

# BERKS COUNTY EDUCATION REENTRY | COLLABORATIVE DECISION POINTS

PHASE	DECISION POINTS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Close school facilities for in-person instruction; provide all instruction via remote learning.</li> <li>b. Continue school meal programs with provisions.</li> <li>c. Conduct board meetings virtually.</li> <li>d. Suspend extracurricular activities / field trips / sports / student volunteer programs.</li> <li>e. Allow essential / critical staff to return following CDC and DOH guidelines; limit access to buildings.</li> <li>f. Provide tools for other staff to work remotely.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Devise Board-approved health and safety plan prior to providing any in-person services to students.</li> <li>b. Implement required staff training on health and safety plan prior to providing in-person services to students.</li> <li>c. Plan for acclimation of student reentry and / or addressing socio-emotional needs of students.</li> <li>d. Implement Continuity of Education instructional options, based on local circumstances (e.g., confirmed case(s); local decisions, etc.) and PDE guidance:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue face-to-face instruction with additional precautionary measures implemented.</li> <li>• Institute a modified / hybrid delivery system, (e.g., staggered schedules, combination of in-person and online instruction).</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Suspend student volunteer activities.</li> <li>f. Determine procedures for extracurricular activities / field trips / sports.</li> <li>g. Suspend non-essential student and staff travel.</li> <li>h. Limit staff meetings to groups of no larger than 25; adhere to CDC guidelines for meetings.</li> <li>i. Restrict use of cafeteria; limit cafeteria services.</li> <li>j. Adhere to guidance from PDE and DOH regarding face coverings for staff, students, families, visitors, and contractors in classrooms, in common areas, and on transportation vehicles.</li> <li>k. Specific requirements for transportation will be determined between school districts and bus contractors.</li> <li>l. Begin use of other personal protective equipment as directed.</li> <li>m. Require staff, students, parents, visitors, and contractors to conduct self-wellness checks prior to entering buildings, including answering the following questions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have you experienced any of the following in the last 24-48 hours: fever, shortness of breath, chills, dry cough, or contact with someone who has tested positive and / or is under investigation for COVID-19?</li> <li>• Have you returned from international travel within the last 14 days?</li> </ul> </li> <li>n. Restrict access to buildings; do not allow access for volunteers.</li> <li>o. Handle confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 by sending staff or student home; follow CDC guidance for next steps.</li> <li>p. Implement protocols for handling of cases of exposure and possible exposure.</li> <li>q. Implement additional cleaning and disinfecting protocols.</li> <li>r. Implement clean desk policy for employees.</li> <li>s. Provide cleaning and disinfecting supplies for staff.</li> <li>t. In case of resurgence, close building and deep clean after 24 hours.</li> <li>u. Consider offering childcare services, and if so, require temperature checks for students upon arrival.</li> </ul>
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*Disclaimer: As educational leaders devise reentry plans and make decisions, the health and well-being of students and staff members remains, as always, the top priority. While there is not a 'one size fits all' model for reopening and / or responding to a resurgence, this document captures the collaborative decisions made across Berks County Schools. As guidance evolves, decisions may be amended or changed.*