

## **New Horizons School Reopening Guidelines during COVID-19 Pandemic**

In preparation to reopen for the 2020-21 school year, New Horizons School will practice procedures beginning July 6, 2020, to help limit the spread of the CoronaVirus; with COVID-19 safety measures in place.

As we prepare to transition to the next school year, our goal is to meet the needs of our NHS community by providing access to education for our students centered around a Workshop Way Education and building relationships.

### **Strategies to maintain smaller groups of students in shared spaces:**

- Students will remain in the same space and in groups as small and consistent as practicable.
- NHS will minimize the movement of students and staff throughout other spaces outside of their shared spaces as much as practicable.
- NHS will maximize space between seating and desks. Distance teacher and staff desks at least six feet away from student desks.
- NHS will serve meals in classrooms or outdoors instead of cafeterias.
- Students will use bagged meals as much as possible.
- Minimize congregate movement through hallways as much as practicable.
- NHS will hold recess on staggered schedules separated by class or groups.
- NHS will avoid large gatherings such as assemblies and dances except on video conferencing platforms.
- Students will use an isolation room when not feeling well to minimize contact with others until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility.
- NHS will limit nonessential visitors inside classrooms/buildings.

### **Self-Screening for Symptoms**

- Before students and staff come to school, they should conduct a self-screening for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Parents/guardians should assist younger children with screening.
- Anyone who has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days or has COVID-19 symptoms must not go to a school site.
- NHS will monitor staff and students throughout the day for signs of illness; send home students and staff with a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms.

## [ACPHD Health Screening](#)

### **General Safety Precautions**

- NHS will teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- Students and staff should wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap, rubbing thoroughly after application, and use paper towels (or single-use cloth towels) to dry hands thoroughly. Fragrance-free hand sanitizer with at least 60% ethyl alcohol should be used when hand washing is not practicable.
- Portable handwashing stations throughout a site and near classrooms will be used to minimize movement and congregations in bathrooms to the extent practicable.
- We will limit sharing, including by ensuring adequate supplies to minimize the sharing of high-touch materials to the extent practicable or limit the use of supplies and equipment to one group of children at a time, with cleaning and disinfection between uses.

### **Other Safety Considerations**

- All staff should use cloth face coverings unless ACHD standards require respiratory protection. Teachers can use face shields, if available, which enable younger students to see their teachers' faces and to avoid potential barriers to phonological instruction.
- Students will be encouraged to use cloth face coverings. Cloth face coverings are most essential in settings where physical distancing cannot easily be maintained or settings where space may be insufficient.
- Students and staff should be frequently reminded not to touch their face covering and to wash their hands frequently.
- As a frequent contact with the public, the NHS front office staff will be required to use gloves and facial coverings.

## [Tips for Parents Returning to Childcare](#)