Our Approach to Reopening

• Our Re-Opening Plan adheres to the following philosophies: **Safety, Collaboration, Mission, Feedback and Flexibility**

  • **SAFETY:** The safety of our students and staff remains our #1 priority. We will open our schools only when it is safe to do so and will provide all measures possible to keep our community safe.

  • **MISSION:** We remain steadfast in our commitment to provide a supportive community for our students that nurtures a love of learning, teaches creative problem-solving, fosters the development of character, and creates learning opportunities inside and outside of the classroom.

  • **COLLABORATION:** Our Reopening Team, comprised of School Leadership Teams, Beginning with Children network staff, and the CPCSEC Board, has been listening and working with our entire community. We recognize the individual differing needs of families, teachers and staff.

  • **FEEDBACK:** Our Reopening Plan has prioritized and will continue to prioritize feedback shared from our school community and staff.

  • **FLEXIBILITY:** Our Reopening Plan will be flexible, allowing us to adapt to any changes in NYC or community circumstances. Our schools may be fully remote, fully in our buildings or some combination of the two at any time. Families may also elect a fully-remote learning option if they prefer not to send their student to school in-person.
First Day of School

- **Monday, August 24** – Remote Full Day Instruction begins for all students
- Governor Andrew Cuomo will decide in early August whether NYC schools can open for in-person learning
- Earliest start date for in-person instruction is Thursday, September 10, in conjunction with access to shared facilities
Potential Models of Instruction For Your Student
2020-21 School Year

• We are planning for 3 different learning models
during the 2020-21 school year

  1. 100% in person learning

  2. Hybrid learning model

  3. 100% remote learning
Potential Models of Instruction For Your Student
2020-21 School Year

100% in-person learning:

- In-person 5 days per week
- Strict social distancing and safety protocols
- Number of students eligible depends on each school’s space
- Youngest students, students with disabilities, and English-language learners will have priority
Potential Models of Instruction For Your Student
2020-21 School Year

• Hybrid learning model:
  • Alternate days of learning in person and at home, using remote learning tools
  • All students receive high quality, live instruction, in-person or remote, 5 days a week
  • Siblings will be assigned to learn in-person on the same days
  • Youngest students, SpEd and ELL students will receive more frequent in person instruction
Potential Models of Instruction For Your Student
2020-21 School Year

100% Remote Learning:

• As mandated by local health authorities
• As necessitated by the health and safety of our community
• Families may elect a 100% remote option for their child

We may need to transition between all 3 scenarios at different points of the school year, depending on our community’s needs, health expert guidance and government mandate.
New Health & Safety Rules

Protective Face Coverings for students and staff
Staff and students will be required to wear protective face coverings at all times, unless medically unable. The school will have extra masks on hand daily for those who need them.

Small Classes that Stay in 1 Room
Students will be assigned to small cohorts that stay in 1 classroom throughout the day. We will minimize teacher changes between rooms. No large gathering or assemblies.

Physical Distancing
Students and staff will follow “social distancing” guidelines (maintaining 6 feet apart) at all times.

Rigorous Cleaning Protocols
School facilities will be cleaned daily, and high touch areas (stairwells, bathrooms) will receive multiple cleanings per day.

Health Screenings: Regular checks for students and staff
Students and staff will undergo daily health checks prior to school entry. The school will also have medical equipment for on-site checks and Isolation Rooms for any individuals demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19.
Arrival & Departure at School

• At arrival and dismissal, we will have:
  • Signs directing social distancing at school entrance
  • Face mask checks for students and staff
  • Non-contact temperature screening
• Afterschool/extracurricular programs are VIRTUAL only
Inside the School Building

• Small, contained classes
  • Cohorts of 10-14 students will remain in 1 classroom throughout day
  • Desks will be set up with appropriate physical distance and/or barriers
  • Meals will be served in classrooms

• Minimal transitions
  • Use of hallways and stairways will be staggered and limited

• No Large Assemblies

• Rigorous Cleaning
  • Daily and nightly cleaning, with high touch areas receiving multiple cleanings per day
Keeping Our Schools Healthy

• Children or staff members with symptoms of illness will stay home
• Onsite nurse
• *COVID-Response Team* at each campus will ensure:
  • Communication with families in event of suspected case of COVID-19 or exposure
  • Isolation and monitoring of students/staff who exhibit symptoms
  • Cleaning/disinfection of exposed areas
Transportation

• NYC DOE has not guaranteed yellow bus service (OPT) this year. We will communicate updates as we learn them.
  • We will provide Metrocards in the absence of full DOE busing.
• All transportation arranged through the school—OPT or our private Queens bus service—will adhere to social distance and safety guidelines.
If you would like more detail on reopening plans and policies, please look [here](#). We will continue to update our plans as we gather more information. Please continue to be safe and healthy. And thank you for your ongoing support and confidence in our schools!