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# **Special Education Guidelines for Re-Entry 2020-2021**

This is a working document, subject to change as COVID-19 changes take place. Updated 7/22/20

#### **Special Transportation**

- Student should sit as far apart as possible and have assigned seats
- Bus Driver and Instructional Assistant should wear masks and/or face shields when in close contact with students.
- Students who are able should wear masks.
- Seatbelts and Star Seats should be sanitized before and after student use.
- Each student with use hand sanitizer or wipe as they enter the bus to clean their hands.
- Parents have the option of transporting their own students to school TVSC will reimburse mileage to parents.

#### Special Education TOR- Case Conferences and Data Collection

- Consider conducting a virtual case conference as school opens back up if there need to be adjustments made to the student's IEPs.
- If a parent chooses a virtual school option for their child, a virtual case conference should be held to determine appropriate services.
- Plan to obtain an IEP data point as quickly as possible when kids get back to ensure that we are providing appropriate instruction for them to make progress on their goals.

#### **Applied Skills Classrooms**

- It will be challenging to keep a social distance from students who need intensive levels of support.
- Mask should be worn by staff and students when social distancing is not possible.
- Alternative masks (clear masks, face shields) can also be worn
- Staff feeding, toileting or preforming any other task with bodily fluid should wear gloves and masks and possibly surgical gowns.
- Staff may have a change of clothes at school for emergency purposes.
- Medically Fragile students- We should ask parents to contact their healthcare provider first to determine if returning to school is appropriate.

<u>Special Education Staff Traveling to multiple buildings</u> (MHT, Speech, School Psychologist, Special Education Director, Educational Diagnostician, DHH services, OT/PT)-

- The use of Microsoft Teams should be used to attend meetings/interactions with students if possible to reduce travel to multiple buildings in a day.
- As a schedule allows, staff should limit themselves to visiting multiple buildings in a day.

## **Speech Pathologists**

- SLPs will wear a clear mask or a shield due to the fact that students must see their mouth.
- Plexie glass sneeze guards will be used in speech groups.
- Encourage groups of student no larger than 3 at a time to ensure some social distancing
- Possibly use zoom or teams to conduct online speech to avoid travel to multiple buildings.

### **Deaf and Hard of Hearing Student Population Accommodations**

- Teachers will need to wear a clear mask or face shield, to ensure students have access to the teachers mouths for lip reading and to see facial expressions.
- Wearing masks and social distancing will adversely impact students' ability to hear instruction, so special seating in the classroom and the use of FM System if the student uses one is critical.