



## 2020-2021 Reopening Plan Frequently Asked Questions

### General

#### Q. When will the school year start?

- Dock will begin classes as scheduled on August 20.

#### Q. Where do I sign up for the learning choice of my child?

- Here is the [link](#) to sign up for your learning choice: on-campus or remote.

#### Q. Under what circumstances can I change the learning choice for my child?

- We encourage families to give their choice a chance to develop as the new environment will be an adjustment for all.
- Families may change formats on September 8, 21 and October 23. We will evaluate after first quarter and determine the parameters for the months after that
- Students who are ill or quarantined may utilize the remote learning choice short term.

#### Q. Will I need to sign a waiver to attend Dock this fall?

- Each family will sign an Assumption of Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to COVID-19. This is an unusual year and Dock wants to make sure we are being transparent about the level of risk associated with the on-campus option

### Health/Safety

#### Q. How will face coverings be managed?

- See the [draft of the Health and Safety Plan](#) (HSP) for further details.
- Face coverings are required in PA for all persons two years and older. We will continue to monitor the advice of state officials and health professionals.
- If a student has a documented medical/mental health condition or disability, we will partner with the student's health care provider, school nurse, and Learning Support team.
- Dock staff will provide encouragement, instruction and support of proper face covering use in the spirit of nurture and community life.
- Dock will allow students to remove face coverings when they are spaced at least 6 feet apart inside and outside. Some classrooms will meet this expectation. Cafeteria

seating is redesigned to allow 6 ft. Teachers will also provide breaks according to the guidelines in the HSP.

- Both face shields and cloth masks/gaiters are currently acceptable for students and staff.

**Q. How will you handle screening and quarantining of students and staff?**

- We will provide all families and staff with a symptom screening tool to be completed at home each day before coming to school.
- The Pennsylvania Department of Health has issued a [recommendation](#) for people from Pennsylvania traveling to other states, with a [FAQ link](#). We encourage families to be familiar with this and to take precautions. We will not be monitoring this activity.
- We will collaborate with the PA Department of Health and our local health departments who have established procedures for communication, quarantining, and other decisions when there is a probable or positive COVID-19 case.

**Q. Will you allow visitors, parents and volunteers?**

- School visits by parents/guardians and other volunteers will be limited. All approved visitors must wear a face covering as per the PA Face Covering Order.

**Q. How will you encourage distancing?**

- Both campuses have many outdoor spaces that can be used for some instructional activities.
- We will clarify traffic flow patterns where possible. Entry/Exit doors will be marked.
- As always, we plan for class sizes that provide personal attention, space for creativity and productivity, and community life.
- Classroom furniture has been rearranged to provide the most distancing possible.

**Q. How will you train staff?**

- Staff will have access to online training materials and training will be provided via in-service and individual training sessions. Topics such as hygiene practices, face coverings, monitoring for symptoms, protocols for any needing isolation, and any shared materials will be addressed.
- The EC8 nurse will consult with staff on both campuses as questions arise.
- Both campuses will continue to be supported by nurse services from our local school districts.

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**Q. Are there any more specifics at this time about specials and electives for in-person or online students?**

- Students participating in “specials” or electives such as band, choir, orchestra, art, and physical education may have adjustments made to the content and/or location of the class to allow social distancing in the school and appropriate learning activities if learning online. Part of our mission is educating the whole-child. We are working to continue safe

student participation in these content areas.

**Q. What about group work and PBL?**

- Our teachers will use collaboration and modified group work as is feasible. Project-based learning and other instructional practices will be used with modifications to allow for distancing.

**Q. What will the daily schedule be at the high school?**

- We are finalizing the daily schedule; the start and ending times of the day will remain the same.

**Q. What are the plans for the high school musical, mini-term or senior experience?**

- The Pandemic Team will discern school activities and field trips as conditions develop.

**Q. Will my child be on camera while in class on campus?**

- Most of the time the camera will be focused on the teacher though at times students in class may be interacting with remote learning classmates at home. Each family will agree to follow appropriate protocols with technology, including the use of videos and photos only for learning purposes with their student.

**Q. Who has access to the recordings from a class?**

- All students in the class will have access to the recordings. Each family will agree to follow appropriate protocols with technology, including the use of videos and photos only for learning purposes with their student.

**Remote Learning Option**

**Q. How will teachers teach, interact with, and support my student online?**

- Teachers will strategically use webcams and monitors to create a thriving classroom community. Etiquette on Zoom use will be taught. Teachers will connect with remote students as they do students in the physical classroom.

**Q. What is the authenticity of the remote learning option?**

- The remote learning option will be taught by Dock teachers using the same curriculum as the students on campus. Remote learners will be expected to complete the same assignments as the campus learners. Some activities, assignments, and courses may need to be altered.

**Q. Will my online student be able to participate in sports?**

- We will work with the guidance from PIAA, as well as the BAL and Upper Bux-Mont League.

**Q. How much time a day will my child have school activities and homework?**

- Grade levels vary, with minimal homework in the early grades. Students will engage online for mini-lessons and other instructional formats. They will work on assignments in various formats, sometimes online, sometimes independently. Homework amounts will be similar to on-campus students.

**Q. How will my student access materials or experiences like labs?**

- Most materials will be provided through Schoology. Some resources may be picked up at the school for use at home, as feasible. Some labs may be completed by the teacher and observed by students on campus and at home; other labs a student might be able to do from home.

**Q. What kind of device do we need?**

- Students will need a webcam- and microphone-enabled device (computer, chromebook, tablet, etc) and internet access. Some grade levels will find access to a printer helpful. Many assignments will be done through Schoology and the linked Google products.

**Q. What if students experience technical issues?**

- Students should alert their teacher to the issue and contact our tech department at [tech@dock.org](mailto:tech@dock.org) if needed.

## Social Emotional Health

**Q. How will the social and emotional health of students be addressed?**

- Guidance counselors are available on both campuses for assistance. Additionally, we are working on activities to transition students back to school at the beginning of the year as well as programming to provide social and emotional support for students on an ongoing basis.

## Transportation

**Q. Will my school district provide busing to Dock?**

- Families who use transportation from one of the public schools that transport students to Dock should follow the plan established by that school district. Dock families should contact their local school district to obtain the plan and guidelines for using their transportation.

## Events

**Q. What will happen to the scheduled events (i.e. concerts, athletics) for this year?**

- We are printing a calendar with all events we would hold in a normal year. We expect that many events may be canceled or postponed but will be making those decisions as we get closer to each event.

## Cleaning

### **Q. How will the schools be cleaned?**

- Dock has a team of custodians that have established and systematic cleaning protocols which they follow daily, weekly and monthly to ensure the schools are clean. The team will have an increased focus on frequently touched areas and use specialized equipment to allow for quick disinfecting of those areas.

### **Q. What chemicals are used during the cleaning process?**

- Dock uses a variety of EPA approved chemicals to maintain the facility. A new disinfectant we are using is AirX Spray N Go Disinfectant (EPA Reg # 1839-220). We reserve the right to change chemicals at any time. We will ensure the products meet the EPA/CDC recommendations at all times.

### **Q. At what frequency will classrooms be cleaned?**

- Classrooms are cleaned daily by the maintenance staff after school hours including a focus on frequently touched surfaces. We are working on a plan for safely cleaning during the school day which likely will include maintenance and faculty and will depend on how often classes change.

## Complete School Closure

### **Q. What will Dock do if a mandate is issued requiring all students to learn online?**

- If we are required to go completely with online learning, Dock will follow the basic principles outlined in the remote learning option. Instruction would be synchronous with students interacting with teachers in real time. Some adjustments may be made to schedule and length of classes. An advantage to offering these two options is that we will be able to more easily move from remote learning to on-campus learning.