





HTSD PHASES TO REOPENING COMPANION DOCUMENT

Hamilton Township School District has developed a five phase implementation plan to increase student access to in-person instruction. Each phase addresses issues related to the pandemic. It is important to highlight the following when reviewing the phases:

- Guidance on schools opening up to increased in-person instruction is provided by local, county, state, and federal health departments. We review and follow their recommendations.
- Health and safety requirements impact phase-in options. This includes social distancing requirements and square footage limitations for instructional spaces and lunch rooms.
- Moving from one phase to another, or back to a phase, is based on the data and cases. Data used includes, but is not limited to, case rates, percentage of positivity, rate of transmission, and the weekly COVID-19 Activity Level Report.
- Due to square footage limitations, the District will expand space outside for instruction and lunch. This will be possible with the change in season.
- The District continues to purchase health and safety materials and supplies needed to increase in-person instruction.
- We want our students' in-school experience to increase; we also want this to be done in an environment that is safe and healthy for both our students and the adults in each school.

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|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PHASE I - FULL REMOTE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● The entire school district or a specific school(s) will be on full remote instruction based on COVID cases and NJ Department of Health guidelines.● Guidance on addressing COVID cases will be through local, county, and state health departments. Changes to such guidance will be issued to HTSD by the NJ Department of Health.● There will be no facility use for district events or outside organizations. |
|  | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PHASE II - A/B/C HYBRID & REMOTE BY CHOICE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be placed into A/B/C cohorts for in-person instruction.● Parents can choose for their children to receive all remote instruction.● The entire school district or a specific school(s) might need to return to PHASE I, for a period of time, based on COVID cases or other health issues. Once the quarantine time period has expired, the district and or school(s) can return to PHASE II.● There will be minimal facility use for district events and outside organizations. |

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|  | <p><u>PHASE III - INCREASE IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITIES & REMOTE BY CHOICE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be placed into A/B/C cohorts for in-person instruction. Cohort enrollment will increase based on academic, social, and emotional needs of students. The increase in the number of students in schools will be based on the allowable safe occupancy for social distancing.● Parents can choose for their children to receive all remote instruction.● The entire school district or a specific school(s) might need to return to PHASE I, for a period of time, based on COVID cases or other health issues. Once the quarantine time period has expired, the district and or school(s) can return to PHASE III.● There will be limited facility use for district events and outside organizations.● The use of outside spaces will be incorporated, as weather permits, to increase the allowable safe occupancy. |
|  | <p><u>A/B HYBRID & REMOTE BY CHOICE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Students will be placed into A/B cohorts for in-person instruction. Cohort enrollment will increase with the incorporation of outside spaces for instruction and lunch, based on the allowable safe occupancy.● During Phase IV, building and district administration will work to increase in-school student enrollment in an effort to transition to Phase V.● Parents can choose for their children to receive all remote instruction.● The entire school district or a specific school(s) might need to return to PHASE I, for a period of time, based on COVID cases or other health issues. Once the quarantine time period has expired, the district and or school(s) can return to PHASE IV.● There will be modified facility use for district events and outside organizations. |
|  | <p><u>RETURN TO A REGULAR SCHEDULE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● HTSD will return to a regular instructional schedule and school day for students.● The entire school district or a specific school(s) might need to return to PHASE I, for a period of time, based on COVID cases or other health issues.● The ability for parents to choose remote will be determined by the NJ Department of Education.● There will be full facility use for district events and outside organizations. Modifications may need to be made from time to time based on health and safety regulations from local, county, and / or state agencies. |