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Dear CGSD Families,

We appreciate your patience as we have been working over the summer to provide your children with the best learning opportunities we could under the circumstances for the upcoming school year. As we prepare to start the school year, we do so knowing situations are still fluid and can still change as the virus we are all combatting is still a great challenge.

At this time, we have chosen to return to school in a hybrid fashion. This means half of our students will be learning face-to-face for a portion of the time and learning virtually on devices we provide for them for a portion of the time. We have divided our students by their last names to make this as organized as possible. To help everyone remember what learning group they belong to we have also color-coded them by our school colors. Students whose last names start with the letters A-K are our Group A red group and students whose last names start with the letters L-Z are our Group B black group. Typically, red Group A students will attend face to face on Mondays and Tuesdays and black Group B will attend on Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesdays will be a virtual day for both groups as we will be deep cleaning on that day.

This schedule will be different for the first two days of school so that both groups can meet their teachers face to face. Therefore, Group A red group will attend school on Thursday, August 27 and Group B black group will attend school on Friday, August 28. The following week will be "normal" with Group A attending on Monday and Tuesday and Group B attending on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a virtual/online day for both groups.

On the back of this letter is information from our food service director regarding how to access meals during our new learning schedule.

Also included in this letter is information from our school nurses to help inform you about the Coronavirus and help you learn how to monitor your child's health before you send her/him to school each day. Please read that over carefully.

Thank you for your cooperation as we navigate these times together. If you have additional questions, please direct them to your child's building level administrator.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Helen K. McCracken".

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Central Greene School District will be offering healthy meals to all students actively enrolled in the district. We will be following the National School Lunch (NSLP) and Breakfast Programs (SNP) meal pricing eligibility.

Breakfast costs \$1.20; lunch costs \$2.50 for secondary (High School and Middle School) and \$2.40 for elementary level. Reduced price is \$.30¢ for breakfast and \$.40¢ for lunch. ***Your child(ren) may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Please contact the Food Service Dept. for additional information. 724-852-1050 ext. 3243***

Bundled meals will be provided for pick up to students remotely learning on specific days & times designated to Group A or Group B.

PICK UP DAYS

Group A will pick up meals on **Tuesdays** between 1:30pm-2pm. You will receive three breakfast and lunch meals to accommodate the days your student will be virtually learning.

Group B will pick up meals on **Fridays** between 1:30pm-2pm. You will receive three breakfast and lunch meals to accommodate the days your student will be virtually learning.

PICK UP LOCATION

WCHS pick up location will be at Door U located at the back of the building across from the student parking.

MBM pick up location will be at the band door located in the alleyway.

WCES pick up location will be located at the gym foyer doors.

PICK-UP TIME

Meals will be available for pick up between 1:30-2:00 pm at each building. Student name &/or ID will need to be provided for meal pick up. **Pick up times will need to be strictly abided by due to bus arrival. Please adhere to provided time slot.**

DUE TO SCHOOL STARTING ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27TH WE WILL BE HAVING A MEAL PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26TH TO ACCOMMODATE THE STUDENTS LEARNING VIRTUALLY IN GROUPS A & B. MEALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A ONE-TIME BASIS ONLY ON THIS DAY.

ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK THE ABOVE SCHEDULE WILL BE FOLLOWED. REMEMBER THESE MEALS WILL BE ACCOUNTED FOR FOLLOWING THE NSLP & SNP MEAL PRICING ELIGIBILITY.

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

(2) Fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) E-mail: program.intake@usda.gov.

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Central Greene School District

COVID-19 Returning to School Recommendations

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented schools across the country with a myriad of challenges. The COVID-19 virus is a highly contagious illness that primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized. However, some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current information suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, staff, and their families.

The Central Greene School District will take the necessary precautions and recommendations from the federal, state and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, and the PA Dept Education. The Central Greene School District realizes the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information, recommendations and treatments become available. These recommendations will be adjusted as needed as new information becomes available in order to decrease the risk of exposure for our students, staff, and families.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Please follow these recommendations to help ensure the health and safety of our CGSD students and community.

1. Parents please check with your child and screen them every morning prior to sending them to school. If your child has ANY of the symptoms on the screening list provided at the end of this letter, it is HIGHLY recommended that you keep them home and not "wait and see if you feel better later."
2. Do NOT give fever reducing medication in the morning to help your child get by at school for part of the day. This is not recommended as they may still be contagious and spread an illness unknowingly.
3. Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing (scrubbing hands for 20 seconds with warm water & soap) and wearing a cloth face covering (as recommended) to help decrease potential exposure to COVID-19 respiratory droplets by an infected individual and to help prevent spreading droplets to others. Hand Sanitizer may be utilized with an encouragement to wash with soap & water when visibly soiled hands are present, after restroom usage, before eating and other necessary times.
4. Anyone who is SICK must stay home.
5. Have a plan in place should your child become ill during the school day.
6. Parents MUST provide each child their own water bottle for hydration. (No drinking fountains will be available & sharing of water bottles is not permitted.)
7. Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, if feasible.
8. Educate your child on health and safety protocols.
9. Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures.
10. PPE (personal protective equipment- gloves, masks, eye protection/face shield, gown) will be used as needed and as situations warrant during the school day, or determined by local/state governments.
11. Identify your child or family member who may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. (See-CDC "People Who are at a Higher Risk for Severe Illness"). If there are concerns with this, please contact the school or district in regards to options.

POSITIVE CASES AND STUDENTS/STAFF SHOWING COVID-19 SIGNS/SYMPTOMS should NOT be at school and should follow CDC recommendations/guidelines.

What are the signs and symptoms of COVID-19?

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. The symptoms may range from mild to severe. (See CDC Fact Sheet)

Symptoms may include but not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

What to do if your child is sick?

- If your child is sick with COVID-19 or you think may be infected with the virus, **STAY AT HOME!** It is essential that you take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home, school or community. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and/or symptoms, **CALL** your healthcare provider for medical advice.
- Notify the school immediately (principal, school nurse, teacher).
- It will be determined if others who may have been exposed (classmates, students, teachers, staff) need to be notified, isolated, and/or monitored for symptoms.
- If a Positive case of COVID-19 is Diagnosed, Contact Tracing will be implemented with the assistance of local professionals, school administrators/staff, health department staff, and the CDC/PA DOH.

What to do if a student or staff become ill with COVID-19 symptoms during school day?

- Every effort will be made to isolate the ill individual from others, until the student or staff member can leave the school
- If a student is ill, a parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and arrangements will be made for the student to be picked up. Should the first parent/guardian on contact list be unavailable, an effort to leave voicemail will be made; the following contact(s) on the emergency contact list will be notified and requested to make arrangements to pick up the ill student.
- The ill individual or parent will be asked to contact their physician or appropriate healthcare professional for direction.
- Should your child become ill near the end of the school day with a fever and/or COVID-19 symptoms, a parent/guardian **will need to make arrangements to pick up the ill child;** to prevent from exposing others.

What are return to school directions for student(s) and/or staff following COVID-19 diagnosis?

- Student(s) and/or staff should have medical clearance from their physician or appropriate healthcare professional.
- Determined to be non-contagious
- Fever free (without fever-reducing medications for 24 hours)
- Improvement in respiratory symptoms (decrease or no cough, no shortness of breath)
- No vomiting or diarrhea

Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



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