

## CREC River Street School Plan to Reopen and Re-Engage

CREC River Street School has developed this plan for reopening its schools with a focus on four core principles:

- Health and Safety
- Emotional Well Being
- Stakeholder Communication
- Maximizing Teaching and Learning

### Health and Safety

Under this core principle CREC River Street School has made modifications to the operational components of our program to mitigate the transmission of the virus.

#### *Face Coverings*

- Students will be expected to wear a face covering at all times, including the time they are on school transportation;
- We recognize that some students will have difficulty with a mask. Care will be taken with these individuals to assure their inclusion in school, while trying to maintain a safe environment for all.
- Parents (e.g., during transportation) will be required to wear a face covering when interacting with staff.
- Staff will be required to wear a face covering at all times
- Frequent mask breaks will occur throughout the day when social distancing is possible;
- If a student or staff member forgets their mask, the school will provide one.

#### *Social Distancing*

- Classrooms are being rearranged to maximize the amount of distance between student work stations;
- Signage will be posted throughout the buildings marking six feet of distance as needed and reminding students and staff to socially distance;
- Where feasible hallways and stairwells will be one-way;
- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms;

- Families can request a consult to identify lunch containers that are easier to open and eliminate the need for others to touch their child's meal;
- Communal refrigerators and microwaves will be discouraged. Parents are encouraged to prepare lunches with a cool pack or thermos, as needed;
- School bus vendors will load students back to front, and unload front to back;
- Parents choosing to transport their child will be asked to wait in the bus line.

#### *Enhanced Cleaning Protocols*

- There will be frequent cleaning of high-traffic areas and touch points throughout the school day;
- The HVAC systems have been modified to allow for maximum fresh air to circulate through school buildings without compromising the heating or cooling functions;
- After the school day each room in the schools will be disinfected.

#### *Personal Hygiene*

- Students will have frequent opportunities to wash their hands;
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and common areas;
- Signage will be posted throughout the schools reminding students and staff of the importance of hand washing.

#### *Minimizing Exposure to the Full School Community*

- All students will be assessed and teaching plans developed with regard to health and safety skills needed during this pandemic;
- River Street School will place students into cohorts, to the greatest extent possible, to keep students together in the same group throughout the day;
- Students will be restricted to their cohort when feasible;
- An accurate roster will be maintained for each cohort to allow for quick communication should there be a case of the virus within a specific cohort;
- Visitors will not be allowed to enter the schools unless required to implement an IEP service. Parents/guardians delivering medications will need to make arrangements with nursing.

## **Emotional Well-Being**

CREC River Street School recognizes that during the time of the pandemic and subsequent shutdown that students and staff may be re-entering their school community feeling anxious and/or suffering from some form of distress.

- At the beginning of the school year all student's individual profiles, behavior intervention plans, and behavior data will be reviewed to determine adjustment;
- Frequent student and staff check-ins will occur to identify those who may need additional supports and resources;
- Students will be provided support to minimize the impact of the pandemic on them, their community, and the world.
- River Street School social workers will reach out to students and families who are not yet engaged in school to offer support and connections to community-based resources.

## **Stakeholder Communication**

CREC River Street School values its partnerships with their families and the community and will provide clear and timely communication.

- All reopening information will be posted, in English and Spanish, on the district website;
- Frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be developed and available on the website; the FAQs will be updated as new questions arise;
- There will be a single point of contact for the district and each school for questions about reopening;
- Timely and appropriate communication will occur in the event a member of the school community contracts the virus;
- Any changes to policies and/or procedures will be shared in a timely manner on the district website and through direct communication through SchoolMessenger.

## **Maximizing Teaching and Learning**

CREC River Street School is preparing to welcome students back into the classroom, while at the same time having an eye towards the possibility that school may need to close again should there be a change to the health data and recommendations.

- Student's IEPs will be reviewed, present levels of performance identified, and critical needs prioritized for instruction, intervention, and immediate support;

- CREC River Street School is preparing to do school differently should health indicators warrant a change; the following are the three levels of schooling:
  - *Level 1 In Person Learning:* All students and staff are invited back to the school building under the reopening guidelines described in this plan.
  - *Level 2 Hybrid Model:* If health data and recommendations warrant reducing the number of individuals in a building, a hybrid model will be employed. Students may be divided into two groups (red group and blue group) and will attend school on alternating days or weeks between in-person and online learning.
  - *Level 3 All Distance Learning:* School will revert back to full distance learning. CREC River Street School will be prepared to send all students home with a individualized “Go Bag” with essential school supplies to continue learning from home.