

Newtown Public Schools
Re-Entry Wellness & Mitigation Subcommittee Meeting
July 10, 2020

Minutes of the Re-Entry Wellness & Mitigation Subcommittee meeting on July 10, 2020 at 8 a.m. by video-conference

Attendees:

Anne Dalton
Michelle Ku
Lisa Kilcourse
Kerri Sommer
Karen Powell
Donna Culbert

- I. **Emerging Ideas** – New questions were discussed.
 - a. The specific uses of masks and shields and the fact that they are not interchangeable was discussed. Shields will be available for lunch (when masks are not worn). How will this affect distancing requirements? What is the guidance? Karen to research and write specific language.
 - b. Effectiveness of HEPA filters in stand-alone air purifiers was discussed. Karen to research further.
 - c. Ability to use the HS pool safely was discussed. Pools can be open, but specific requirements for locker-room cleaning and distancing could be cost-prohibitive.
 - d. Specific scenarios of illness were discussed.
 - i. If a student is COVID+, school closed 2-5 days (per CSDE). Contact assessment would be done during this time to determine extent of exposure and need for further closure.
 - ii. Would schools that share the bus be closed?
 - iii. Siblings of COVID+ would be considered a contact, but their contacts would not be isolated (per CDC), thus the school of the sibling would not be closed.
 - iv. Nurses will have to make determination about when to refer a student to a provider for further assessment. Would the student be required to provide a note or COVID- to return?
 - v. What would be required of staff to return to work after self-identified illness?
 - vi. If staff are required to isolate, how are they compensated?
- II. **Resources/data** - The group will meet on Monday, July 13 at 8am to review a consolidated document and ensure that state requirements are covered.