

# The Heights Charter

RE-OPENING PLAN 2020-2021

Guidelines, Safety Measures and Best Practices Guidance for Safe Re-Opening

Approved by the Board



### OUR FOCUS AND PRIORITIES

Safety for our students is our number one priority!

Student, family, and community needs.

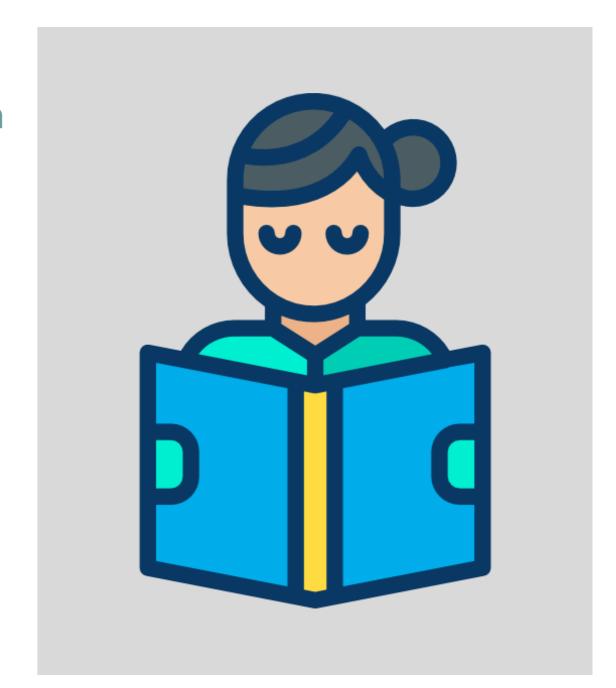
Following guidance from the CDC, CDPH and county health officials.

Diverse options for our families to choose from to meet each child's educational needs.



## HYBRID LEARNING MODEL

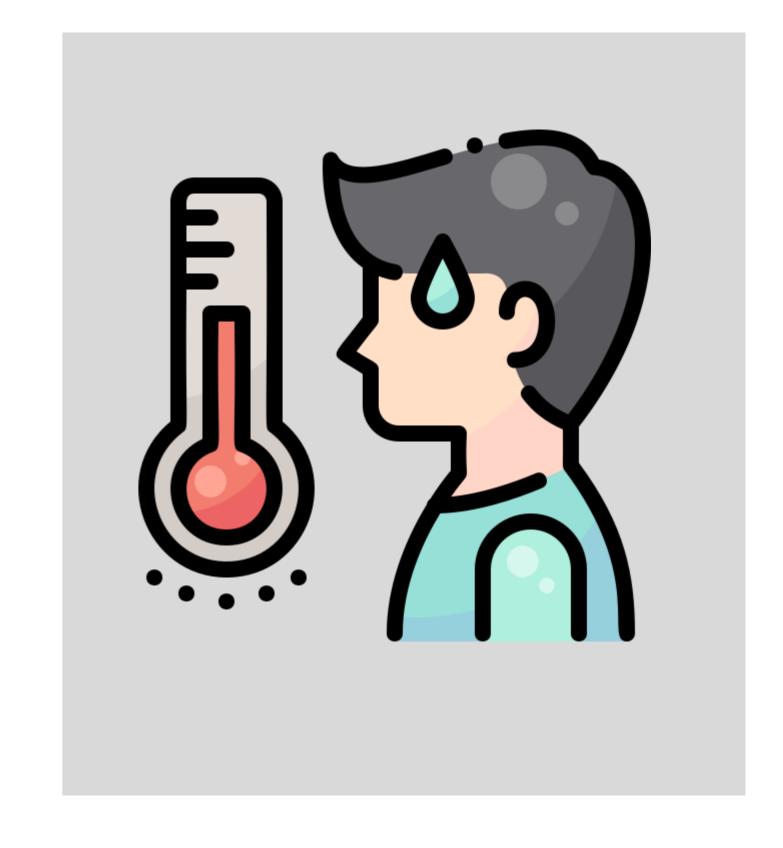
- Our initial opening will be a hybrid learning model consisting of five half-days a week. Classes will incorporate the student's core curricula. The classes are being offered on Monday Friday, from 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- We will have a staggered drop-off and pick-up schedule to allow for staff to perform health screenings upon the student's arrival and also allow for proper social distancing.
- Students interested in attending half days will need to attend all five days to ensure that they are getting the entire curriculum for the week.
- If students will not be attending onsite under the Hybrid Learning model, the students will have an afternoon Digital Schedule for the week and will continue with the Digital Learning Model that has already been in place for students.





#### **Student Health Screening**

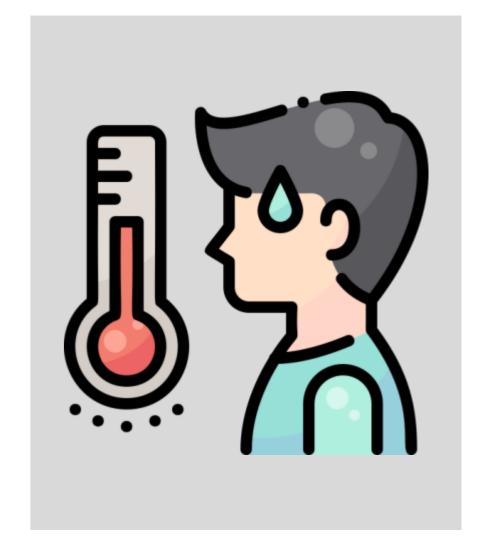
- All students will have his/her temperature checked by a staff member with infrared no-touch thermometers prior to getting out of the vehicle when arriving on-site.
- When arriving at The Heights, parents will pull into the drop-off line and wait for a staff member to approach the vehicle for the temperature check. Temperature checks will be done through the open window of the vehicle.
- If a child's temperature is 100.0 degrees or higher, they will not be allowed out of the vehicle.
- Once the student has passed the temperature check,
   the student will be allowed to get out of the vehicle.
- Staff members will be using hand sanitizer regularly on their own hands during drop-off time if assistance is needed with opening vehicle doors





#### Student Health Screening, continued

- Students showing any symptoms (cough, runny nose, etc.) will not be allowed onsite.
- If a student exhibits cold or flu symptoms, he/she will be isolated until the parent is able to pick him/her up.







#### **Resource Center Safety Protocols**

- Each grade level will be self-contained in a designated classroom. Each classroom will have their own bathroom. Within each classroom, students will be spaced apart as much as possible.
- In grades TK 3<sup>rd</sup>, students will have their own set of supplies which will not be shared between students. In grades 4-8, students will be sharing supplies. If you would prefer, your child may bring his/her own supplies. Hand sanitizer and hand washing will be available to all students.
- In grades TK-3, students will be grouped into small pods. These students (typically 3 or 4) will remain together throughout the day as they move from area to area within the classroom. Students may share a few items with the individuals in their pods throughout the day (ex: books, STEM-science/technology/engineering/math items, etc.).
- In grades 4-8, teachers (not students) will go from classroom to classroom to provide instruction. While in the classroom, students (3-8) will remain in their seats unless they are using the restroom.





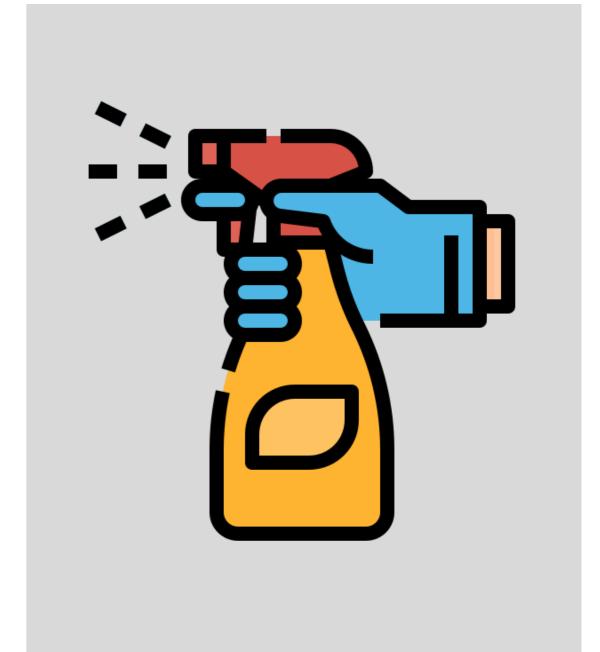
### Resource Center Safety Protocols, continued

- All students will have assigned seats so that they are closest in proximity to the same few students throughout their instructional day.
- In grades 4-8, teachers (not students) will go from classroom to classroom to provide instruction. While in the classroom, students (3-8) will remain in their seats unless they are using the restroom.
- All students will have assigned seats so that they are closest in proximity to the same few students throughout their instructional day.
- All grades will have a short snack break during the day. Student's snacks need to be individually packaged and be able to be easily opened by your child. No sharing of food or drinks is permitted at any time between students.
- Water stations will be monitored by a staff member when students need water to drink.



#### **Resource Center Sanitization Protocols**

- All classrooms will be sanitized at the end of each day.
   Doorknobs, bathrooms, and high traffic areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day by the staff.
- TK 3<sup>rd</sup> will have a short playground break each day. The playground will be sanitized each day and between classes by the staff. Students in each class will share playground equipment and each class will have their own equipment. Students will not be allowed to touch each other while playing (no tag games).





#### **Personal Protection**

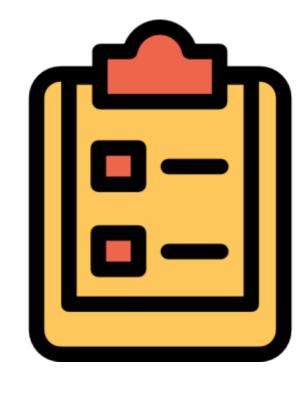
- Students in grades 3-8 MUST wear masks while onsite. Neck gaiters will also be allowed. If a student chooses to wear a face shield, we have found that it must be in addition to the mask, not instead of the mask.
- Although encouraged, masks are not required for students in TK 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
- If you believe that your child requires an exception, please contact
   Diana Whyte.





## VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

- Parents will not be allowed onsite when students are onsite while in the half-day hybrid learning model. Parents will not be permitted to park and walk your child in to their classrooms.
- Volunteers and visitors will not be allowed in the classrooms during the hybrid learning model. We will welcome visitors back once we return to the traditional learning model.





#### Fever / COVID-19 Symptom Decision Tree



#### At school, student or staff member develops any one of the following signs or symptoms:

- □ Fever with or without chills/rigors (fever defined as T >100.0 that does not resolve within 30 min. without medication);
  - □Cough\* □Shortness of breath □Nasal congestion/rhinorrhea (runny nose)\* □Sore throat
    - □Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea\* □Fatigue\* □New loss of taste/smell □Headache\* ■Muscle or body aches\* ■Poor feeding or poor appetite\*
- Disregard this symptom if school personnel already aware of a chronic, pre-existing condition that causes the symptom. The nature of the

presenting symptom (e.g., duration, intensity) must be consistent with the underlying chronic condition.

**ACTION:** Apply appropriate PPE; isolate student/staff member until sent home; recommend they reach health care provider for instructions. Note: Other infections can cause same symptoms (e.g., flu, strep, etc.) but these do not rule out COVID-19 as co-occurring



#### STUDENT / STAFF TO STAY HOME UNTIL...

With PCR COVID-19 viral test (Not antibody test; not antigen test) Negative **Positive** dentify all close contacts (as defined by CDC). Identify all cohorts (class, bus **Proof of negative** clubs, etc.). Quarantine and exclude test required. close contacts (and work with public nealth on decision to exclude entire

Without PCR Covid-19 viral test

If note from MD/DO/NP/PA, or public health defines case as presumed COVID-19 virus (based on symptoms and circumstances), then: (a) consider notifying staff and parents of class (or bus, etc.) of a potential exposure; and (b) in conjunction with public health, exclude "close contacts" (using CDC definition) for 14 days from last day of exposure.

Note from healthcare provider re: chronic illness

A signed note from a licensed MD/DO/NP/PA (who manages that condition) must: confirm the chronic diagnosis (i.e., cites labs, date-ofrecord when diagnosed); include provider's contact information; explain how symptoms are unrelated to COVID-19; and be accompanied by signed consent for school to interact with MD/DO/NP/PA.

#### May return to school immediately

**Consider individualized student** health plan to prevent any future unnecessary dismissals.

notification to school community

**Retested or Not Retested** 

Isolate the case. May return when: (a) 24 hours without fever (no meds) and (b) symptoms are improving AND (c) at least 10 days from symptom onset or test date.



May return 72

hours after

symptoms

resolved.

Consider



cohort) for 14 days after last date case

Notification to school

community of a known case

\*Proof of negative test not required

If school becomes aware of one case in one cohort (shared bus, classroom, lab, team, etc.) then have school district's liaison to Public Health Department report the case for further direction on quarantine.





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