REMOTE LEARNING

Having regular interactions with our students and families is important during this time to provide continuity of instruction. The following are methods of communication we are utilizing to provide instruction, services and support.

As we continue to provide remote learning, Schoology is our main access to all information. Schoology itself has its own Distance Learning Assistance where staff can get technology support. There are no more than 10 students in any one classroom at any given time. Most often, there are no more than 8 students to a class and in instances when there are 10, a variance from the state is requested.

The bullet points below describe remote learning activities and actions we are taking and technologies we are using. This listing will be up-dated, as new items and modifications arise.

- Face-Time, Marco Polo, Zoom, Seesaw, YouTube, Kahoot, Flipgrid, Loom (it’s a video recording while showing a presentation such as a Math formula problem) are just some of the on-line platforms we are using to reach students and families.
- CSD STEM Distance Learning (Teacher’s Toolkit focused webinar)
- HS Science Fair took place! The students gave their presentations to the judges using PowerPoint through Zoom conference calls.
- Physical Education Teachers are modeling the workouts via Schoology and students copy the modeling and show the video on Schoology.
- Teachers continue to contact parents with guidance and advice on activities.
- Speech Language Therapy staff continues to work with the family via video call, voice call or email.

All students are provided with a device (iPad for Preschool, Elementary and Special Needs students and laptop for Middle School and High School students) from Lexington School from the Deaf. Families can contact the appropriate department supervisor if any part of a device is broken or no longer working for a replacement.

As appropriate to age and content, the goal is to have the majority of the learning opportunities happen synchronously. If a student is absent or needs additional help, the learning opportunity may happen asynchronously.

If a student does not have access to a device or consistent internet access, packets, or learning kits will be sent home. Educators will then attempt to contact families via phone, email or text to follow-up.
DOE strongly advocated with NYC’s internet service providers to extend free broadband access offers. While those offers are no longer available, the companies have informed us that they have the following plans available. Programs are included below. Families should check with the internet service provider that covers their area to confirm their eligibility and associated taxes, equipment charges, etc. These offers are generally not open to current internet subscribers.

**Altice (aka Optimum) offers a plan beginning $14.99/month plan called** Altice Advantage
- Eligible for or participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP); or a New York City resident and attends a New York City public school; or eligible for or receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and 65 years of age or older; or a veteran and receive state or federal public assistance.

**Charter (aka Spectrum) offers a plan beginning at $14.99/month called** Spectrum Internet Assist
- One or more members of your household must be a recipient of one of the following assistance programs:
  - National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
  - Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) of the NSLP
  - Supplemental Security Income (for applicants age 65+ only)

**Verizon offers the** Lifeline program, **its Fios broadband internet service beginning at $19.99 per month for 200 Mbps, plus taxes and equipment charges. This offer includes a year of free Disney+ and no router or rental fees for two months.**
- Here Are The Ways You Can Qualify For Lifeline:
  - Based on Your Income
  - You can get the Lifeline discount if your income is 135% or less than the federal poverty guidelines.
  - Participation in a qualifying federal assistance program:
    - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps
    - Medicaid
    - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
    - Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
    - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
    - Tribal Programs (and live on federally-recognized Tribal lands)

**TESTING**
- In keeping with CDC, DOH guidelines, all employees and essential visitors will be screened prior to entering the building.
- Employees and essential visitors will be directed to the Main Entrance and, prior to entering, will complete a screening questionnaire and a temperature check by security at the front desk.
- An employee who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms will be immediately sent home with instructions to contact her/his health care provider for assessment and testing.
- Fellow employees who were potentially exposed will be advised.
- Lexington will notify the NYS Test and Trace Corp at CovidEmployerReport@nychhc.org. The NYC Test and Trace Corp will attempt to interview all people diagnosed to identify close contacts who were potentially exposed.
- Employees will not be allowed to return to work until it’s been at least 10 days since symptoms started or, if not symptoms developed, at least 10 days until the first positive test.
- Essential visitors who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms will be denied entry to the building and the NYC Test and Trace Corp will be notified.

**CONTACT TRACING**

**Confirmed Case With Testing**

NY Department of Health will notify the school of a confirmed case. The confirmed case should not be in school until 10 days have passed from the date of testing and is fever free for 24 hours without use of any fever reducing medications.

The School Nurse shall trace to see who the confirmed positive individual is in close contact with in the classroom and on the bus. Close contact refers to individuals who are together under for a sustained period of time (at least 15 minutes) or under six feet apart. The School Nurse shall see where the confirmed positive student has been seated in the classroom/bus and during mask breaks.

The School Nurse shall remove all the individuals in close contact (less than six feet) and bring to them to Health Services where they shall be placed in an Isolation area. This would include siblings of the possibly exposed students.

The School Nurse shall take everyone’s temperature using the contactless thermometer and look for signs/symptoms. The School Nurse shall contact the families and inform them of the possibility of exposure. Parents/legal guardians will need to pick up the students from the school. These students may not go home on the bus. The students will need to quarantine at home for a period of 14 days. Parent/guardian is encouraged to contact their health care provider for testing.

When a student has been tested and has a positive result, the student needs to remain at home for 10 days and be fever free without the use of a fever reducing medication for 24 hours on the 10th day. The student may return to school after the 10th day but needs a medical note which states the student has been tested and is cleared to return to school provided the 10 day/24 hour fever free protocol has been followed.

For students who tested negative, the student may return to school after 10 day quarantine at home. A doctor’s note is required for return to school. The classroom(s) and all the designated area(s) that the exposed students used during that day shall be closed for 24-hour period for for cleaning/disinfection.

**Return After Confirmed Case**

Plan of action shall be adhered to based on the New York Department of Health’s protocol and recommendation.
Daily Checklist

The School Nurse’s office collaborates with Human Resources. An inventory spreadsheet shall be created so we can keep tabs on what we have on hand and what we ordered for PPEs. Also we shall initiate use of the Burn calculator recommended by CDC to see how many are being used and to keep track how many we have left. All PPEs/supplies ordered are disposable except for face shields and safety glasses which are reusable and can be cleaned/sanitized according to manufacturer’s recommendations.