

## **The Transportation, Facilities and Lunch Recommendations document is a “draft plan” and should be viewed as a fluid document.**

Transportation - The committee recognizes that this is an integral support service in getting kids back to school. The Governor’s guidelines states the following:

***Transportation – School districts should maintain social distancing practices on buses to the maximum extent practicable and adopt best practices for cleaning and disinfecting all vehicles used for transporting students. If maintaining social distancing is not possible, all students who are able must wear face coverings while on busses.***

The committee makes the following recommendations to ensure the health and safety of our staff and students:

1. Provide drivers with masks, gloves and face shields (face shields are optional)
2. Schedule will be based on the school schedule established; taking into consideration the limited flexibility of transportation contractors to change the start and end times dramatically due to other contracted runs they have to perform.
3. Mandate students wear masks while on bus and social distance on bus to the best of their ability
4. Purchase/create signage for each bus to display requiring masks be worn by staff and students while on bus
5. Purchase and have available extra masks for students if they do not have them
6. Require open windows on bus when possible
7. Purchase and supply bus drivers with disinfectant as well as procedures that include bus drivers spraying the inside surfaces of the bus with an appropriate disinfectant at the end of each day
8. Purchase and supply each bus driver with a tub of alcohol based wipes that can be used to clean surfaces and sanitize hands. The wipes would then be made available to students riding the bus should they want to use for wiping surfaces or hands.

Facilities - The Governor’s guidelines are broken down in the following groupings and shown in bold in each section. Committee’s recommendations are found below each section.

***Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas – School district reopening plans should establish the process and location for student and staff health screenings. This should include providing physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to help ensure that staff and students remain at least six feet apart. When it is not possible to maintain physical distancing, schools must require the use of face coverings.***

Recommendations:

1. Purchase temperature sensing cameras to install at entrances to accommodate the number of students and staff attending each day. In addition consider limiting the locations to minimize the amount of devices needed to purchase.
2. Each school committee should establish a quarantine room should a staff member or student be presenting symptoms.
3. Each school should limit the stairway traffic to one direction only and post signage.
4. Require students to wear masks.
5. Establish set times that staff may enter the building to ensure someone has established that the staff members does not present with a fever
  - a. Temperature and Scanner Staff (Security) – 6:30 AM arrival
  - b. AM Duty staff arrival - 6:30AM – 6:45AM
  - c. AM All other staff – not earlier than 6:45 AM

***Facilities Cleaning Practices – School districts must continue to adhere to existing required facilities cleaning practices and procedures, and any new specific requirements of the local health department as they arise. School districts must also develop a schedule for increased routine cleaning and disinfecting, especially of frequently touched surfaces and objects, and 9 / New Jersey Department of Education [nj.gov/education](http://nj.gov/education) sanitize bathrooms daily and between use as much as possible.***

Recommendations:

1. To continue sanitization practices that have been implemented since the start of this pandemic.
2. To not use locker rooms or hallway lockers due to sanitizing needs, social distancing concerns and sharing of lockers
3. To not use weight room due to sanitizing concerns
4. Limit the number of bathrooms that can be used on a particular day so additional sanitizing and cleaning procedures can be performed.
5. Procure and install water bottle fillers in place of water fountains for staff and student use.
6. Purchase signage for school personnel to place around the building as appropriate reminding students to social distance and washing hands

***Use of Facilities Outside of School Hours – All extracurricular activities must comply with applicable social distancing requirements and hygiene protocol. External community***

***organizations that use school facilities must follow district guidance on health and safety protocols.***

Recommendations:

1. Do not permit outside groups to use the facilities as there is no assurance nor tracking of compliance with district protocols.

***Food Service and Distribution – School meals are critical to student health and well-being, especially for low-income students, and the NJDOE considers it a moral imperative to ensure the seamless and continuous feeding of New Jersey’s approximate 1.4 million students during all phases of school reopening. The Department is working with the Departments of Agriculture and Health to ensure that school district concerns related to food service are addressed as more guidance is made available.***

Recommendations:

1. Recommendation to deliver all meals, both breakfast and lunch, to the home on a schedule to be determined by the business office.
2. During the instructional day limit eating and drinking
3. If there exists a time when it is appropriate to adjust the schedule and meals would be served in school, the schedule should allow for time in between feeding sessions for disinfecting.
4. If there exists a time when it is appropriate to adjust the schedule and meals would be served in school, we shall discontinue family style, self-service, and buffet and use disposable silverware and trays.
5. If there exists a time when it is appropriate to adjust the schedule and meals would be served in school, the district would require the food service contractor to provide employees with masks, a face shield (or permanent barrier) and gloves