

TECC RE-OPENING PLAN

FAQS- Frequently Asked Questions

IF I CHOOSE REMOTE OR HYBRID LEARNING, WILL MY CHILD GET THEIR FULL INSTRUCTION?

Northside will operate high-quality educational services as safely as possible whether services delivery is remote educational instruction or a Hybrid Learning Plan. Remote on-line learning will be delivered 5-days weekly. Hybrid Learning will be 2-days weekly of in school in- person instruction and 3days weekly of remote on-line learning.

WHAT WILL REMOTE LEARNING AND HYBRID LEARNING LOOK LIKE?

Students that will be on site will continue to receive 5 hours of instruction, while students working remotely will continue to receive 3 hours of synchronous (live continuous Introduction instruction) and 2 hours asynchronous instruction (pre- recorded activities).

In person presence will be limited to only those staff members who are necessary to be at the school during normal school hours. Non-school personnel will have limited access to facility with signage in reception area identifying the school's admittance policies.

WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO GET THEIR THERAPIES WHILE AT SCHOOL OR AT HOME?

YES! your child will be able to get their speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy in both learning environments based on the child's needs, and parent's consent in collaboration with the child's therapist.

HOW WILL SOCIAL DISTANCING BE MAINTAINED?

We realize that our young children with challenging needs are not able to always socially distance, so we are providing protocols to help your children and our staff stay safe. student's attending school will be grouped into "cohorts" (groups) – Group A and Group B and both groups will have an opportunity to attend school 2-days weekly and receive remote the other three days. Cohorts will remain in the same classroom and have the same head teacher and assistant teacher throughout the day. Cohorts will not share equipment, multipurpose rooms and playgrounds. Also the use of plastic barriers will be used in classrooms and work spaces to insure a safe separation of students and adults to the extent possible.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO WEAR A MASK?

Face masks will be encouraged, but not required for children ages 3-8.

The program requires that all staff and adults will be required to wear a face mask. Nurses and staff will be provided with additional PPE (personal protective equipment) including face shields and

gowns, if needed. Face masks will be provided to all staff and children along with all necessary PPE if and when indicated.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE A SAFE PLACE FOR MY CHILD TO ENTER?

The building will be reopened before the beginning of school to assure that ventilation systems and water systems will be functioning and in good order before staff and children arrive. The school will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day, and all classrooms and offices will be provided with appropriate cleaning supplies and disinfectants to consistently throughout the day wipe down frequently touched items: door knobs, toys, tables, chairs, etc. One day weekly, the school will be closed and all students will receive remote learning in order to have the building deep-cleaned with disinfectant equipment sprayers.

WHAT WILL BE THE PROCEDURES TO ENTER THE BUILDING?

All students and staff will be required to answer a health check survey, have their temperature taken and use hand sanitizer before they move to the program floor. Temperature readings of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and certain responses to the survey will require that CHILDREN be moved to the isolation room, and parents will be called to come and pick up their child and have their child evaluated by their health care provider. STAFF who present with temperature and/or report certain responses to the survey will not be allowed to attend work that day. And must contact with their supervisor.

WILL ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF ARRIVE AND LEAVE SCHOOL AT THE SAME TIME?

Children and staff will arrive at slightly different times to ensure that there is not too much traffic in the lobby. Only one bus at a time will be unloaded, allowing the children to complete their health checks and proceed up the stairs before another bus is unloaded. Prior to leaving, children will wash their hands/use hand sanitizer and only one bus at a time will be loaded to ensure that there are not too many people in the lobby. * The program does not provide transportation to children. Transportation is provided through NYC Department of Education.

WILL VISITORS BE ABLE TO VISIT THE SCHOOL?

Parents and visitors will not be able to enter the program floor and will also have to answer a health check survey, have their temperature taken and use hand sanitizer. A designated area will be assigned for child pick up.

WILL THERE BE A NURSE ON STAFF?

YES! Our program has always had a school nurse, and we will continue to use the nurse to care for the health of your child.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD BECOMES SICK AT SCHOOL?

If a child is showing symptoms of illness, they will be sent immediately to the isolation room to be evaluated by the nurse. The nurse will evaluate the child to determine if he/she should be sent home to follow up with a health care provider. The child's parent/guardian will be required to follow up with health care provider. If the nurse is not present, the designated staff will stay with isolated child and parent/guardian will be notified to pick up child ASAP. If a staff is showing symptoms of illness, they will be required to leave the building immediately and to contact their health care provider and supervisor.

DOES MY CHLD HAVE TO BRING LUNCH AND SNACKS TO SCHOOL?

Children will be served breakfast and lunch in their classrooms prepared by NYC Department of Education. Each child will be served individually, and food will be provided in individual trays. A substitute food item will be provided to any child with an allergy. Teachers will monitor hand washing by each child before and after meals.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD TO LEARN THE SCHOOL SAFETY RULES?

Prior to the start of school, families will be sent home educational printouts and video links to review with their child on hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene (learning to cover your mouth). Information will be sent home via email, Google Classroom, or USPS and provided in the family's home language. Classroom staff and therapist will instruct children daily through demonstration and practice activities.

Testing Protocols

NCCD will consult with the local health department for testing symptomatic individuals, those with close contact of suspected COVID-19 or confirmed individuals, or anyone with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID-19 before allowing such individuals to return to the center. NCCD will coordinate with the local health department upon return of those who previously tested positive for COVID-19.

WHAT IS DONE re COVID -19 TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING?

We do not provide COVID-19 testing; however, we will assist families with site locations if needed.

The program will follow Department of Health guidelines to ensure that those who have tested positive complete isolation, have recovered and will not transmit COVID-19 when returning to the building. The program will notify the local health department upon notification of a confirmed COVID-19 positive from an individual on the school grounds for guidance. This may include a child, staff or visitor. The program will ensure that all visitors and vendors provide contact information upon screening and signing into the building to ensure that everyone could be reached should there be a confirmed COVID-19

Individuals who had close contact to the COVID-19 virus must complete quarantine and have not developed symptoms before returning to the center. Discharge from quarantine and return to work and school will be coordinated with the local health department.

Should there be an exposure the area would be closed until cleaning and disinfected, and all necessary parties notified.

AS PER GOVERNOR CUOMO, WHEN AND IF THE SPREAD REACHES 3% OR GREATER, THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

If school closure becomes necessary, the school will move to providing remote learning. Communication will continue with staff, family and community agencies throughout the closure via emails, signage, phone calls, USPS as well as Google Meets, Zoom or virtual meetings.