



**DELRAN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
52 Hartford Rd., Delran NJ, 08075

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# ***Operation: Reopening*** **Clarifying Points**

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## Wellness

- Please explain the District's position regarding the use of masks
  - All students and all staff are expected to wear a mask for the duration of the school day. All staff will facilitate mask breaks for their classes when appropriate with social distancing protocols.
  - Further guidance was set forth by the NJDOE as it relates to masks:
    - Students are required to wear face coverings, unless doing so would inhibit the student's health. It is necessary to acknowledge that enforcing the use of face coverings may be impractical for young children or individuals with disabilities.
      - Exceptions
        - Doing so would inhibit the student's health.
        - The student is in extreme heat outdoors.
        - The student is in water.
        - A student's documented medical condition, or disability as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), precludes the use of face covering.
        - The student is under the age of two (2), due to the risk of suffocation.
        - During the period that a student is eating or drinking.
        - Face coverings should not be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance (e.g. face coverings should not be worn by Pre-K students during nap time).
        - The student is engaged in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic activities.
        - Face coverings may be removed during gym and music classes when individuals are in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet apart.
        - When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.
      - Currently, the CDC does not recommend use of face shields as a substitute for face coverings.
        - Therefore, they may not be used to satisfy the face covering requirement detailed above.
          - However, they may be an option for students with medical or other challenges that preclude the use of face coverings.
            - If face shields are used without a mask, they should wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend to below the chin.
  - May teachers institute "mask breaks?"
    - Yes.



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- Researchers have identified “frequent discomfort” as a potential challenge associated with implementing use of face covering requirements.
- Students and staff should be provided face covering breaks throughout the day.
  - Face covering breaks should only occur when social distancing can be maintained and ideally outside or with windows open.
- Can parents provide masks for their children?
  - Yes, but the school principal has the right to provide a school issued mask should the quality of the home provided mask be concerning.
  - According to the NJDOE:
    - Face coverings should be provided by the student’s family/guardian and can be included as part of the back to school supplies list provided to families/guardians prior to the start of the school year.
    - Schools should strive to provide extra disposable face coverings for students who need them, and should provide face coverings for students that are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to afford them to the greatest extent possible.
    - [HERE](#) is a document from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it relates to mask research and best practice

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## Student Scheduling

1. When will I receive information regarding my child’s program choice?
  - a. All parents have already confirmed their child’s program choice.
2. When will I receive information regarding my child’s team assignment (Team Delaware or Team Rancocas)
  - a. On or before August 17, 2020 to your home mailing address on file with Realtime.

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## Childcare

1. What should I do if I am interested in childcare?
  - a. [Fill out this brief survey by August 15, 2020](#)
2. Is there a plan for kids who need to go to before and after school care?
  - a. We are working with vendors in Delran to market for specific programs in their facilities for District children.
  - b. We are tentatively planning the following to be staffed by YMCA personnel:
    - i. YMCA of Mt. Laurel (59 Centerton Road - Mount Laurel)
    - ii. Calvary Church
    - iii. Resurrection Church