



**STUDENT HEALTH
IMPACT PROJECT**



REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Best Practices and Plans

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Public Charter Schools

SESSION OUTCOMES

1. Provide Brief Overview of Student Health Impact Project
2. Returning to School Framework
3. How to Safeguard Schools
4. The New Normal for Schools
5. Questions and Answers

INTRODUCTION:

Student Health Impact Project

- **About Us:**
 - Established 2008
 - Removing Barriers to Care
 - Comprehensive Care
 - Education Outcomes
 - Career Technical Education
 - Health Attitude Campaign

GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR REOPENING PLANS

1. Ensure safe learning and working environments for students and staff
2. Extend food and health care services to students and their families over the.
3. Ensure all students receive instruction that meets state/federal standards and have the necessary supports for success, including:
 - a. Access to technology and connectivity
 - b. Social-emotional wellness and health supports
 - c. Additional supports to meet needs of special populations
4. Provide training, time, support, and flexibility necessary for staff to prepare for successful school year.
5. Provide proactive, clear communication to all families and staff.

Returning to School Framework

By the end of summer, children will have been effectively out of school for five months. In 2018, almost 30 million students relied on schools for breakfast or lunch.

Reopening of Schools Framework

Facilities
and School
Operations

Student
Health
Services

Health
Information
Plan

COVID-19
Safeguards

Safeguards for Schools

Best Practices in
Safeguarding

INTERNATIONAL REOPENING EXAMPLES

	Denmark	China	Australia	Germany
Health screening	Done only as needed	Temp check upon arrival and scanned throughout day/ testing on site	Done only as needed	Self screening every 4 days
Reduced In-School Capacity	Yes	Yes; plastic partitions used	Yes	Yes
Enhanced Cleaning Protocols	High touch areas cleaned throughout the day	High touch areas cleaned throughout the day	More frequent cleaning protocols	More frequent cleaning protocols
Infection Rate Monitoring/closures	Schools to remain open	Local decision based on infection rate	Local decision based on infection rate	Local decision based on infection rate
Student masks	No	Yes	No	Varies by location
PPE for Staff	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Yes
Social Distancing Protocols	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Instructional Model	Face to Face for Early Grades, Special Needs, Upper Grades	Hybrid models, focus on face to face where possible	Hybrid models, focus on face to face where possible	Face to Face for Upper Grades, Special Needs, Early Grades

Source: EAB research services

Safeguards for Schools

- Embark upon a school or district-based COVID-19 (COVID) public education & health campaign.
- Create local school “Health-Safety Teams.”
- Develop the capacity to conduct school-based COVID testing and tracking.
- Establish and enforce strict quarantine procedures and facility sanitation protocols.
- Adopt and enforce practical comprehensive social distancing strategy.
- Comprehensive teacher and school staff supports must be determined and designed to help school personnel adjust to the “new normal” and focus on instruction and support.

IN-SCHOOL LEARNING WITH HEALTH & SOCIAL DISTANCING



Health Monitoring Protocols

All schools should continue to partner with Health Department to further develop and refine daily health screening protocols



Limit building access in accordance with health and safety guidelines; restricted building access for visitors



Social Distancing Guidelines

Six (6) foot separation wherever possible; limited mixing among student groups



Daily sanitizing of high touch areas (doorknobs, handles, fixtures, etc.) with medical grade sanitizing solution



Social distancing on buses in accordance with health and safety protocols



Collaborate with Health Department in response to outbreaks in order to implement all necessary health and safety protocols

CRITERIA & GUIDELINES FOR RETURNING to SCHOOL

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Are recommended health and safety actions in place?

PROMOTE [HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES](#)

- **Guidelines:** students will wash hands for at least 20 seconds after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing; before eating; upon entering classrooms; breaks will be provided for hand washing. If soap and water are not readily available, sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol will be provided
- [Cloth face coverings:](#) will be worn by staff and students (where developmentally appropriate) when social distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. Masks will be provided to students unable to provide their own

INTENSIFY [CLEANING AND DISINFECTION](#)

- Daily sanitizing of high touch areas (doorknobs, handles, fixtures, etc.) with medical grade sanitizing solution
- More frequent monitoring and cleaning of restrooms throughout the day
- Contracted cleaning services available as needed



Wash your hands frequently



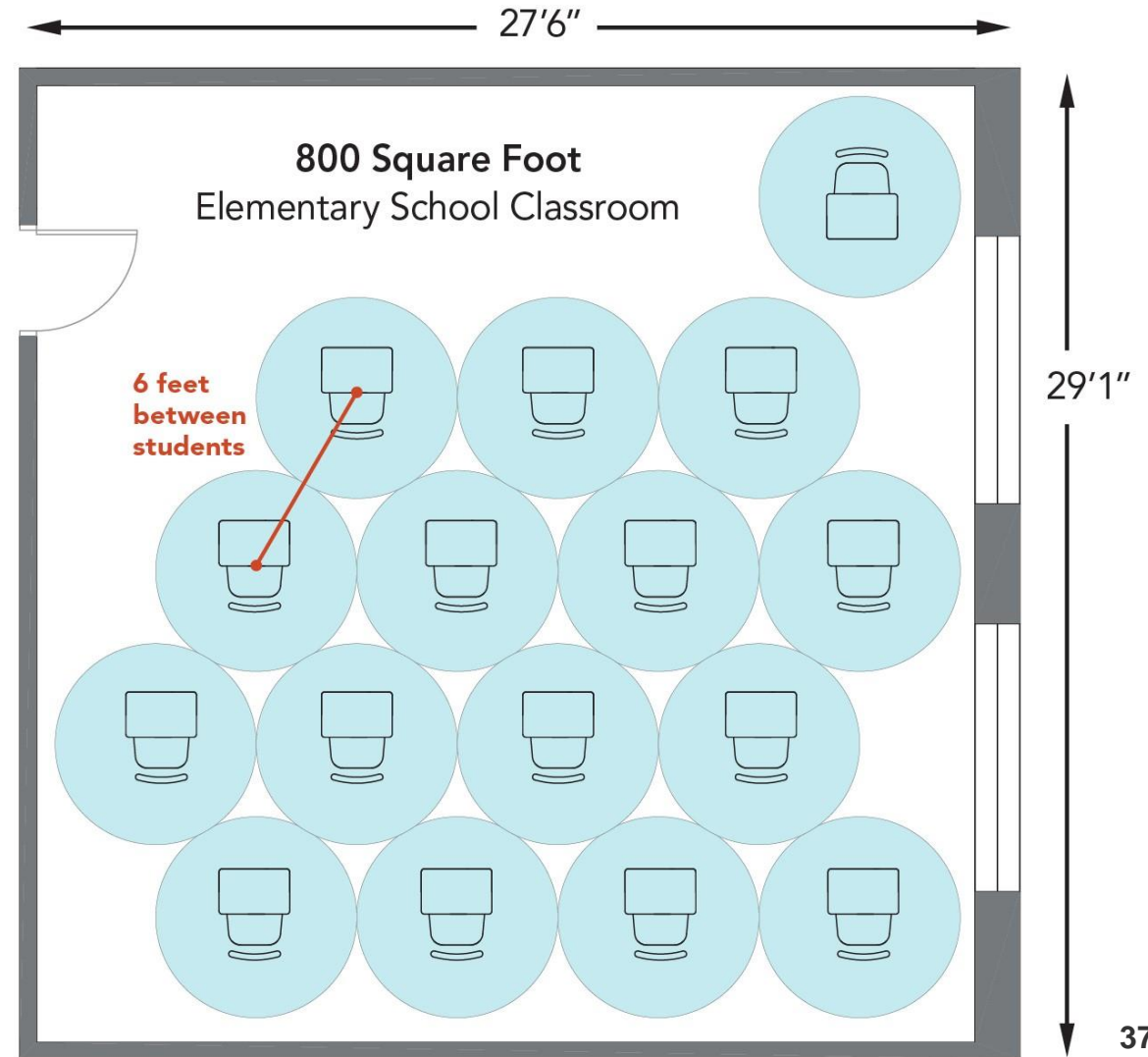
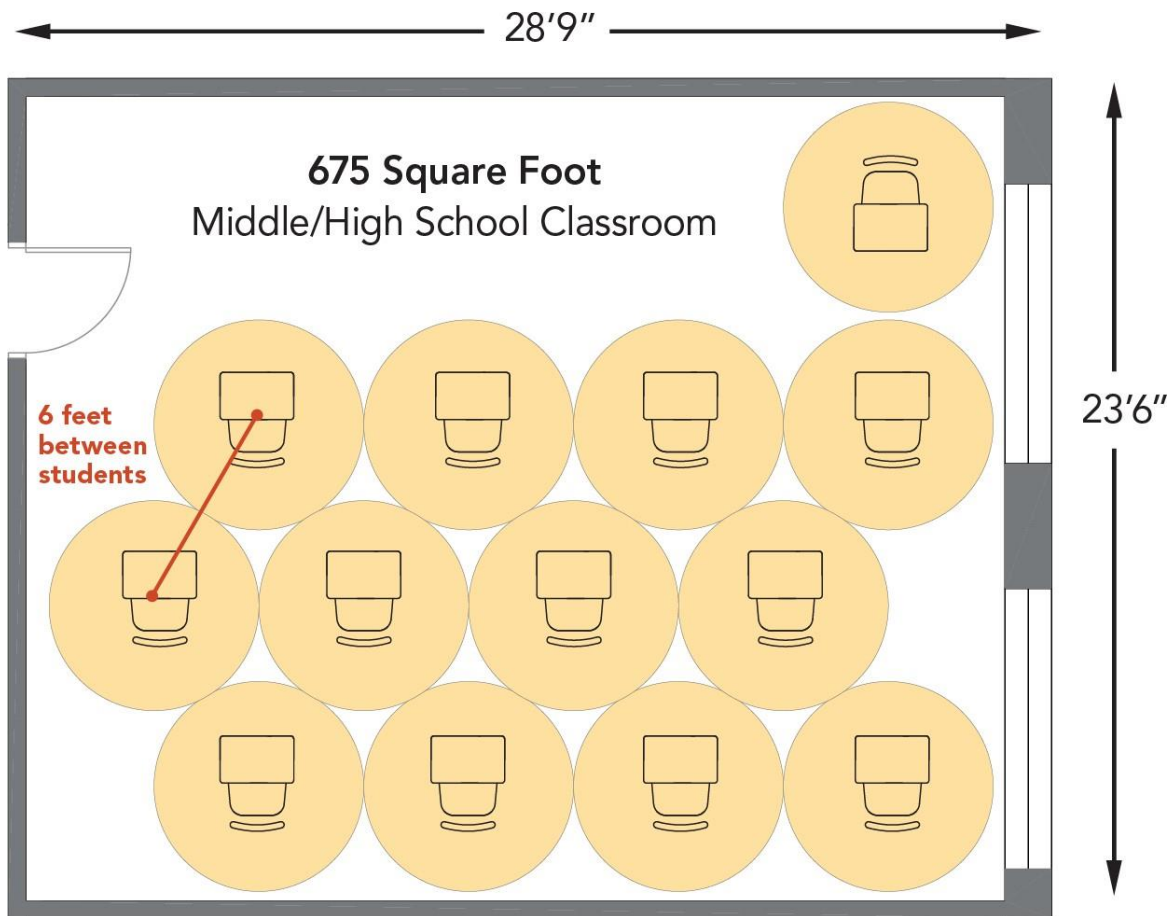
Face mask



Keep objects and surfaces clean

IN-SCHOOL LEARNING WITH HEALTH & SOCIAL DISTANCING

Possible Classroom Layout



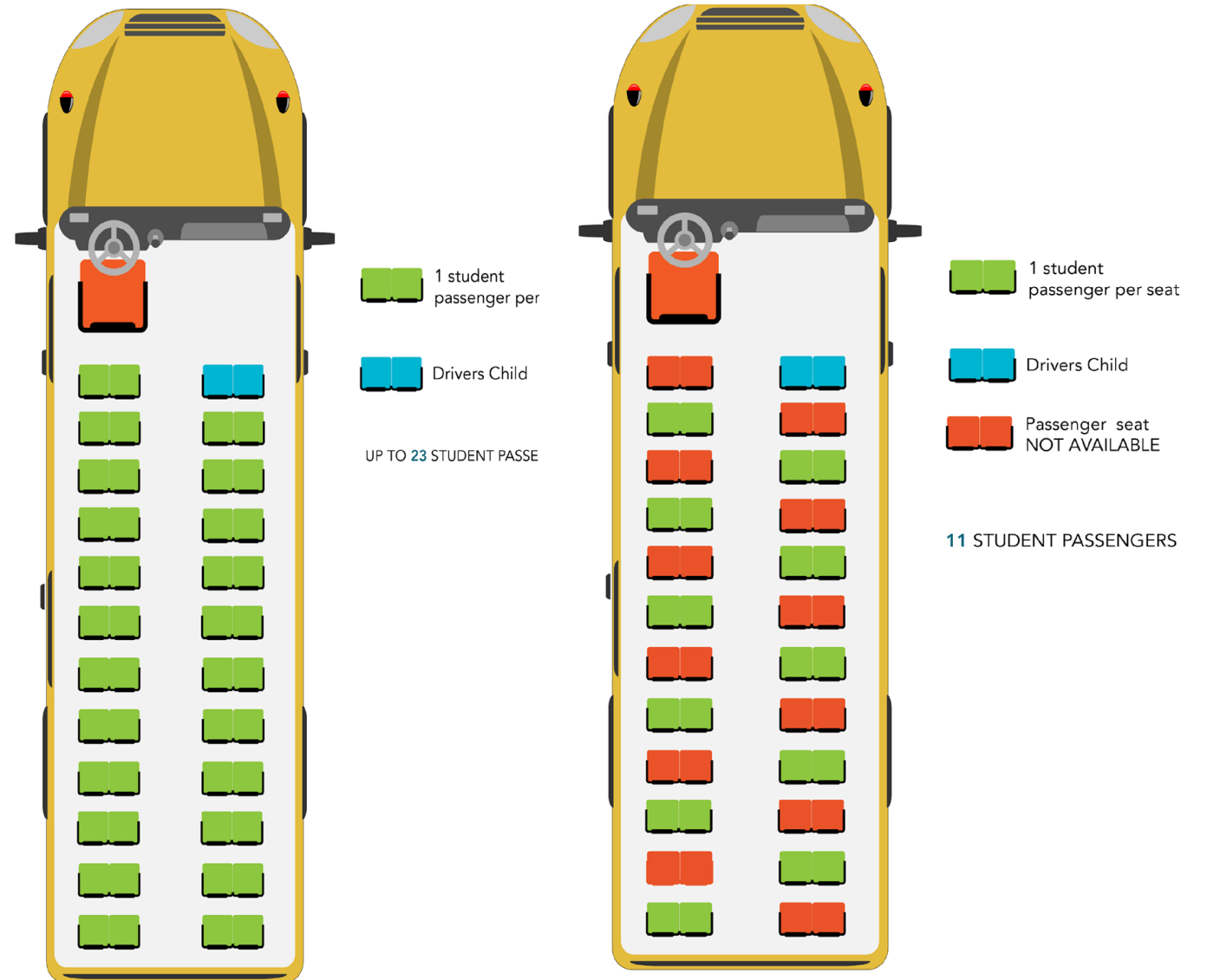
School Bus Social Distance Comparison

Reduced Seating Capacity

- One student per seat reduces capacity to 23-25 student passengers per bus
- One student every-other seat further reduces the seating capacity requiring adding buses to the fleet

Health & Safety Protocols

- Students will board the bus according to a seat assignment
- Students and staff will be required to wear a face covering
- Drivers and attendants will be offered the use of a face shield
- Daily wiping of all frequently touched surfaces will occur following each school delivery



The New Normal for Schools

Daily Health Screenings

Daily Health Screenings

- PA Reopening Plan states that school divisions should “conduct daily health screenings for symptoms and history of exposure for students and staff, such as those described in [CDC guidelines](#).”
- Schools should be working to finalize protocols for screening, reporting and monitoring of student health screening
- Families should be required to conduct a health screening of their children daily to assess for COVID 19 symptoms

Health Screening Form Considerations:

- Daily form, App, lanyard
- Temperature Screenings

Testing:

- Making Testing and Education Available.

Questions and Answers

Open to Attendees for
Questions



THANK YOU!

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