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D90 Community Advisory Panel Essential Recommendations: 9/29/20

FOCUS AREA 1 – “Return to School” Considerations (See attached addendum)

1. The current Safety and Operations Action Team (SOAT) recommendations must be refined and updated to ensure compliance with all IDPH and CDC requirements and to reflect recommendations that have already been implemented.
2. Scheduling and procedures should be instituted in all areas pertaining to social distancing, including student arrival/dismissal, lunch, recess, bathroom breaks, CPI, and movement within classrooms.
3. Address any unresolved facility modifications, including dedicated quarantine locations, staff workspaces, and health certification tents. Individual spaces (e.g. classrooms) should be assessed to ensure social distancing.
4. Individual PPE must be assured for all students and staff, and be specific to individual needs. District will monitor usage, supply, and distribution for future needs.

FOCUS AREA 2 – Infection Control (See attached addendum)

1. Existing safety measures should be reviewed to identify gaps that need to be addressed both before and after students return to school, incorporating staff input, the SOAT recommendations, and a feedback mechanism for safety concerns.
2. Specific daily procedures for students, including self-certification, social distancing expectations, hand washing/sanitizing regimens, restroom use, recess guidelines, and scheduling considerations avoiding maskless time (for lunch and specials) must be established and implemented consistently.
3. Specific daily procedures for staff, including self-certification, social distancing expectations, hand washing/sanitizing regimens, restroom access, recess supervision guidelines, and student mask enforcement must be implemented consistently.
4. Procedures for a symptomatic individual, including isolation, quarantine, monitoring, and contact tracing must adhere to Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and Cook County Public Health Department (CCPHD) directives and be implemented with uniformity.

FOCUS AREA 3 – Medical Response/Tracing (See attached addendum)

1. Utilize public health data metrics to guide response, communicating health expectations clearly with all stakeholders and sharing local health metrics openly with the school community.
2. Partner with parents, local physicians, and staff members to ensure that access to COVID testing is available to all members of the school community on short notice, positive test results are reported to school officials in a timely manner, and that testing requirements are consistent with IDPH/CCPHD guidance.
3. Establish a local system of contact tracing utilizing resources on staff and in our community, including contract tracing staff, nursing staff, and local physicians, as available.

FOCUS AREA 4 – Communications (See attached addendum)

1. A clear communications plan should be refined addressing all elements of the transition to in-person instruction, including an expansion of our social media presence.
2. Collaboration, outreach and feedback from all stakeholders must remain a central component of both the decision making process and the final outcome.
3. All COVID-19 policies and procedures must be communicated clearly and regularly.
4. The appropriate Safety and Operations Action Team (SOAT) protocols must be communicated using multiple channels, including email, the Primer, D90 Facebook page, Instagram and the D90 website.

FOCUS AREA 5 – Social Emotional Supports (See attached addendum)

1. Structures for reporting COVID-19 related safety concerns must be established for all, including elementary students, middle school students, staff, and families.
2. Structures for monitoring and reporting social emotional concerns must be established for all, including elementary students, middle school students, staff, and families.
3. Clear information must be available to all stakeholders about pathways to access social emotional supports and resources.