



Mercer County Special Services School District
Safe Reopening Plan

As of August 30, 2021

First Day for staff and students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 8 and 9, 2021 (Staff Professional Development Days) • September 10, 2021 (First day for Students)
Assemblies/ Large Group Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies/large gatherings during the school day are on hold until further notice.
Mask/Face Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wearing of masks/face coverings by faculty, staff, students, and visitors are required in all schools, offices, and buildings at all times as per Executive Order (EO) 251.
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school communication will be shared through robo-calls, district website, individual schools through emails and texts. • The district will continue to provide information and resources related to COVID-19.
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trips will be allowed only if safety measures can be implemented.
Safe and Healthy Schools Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents should monitor their children for signs of illness daily and not send students to school if they are exhibiting at least 2 of the following symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fever ○ Chills ○ Shivers ○ Muscle aches ○ Headache ○ Sore throat ○ Nausea ○ Vomiting ○ Diarrhea ○ Fatigue ○ Congestion ○ Runny Nose

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Or, one of the following symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cough ○ Shortness of breath ○ Difficulty breathing ○ New olfactory disorder ○ New taste disorder • All students and employees should screen their temperature daily. Students and employees should not report to work if they have a measured temperature of 100.0 or higher • If a student or staff member become ill while at school, they will be kept away from others until they can be sent home. • Contact tracing will be conducted by the district upon notification of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis. • All classrooms will be supplied with hand sanitizer and disinfectant • Best practices for hand washing and social distancing will be implemented. • Masks will be required for all faculty/staff, students, and visitors to our schools and offices. • Custodial staff will be provided disinfecting supplies. • Classrooms, cafeteria, and high traffic areas will be sanitized frequently. • Social distancing of at least three feet will be maintained whenever possible. • District will continue to limit the use of shared supplies and equipment or disinfect between uses when necessary.
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents may opt to transport students. • Drivers, additional staff, and students are required to wear masks, as social distancing cannot be achieved on buses. • Assigned seats with students from the same household sitting together will be encouraged on the bus.
Visitor Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the exception of the front office areas, schools will only be accessible to students, school faculty and staff. • Parent/Teacher conferences may be held virtually. • When visiting our buildings, visitors will be required to wear masks.
Dates to Remember	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First day of school will be September 10, 2021, in a traditional, face-to-face format for all students enrolled in Mercer County Special Services School District.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All New Jersey school personnel are required to be fully vaccinated by October 18,2021, or COVID-19 tested once or twice a week as per EO 253.
Google Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If staff or students are home quarantining, Google Classroom will be utilized. All staff and students should have their technical devices and chargers with them every day. Any remote options for instruction will take place through Google Classroom. Teachers should create 10 Google Classroom lessons to be followed by students in the event lessons are necessary.
Cleaning/Disinfecting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district will follow standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA registered product for use against SARS-COV-2. High touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
Air Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The district is running HVAC units 4 hours before arrival and 4 hours after last occupancy. Outdoor air dampers have been opened to 10% from the normal 5% setting. Doors are allowed to be propped open and windows can be opened to allow maximum air flow.
<p style="text-align: center;">Vaccinations</p> <p>We encourage all students and faculty/staff who are eligible to receive the vaccine to take this opportunity to vaccinate against COVID. COVID vaccines are easily available in Mercer County for anyone 12 years or older. You may visit www.vaccines.gov/search to locate a vaccine provider in our area.</p> <p>The district is currently planning to have a system in place to collect the vaccination status of students and staff, or to provide testing for those that are unvaccinated, in order to comply with the State mandate.</p>	