

# Health & Safety Plan Revisions

April 13, 2021



# Overview of Updates

## Health & Safety Plan Proposals

- ✓ Sharing Recess Equipment
- ✓ Weight room use for instructional/learning purposes
- ✓ Library Book Circulation
- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Modified Quarantine

## Attestation: Full Building Cleaning & Disinfection

[Responding to COVID-19 Case\(s\) at School \(pa.gov\)](#)

## PA Recommendation for Social Distancing:

[Wolf Admin: Updated Recommendations for K-12 Schools Match CDC Guidance for Social Distancing and COVID-19 Cases in Schools \(pa.gov\)](#)



# UPDATES to Health & Safety Plan

# Sharing Resources

“The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus. It is possible for people to be infected through contact with contaminated surfaces or objects (fomites), but the risk is generally considered to be low.”

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/surface-transmission.html>

# Shared Resources

We will allow students to use playground equipment during recess. We will...

- Encourage everyone to wash/sanitize hands before/after use of shared or public materials.
- Encourage everyone to refrain from touching their faces.
- This applies to other learning areas and subjects where materials are shared (e.g., physical education equipment, art supplies, etc.)

CBSD H&S Plan, p. 30, 34, 35

# Shared Resources: Library

We will no longer remove books from library circulation between borrowing. Instead, we will...

- Encourage everyone to wash/sanitize hands before/after use of shared or public materials.
- Encourage everyone to refrain from touching their faces.
- This applies to other learning areas and subjects where materials are shared (e.g., physical education equipment, art supplies, etc.)

CBSD H&S Plan, p. 31

# Shared Resources: Weight Room

We will allow students to use our weight room as part of Physical Education instruction and learning.

- Students and staff will adhere to proper wiping-down of equipment before and after use along with handwashing/sanitizing before and after use.
- Encourage everyone to wash/sanitize hands before/after use of shared or public materials.
- Encourage everyone to refrain from touching their faces.

CBSD H&S Plan, p. 17, 29-30

# End of Year Events

To the extent feasible, permission for end of year events will be considered for approval so long as the stipulations found in this H&S Plan can be met throughout the trip.

CBSD H&S Plan, p. 35-36

# Modified Quarantine

What is it?

How would it work?

When would it start?

# MQ: What is it?

Modified Quarantine can be assigned to those who have had low-level exposure to a person positive for COVID-19.

A modified quarantine means that a close contact can attend school/work so long as they follow these rules...

1. Wear masks at ALL times, except...
2. When eating/drinking, they may remove their mask so long as they are at least 6 feet away from others.
3. Stay home if/as soon as symptoms develop.

## NOTES:

- A person who has COVID-19 is NOT ELIGIBLE for modified quarantine.
- A person who is has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 is NOT ELIGIBLE for modified quarantine.
- A person who cannot wear a mask is NOT ELIGIBLE for modified quarantine (i.e., those with mask exemptions in their 504s, swimmers, etc.).
- A person who has high-exposure (i.e., household exposure) is NOT ELIGIBLE for modified quarantine.
- A person who does not follow the rules of modified quarantine will be assigned virtual learning until 10/7 days post last day of known exposure.
- These points have been developed in consultation with Dr. David Damsker, Director of the Bucks County Department of Health

# MQ: How would it work?

1. When we learn of a positive case in school, those who are considered “exposed” (within 6 ft for 15 minutes or longer) will report to the school Health Office.
2. The School Nurse will assess those exposed for symptoms.
  - Those demonstrating symptoms presently or over the past 24 hours without medication will be sent home.
  - Those who are asymptomatic will return to class after receiving guidance on MQ. Parents/guardians will be contacted to confirm status of quarantine.
3. All close contacts will be reported to BCDH who will confirm\* the type of quarantine assigned to each contact.
  - Modified Quarantine
  - Quarantine
  - Ongoing quarantine

\*If BCDH confirms a type of quarantine different than what was originally communicated, the school will communicate the changed quarantine status with parents/guardians.

# MQ: When would it start?

Due to the number of systemic changes (listed below) to our data collection, reporting, and communications, we propose that the implementation of MQ begin on April 19.

- Communications with all Nurses and Administrators
- Communications with all Staff
- Communications with all Families
- Collaboration with IT to change reporting
- Creation of tracking (Q, MQ, Ongoing)
- Collaboration with BCDH regarding communications with contacts/parents/guardians



# Attestation Update

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The state recently updated the rules for [Responding to COVID-19 Case\(s\) at School \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov).

The most noteworthy change for CBSD is:

When schools, based on their student population and level of community transmission, fall into the middle column, they are to clean where positive cases have been.

- This is what CBSD had been doing BEFORE the attestation with great success, meaning, little to no evidence of in-school transmission.
- This means we can focus whole-school all-inclusive cleaning and disinfecting on schools that truly need it and thus reduce burn-out of our FEMO staff.

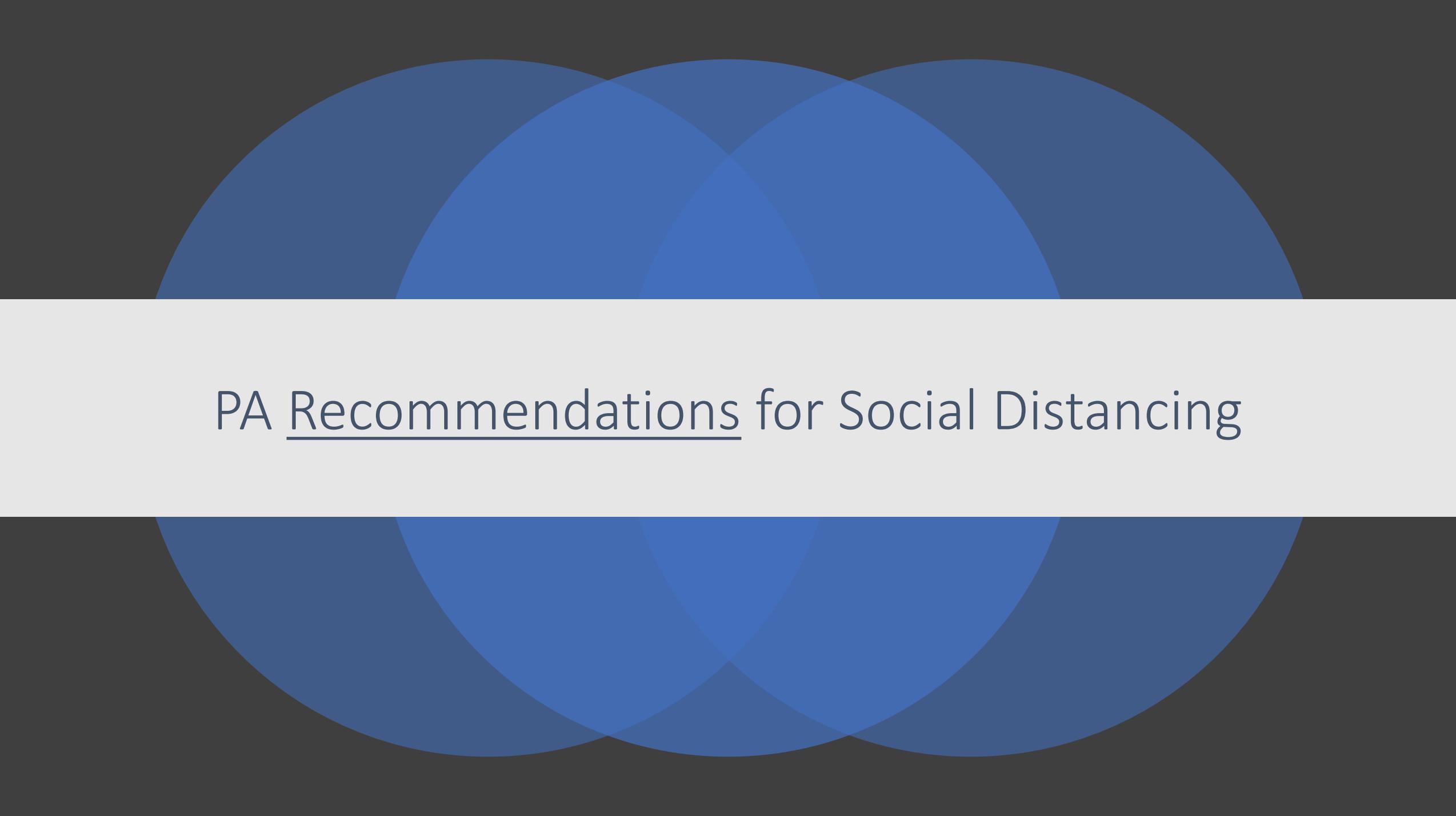
Note: We are very fortunate in CBSD to have two things:

1. Bucks County Department of Health
2. FEMO Department

NOTE: These two things have allowed us to keep schools clean, safe, and open.

<u>Level of Community Transmission in the County</u>	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a Rolling 14-Day Period:
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building	5+ students/staff in same school building
<b>Substantial</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>•Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>•Close school(s) for 2-3 days*</li> <li>•Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•School should consider altering schedule to significantly decrease number of students on site</li> <li>•Close school(s) for 5 days*</li> <li>•Clean entire school</li> <li>•Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>

\*If case investigations, contact tracing, and cleaning and disinfecting can be accomplished in a faster time frame, the length of closure time may be shortened.



PA Recommendations for Social Distancing

# New State Recommendations for Social Distancing

## State Recommendations

- In elementary school, students should be at least 3 feet apart.
- In middle and high schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart in counties with low and moderate community transmission. In substantial counties, middle and high school students should be 6 feet apart, if [cohorting](#) is not possible.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance in the following settings:
  - Between adults in the school building (teachers and staff), and between adults and students.
  - When masks can't be worn, such as when eating.
  - During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band, or sports and exercise. Move these activities outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces.
  - In common areas such as school lobbies and auditoriums

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## Guidance from BCDH informed by COVID Data

- Despite continued substantial transmission in Bucks County
- CBSD's schools have seen little evidence of in-school spread
  - Over 1100 cases this year (only 41% contagious in schools)
  - BCDH believes we may have had 6 cases of in-school spread.
- Note: Our data shows the greatest number of cases after holidays.

## Changes to H&S Plan:

- Minimum of 3 ft distance for traditional in-person learning changed on p. 18



Questions?