

Public Health Emergency Berks County Schools Decision Making Framework

DELIBERATE PHASE 1	POSTPONE PHASE 2	SHORT-TERM CLOSE PHASE 3	LONG-TERM CLOSE PHASE 4
Confirmed Cases in PA	Confirmed Case(s) in Berks County and/or school setting	Widespread Confirmed Cases in PA or in Your School	Widespread Confirmed Cases in PA or in Your School
SCHOOLS OPEN	POTENTIAL SCHOOL(S) CLOSURE	SCHOOL(S) CLOSURE	SCHOOL(S) CLOSURE
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Weigh suspending facilities usage by outside groups 2. Review all out-of-district field trips and travel 3. Discuss limiting outside visitors to school buildings 4. Communicate any decisions regarding changes to school events to affected students and families and outside groups 5. Continue increased disinfection on all frequently touched surfaces/items 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider suspending all non-essential visitation to school buildings, including daytime volunteer programs 2. Examine postponing all athletic and extracurricular activities, district/ community sponsored events, travel, and field trips (all or selected); reschedule as possible 3. Communicate changes to district and/or community programs, events, travel, and field trips 4. Implement options for deep cleaning of all facilities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider short-term closing of district buildings and schools for specified action such as deep clean 2. Consult with public health authorities about potential school(s) closure 3. Communicate the short-term closing of buildings and suspension of school/ community activities for specific actions, i.e. deep clean 4. Communicate transportation plans to non-public, private schools, etc. 5. Prepare and implement communication plan for re-opening school(s) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider/Communicate long-term closing of district buildings and schools 2. Consider the need for essential employees: on-call or as needed 3. Communicate transportation plans to non-public, private schools, etc. 4. Postponement of all activities 5. Consider providing students online access to limited curriculum resources, as appropriate and available 6. Implement school breakfast or lunch opportunities for students who qualify, as available 7. Prepare and implement plan for re-opening school(s)
Meet with leadership team members, update board and staff members, and consult with PA Dept. of Health and PA Dept. of Education as appropriate.			

MONITOR (INITIAL PHASE - Prior to Confirmed Cases in PA)

1. Monitored activities locally and regionally
2. Launched preventative education campaign
3. Implemented Emergency Preparedness Plan, where appropriate
4. Provided updated training to custodial team along with increased disinfectant on all frequently touched hard surfaces
5. Implemented district communications plan, including a dedicated webpage

Developed with information from the CDC, PA Department of Health, PA Department of Education, Berks County Department of Emergency Services, and the Berks County Intermediate Unit.

This framework is intended as guidance for making decisions with consideration of current, relevant information.

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