



FAQ

School Committee Meeting, August 17, 2020

Agenda

“Man Plans. God Laughs.” - Yiddish Proverb

- Virtual Academy and Transportation Survey
- Phases: One step at a time ...
- Health and Safety
- Virtual Academy
- Student Cohorts
- Operations: HVAC, Cleaning, Transportation, Finance
- FACE
- Special Education
- School Based Meetings: Tuesday and Wednesday night

Virtual Academy and Transportation

- Survey sent to all families after this meeting:
 - a. Election for Virtual Academy
 - b. Election for school bus transportation
- Deadline: Thursday, August, 20th at 5:00 PM
- This information will help us finalize cohorts and establish bus routes, stops, and traffic control needs at each school

Approved Hybrid Model

Split Week, Wednesdays Remote for All

- Cohorts A and B are in-person 2 days per week. Students in grades 2-12 will be placed into cohorts A or B, unless otherwise designated per DESE guidelines
- Cohort C is in-person 4 days per week reserved for students in substantially separate programs as well as Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Grade 1 at Cedar.
- Cohort D is always remote: Virtual Academy

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	Remote Learning: Teachers PD in the afternoon	Remote	Remote
Cohort B	Remote	Remote		In-Person	In-Person
Cohort C	In-Person	In-Person		In-Person	In-Person
Cohort D	Remote	Remote		Remote	Remote



Procedures for COVID-19 Related Scenarios

A student/staff becomes ill at school

- Person goes to the precaution area (separate from the health office)
- Nurse assesses the person
- If found to have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, person will be dismissed to home
 - Call primary care provider
 - COVID-19 test
 - Isolate until results come in
 - If positive, isolate according to MDPH guidelines (10 days, 24 hours no fever, improvement of symptoms)
 - If negative, return when no fever, improvement of symptoms x 24 hours

A student/staff tests positive for COVID-19

- Person follows MDPH isolation protocol
- Hanover Board of Health/HPS Health Services Contact Trace
- Close contacts must quarantine for 14 days (remote learning)

OR

- Wait 5 days after exposure to symptomatic person, and obtain at COVID-19 Test
- If negative, the person may return to school
 - *This is different than the current guidance for the general public*

A student/staff is a close contact of a person who tests positive for COVID-19

- Person must quarantine for 14 days or obtain a COVID-19 Test on the 5th day after exposure.
- If negative test, can return to school
- If they develop symptoms, should get tested right away and not wait 5 days
- No action needed for a person who is in contact with someone who was in close contact with a positive case (only 1st degree contacts need to quarantine).

More than one person tests positive for COVID-19

- Same classroom cohort as the initial case - contact trace that case
- If outside of the initial cohort, Is there a known source outside of school?
- If the source of infection is unknown and there are multiple cases in the building cohort - consider closure of building cohort group (ie: Monday/Tuesday or Thursday/Friday)
- If positive cases across both building cohorts, may consider temporary building quarantine (1-3 days, or full 14 day quarantine)
- All school-wide quarantine decisions are made in consultation with Hanover Board of Health, State Epidemiologist and/or DESE

Expectations for Families

- Attend Health Services presentations
- Read all correspondences for updated information
- Review health and safety expectations with their child
- Send child with a clean, cloth face mask that securely covers the nose and mouth, every day
- Assess student every day before sending their child to school
- Do not send child to school when ill, especially if experiencing symptoms of Covid-19

Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (100.4 F or higher, chills, shaking chills)
- Cough (not due to other known source)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

Other reasons to keep your child home

- Close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of being positive for COVID-19
- Under a quarantine order because of travel to a 'Hot Spot' state
- Uncontrolled coughing and sneezing, even if it is due to allergies



Virtual Academy

- Election Process Underway
- High School Model
- Middle School Model
- Elementary Model

Student Cohorts

- Hybrid: Cohorts A and B
- Four days in person: Cohort C
- Fully Virtual: Cohort D

- A and B Pending Enrollment in the Virtual Academy

- Methodology

- Timeline

Operations/Facilities

- Cleaning and Sanitation
- HVAC
- Transportation
- Finance and Funding



Special Education

- FAQ Findings
- Upcoming SEPAC meetings

Next Steps

- Finalize agreement with the Hanover Teachers' Association
- Building based Town Hall meetings: August 18 and 19
- Virtual Academy Enrollment and Transportation Election
Deadline: Thursday, August 20th
- Finalize A/B/C cohorts and notifications to families: Monday, August 31st
- First day for students: September 16th
- Ongoing updates to community regarding logistics, health and safety protocols/procedures, and school opening procedures

Feedback Forum

Please share questions and feedback for the School Committee and School Administration via this email address:

reopenhps@hanoverschools.org

For student specific questions, please contact your child's building principal.