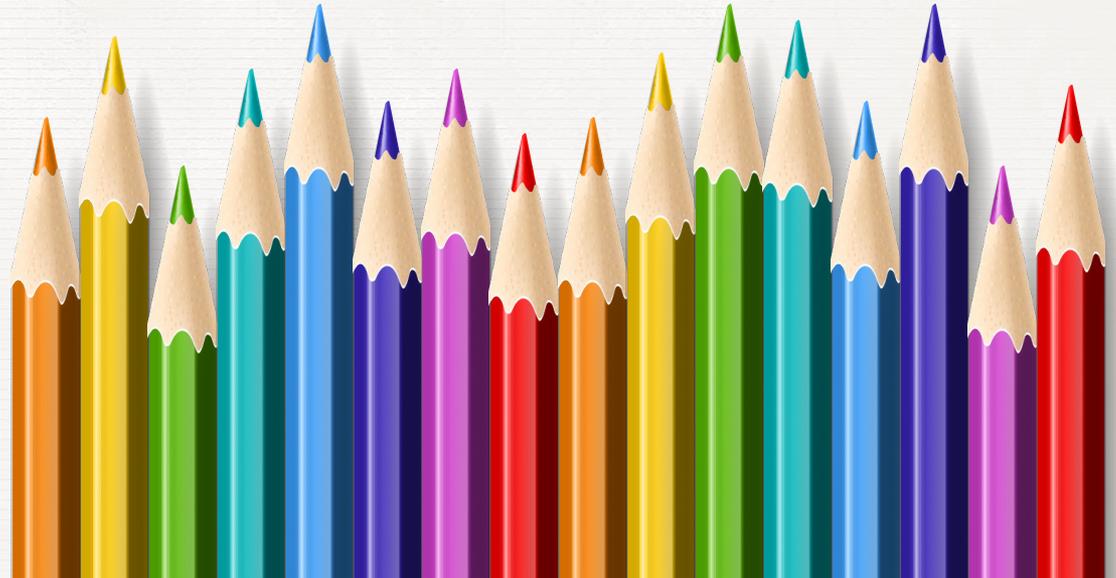


Staying home when sick

Students and educators should stay home if they are sick or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

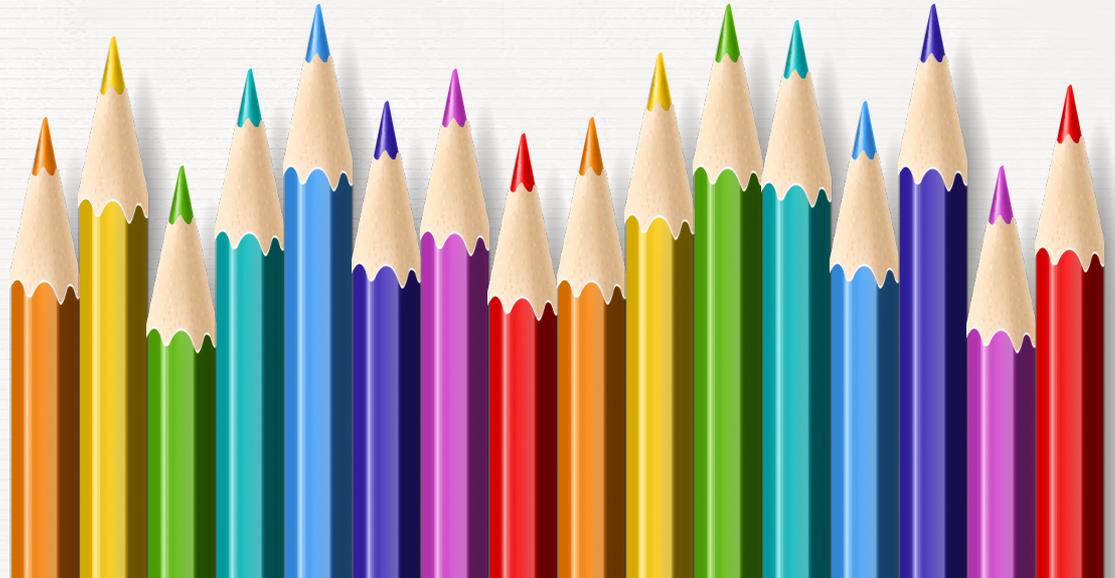


1) IN-PERSON LEARNING WITH NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



HOW DOES **NEW SAFETY** **REQUIREMENTS** LOOK LIKE IN SCHOOLS?

For In-Person and Hybrid Education



SCHOOL ENTRANCE AND DISMISSAL

- ✗ The students must practice social distancing when entering and leaving the bus and stand 6 feet apart.
- ✗ Students will exit the bus practicing social distancing and walk in a single line 6 feet apart.
- ✗ Dismissal will be one bus at a time through designated exits following social distancing rules and regulations.



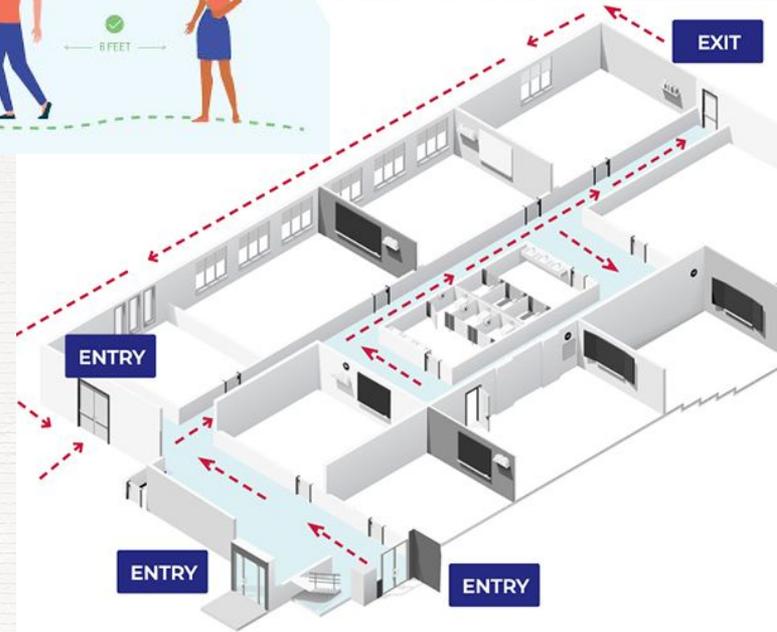
CLASSROOMS

- ✗ Students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times.
- ✗ Students and staff will be required to practice social distancing rules.
- ✗ Students' desks will be 3 feet apart from each other and facing the same direction.
- ✗ Study groups and student engagement activities that may not adhere 3 feet rule will not be conducted.



HALLWAYS

- ✗ Hallways will be divided as to allow 6 feet distancing and multi-directional flow.
- ✗ Markings will be placed every 6 feet to remind students of social distancing measures.
- ✗ Signs and arrows will be placed to remind students which way they are allowed to travel.



SOURCE: National Council on School Facilities and Cooperative Strategies
Image: iStock/Getty

LOCKER USE AND FOUNTAINS

- ✗ Students will not use lockers until social distancing rules are lifted.
- ✗ Students will bring their belongings with them to the classrooms.
- ✗ Students and staff will not drink directly from water fountains.



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- ✗ Packed lunch and packed breakfast delivered to each classroom.
- ✗ Students will eat in their designated classroom.



HOMEROOM SCHEDULE

- ✗ All students will be staying in their sections throughout the day to minimize movement.
- ✗ Teachers will report to their classrooms to teach their lessons.
- ✗ Students will stay in the same room all day long except when they need to use the restroom or school nurse



LARGE GATHERINGS

HCSS will not hold large gatherings, field trips, and extra curricular activities including

:

- ✗ Assemblies,
- ✗ Meetings,
- ✗ Field Trips
- ✗ Extra curricular activities
- ✗ Information sessions in person.



QUARANTINE ROOM

- ✘ Students, staff or visitors who are showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be escorted to wait in the quarantine room.
- ✘ A staff member will be supervising the student until a parent comes and picks up the student.
- ✘ A tracking sheet of who was in the quarantine room will be maintained by the school nurse and the situation will be followed up whether or not the student can return to school the next day.



MASKS BREAKS

- ✘ There will be “Mask breaks” throughout the day.
- ✘ Breaks will occur when students can be six feet apart and ideally outside or at least with the windows open.
- ✘ Further guidance on mask breaks including duration and frequency will be provided by DESE, as well as more information about properly removing and putting on masks.



HAND WASHING/SANITIZING

- ✘ Students and staff are required to exercise hand hygiene (handwashing or sanitizing)
- ✘ Handwashing: When handwashing, all individuals are asked to use soap and water to wash all surfaces of their hands for at least 20 seconds, wait for visible lather, rinse thoroughly, and dry with an individual disposable towel.
- ✘ Hand sanitizing: If handwashing is not feasible, hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent ethanol or at least 70 percent isopropanol content will be used. All individuals are asked to apply it to all surfaces of the hands and in sufficient quantity that it takes 20 seconds of rubbing hands together for the sanitizer to dry.
- ✘ Hand sanitizer will be placed at key locations (e.g., building entrances, cafeteria, classrooms).



SUMMARY: DESE INITIAL REQUIREMENTS-1

MASK/FACE COVERINGS

- ✗ Students in grade 2 and above are required to wear a mask/face covering that covers their nose and mouth.
- ✗ Adults, including educators and staff, are required to wear masks/face coverings.
- ✗ Masks/face coverings should be provided by the student/family.
- ✗ Masks/face coverings are required to be worn by everyone on the bus during school bus transportation.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- ✗ Schools are encouraged to aim for six feet of distance between individuals where feasible.
- ✗ At the same time, a minimum physical distance of three feet has been established when combined with the other measures outlined in this list of safety requirements.
- ✗ To the extent possible, aim for desks to be spaced six feet apart (but no fewer than three feet apart) and facing the same direction.

HAND WASHING/SANITIZING

- ✗ Students and staff are required to exercise hand hygiene (handwashing or sanitizing)

DESE INITIAL REQUIREMENTS-2

SCREENING UPON ENTRY

- ✘ Screening procedures are not required at the point of entry to the school.
- ✘ **Checking for symptoms each morning is families and caregivers' responsibility** and will serve as the primary screening mechanism for COVID-19 symptoms. We will provide information to families in their primary language to support them in conducting this symptom check and families should not send their children to school if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms.

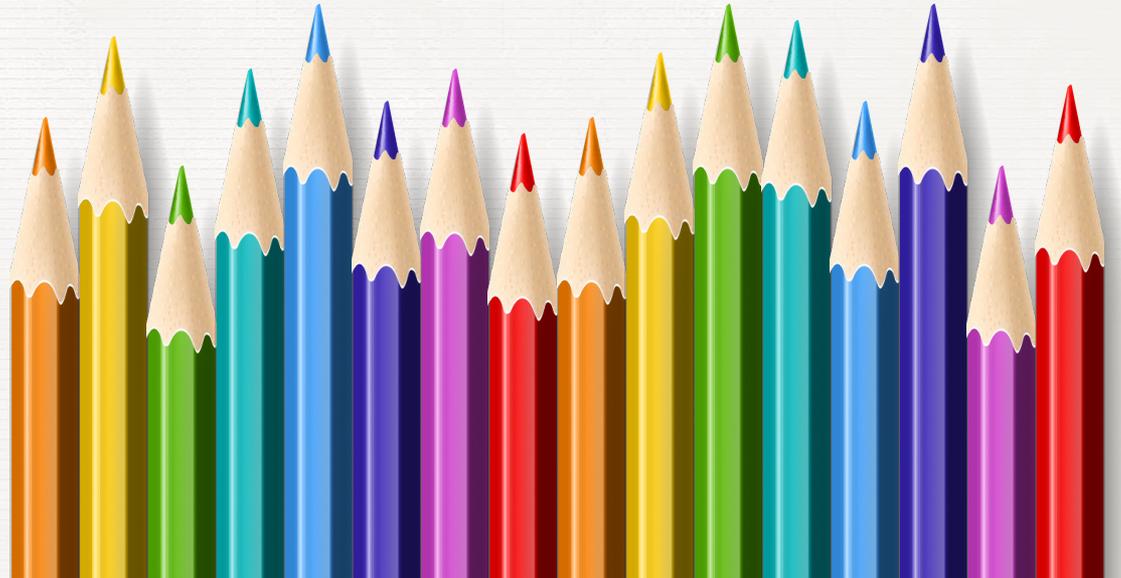
COVID-19 TESTING

- ✘ At this time, in-school testing is not recommended. Students' families should discuss testing with their health care provider. As the accuracy of point-of-care testing develops, this guidance may change.

VACCINES

- ✘ Vaccines: Districts and schools should work with parents to ensure that students are current on all standard vaccinations before they return to in-person school. **In addition, health providers strongly recommend all students and staff get their regular flu vaccine.**

2) HYBRID EDUCATION WITH NEW SAFETY REQUIREMENTS



HOW DOES THAT WORK-1?

A combination of on-campus and online learning. Students are expected to be physically present together in class for some portion of the instruction.

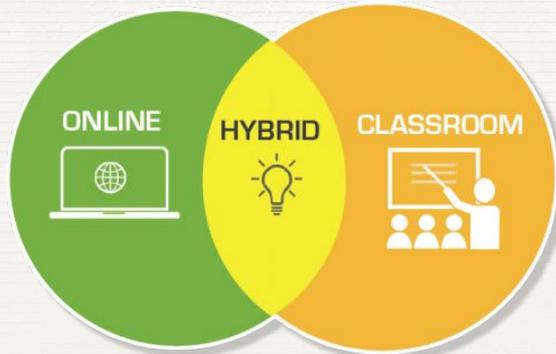
If we are unable to bring all students back to school a HYBRID Educational Model will be offered.

- Class sizes will be reduced to half.
- **A/B cohort model will be used. Students will attend school in-person on either different weeks or different days of the week.:For instance, Cohort A would attend school in-person from Monday – Friday of Week 1, while Cohort B learns at home online. In Week 2, Cohort B would attend in-person school and Cohort A would engage in online learning at home.**

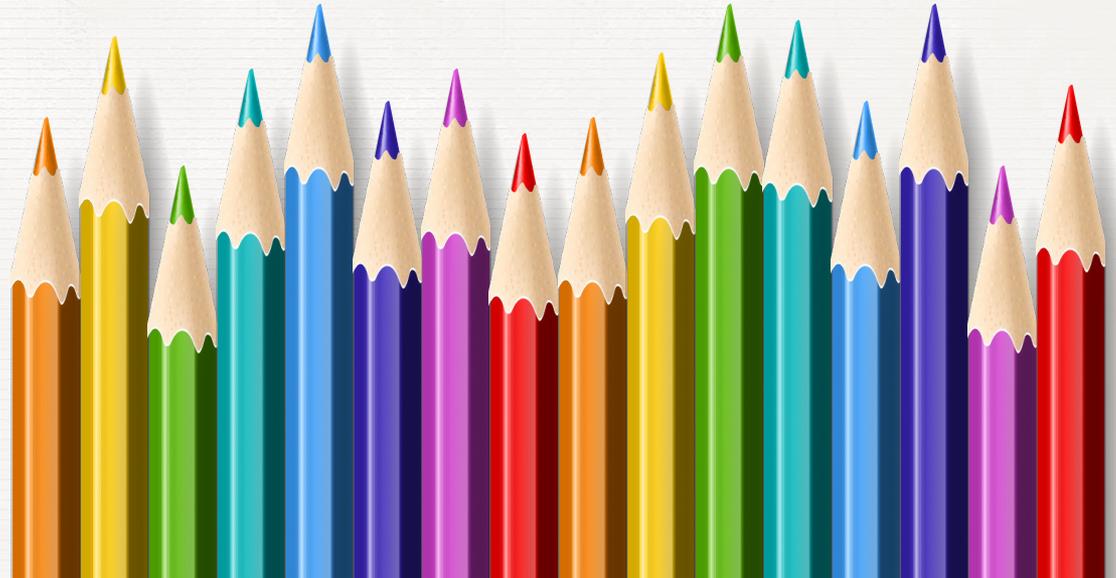


HOW DOES THAT WORK-2?

- ***Attendance in online and in-person classes are required.***
- *When students are in school, all safety and health requirements will be applied.*
- ***Online classes will be conducted synchronously. Classes will be interactive and streamed through CANVAS Learning Management System.***
- *Whether the students are in class or home, they will be together as a class in an online environment.*



3) ENTIRE ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM



HOW IT IS DIFFERENT THAT WHAT WE ALREADY HAD IN SPRING?

All districts and schools are required to have a plan for operating a online learning program.

This model must be available for individual students who cannot yet return in-person, and for all students in the event of future classroom or school closures due to COVID-19.



HOW IT IS DIFFERENT THAT WHAT WE ALREADY HAD IN SPRING?

- ***Synchronous online education program will be used.*** Synchronous learning occurs in real time and can help students feel connected even if their learning experience takes place primarily online. Real-time learning gives students an opportunity to connect with peers and instructors face to face.
- **Live teaching—via video stream—can also replicate the feel of an in-class environment, where instructors and students are present in the same place at the same time.**
- Synchronous learning helps students stay socially and cognitively connected to the course.
- **Asynchronous elements are also added to the program such as Online Discussions, Assignments, and Resources.**
- Presentations and Recorded lesson videos will also be provided to help students review the classes.



HOW IT IS DIFFERENT THAT WHAT WE ALREADY HAD IN SPRING?

- **HCSS will use CANVAS Learning Management System in 2020-21 school year.** CANVAS is a world wide known learning management system that many colleges and universities including Cornell University, Stanford University, Harvard University, Florida State University, Ohio State University, use to deliver their instructions.

In CANVAS, students will be able to:

- Attend online live classes,
- Watch presentations,
- Participate online discussions,
- Complete their assignments,
- Take their assessments,
- Receive feedbacks from their teachers and peers
- Organize with class calendar and
- Communicate with their teachers



THREE MODELS



IN THE COMING WEEKS:

DESE will issue more guidance on a variety of topics for the fall. They will also continue to update our guidance based on evolving medical information and contextual factors. These topics includes but not limited to the followings:

- Bus transportation
- Athletics and extracurricular programs
- Recommended time for a school day (Online/In-Person education)
- Recommended time for Mask Breaks
- Process for handling a COVID-19 positive case in the school community, including when a school or classroom would need to shut down.
- More Guidance for special programs and student supports, including special education, English learner education, and other programs and supports.



WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU...

!!Parent, Students, and Staff Survey!!

- Complete and submit your survey by Thursday, July 9th 5:00pm
- Ask your students to check their email and participate the survey. Their opinions are very important to us

In the survey, you will be asked for which options would fit best?

- IN-PERSON EDUCATION
- HYBRID EDUCATION MODEL.

*“If we are unable to bring all students back to school a **HYBRID Educational Model** will be offered.”*

- **OPTION II - COMPLETE ONLINE EDUCATIONAL MODEL**

Additional topics:

- Internet/technology access, and/or other technical support
- Bus transportation needs
- Food assistance and other essential services



Thank you...

