Hybrid Reopening Plan Frequently Asked Questions



What factors go into CCPS's decision to return students to schools?	Infection rates (occurring in the schools or are present in schools) and guidance from the Cecil County Health Department contribute to the decision to return students to schools.
How will CCPS determine how many students will return on October 12th?	This decision is based on several data points. One is the number of students who prefer all virtual schooling versus in-person schooling. We will consider square footage available in classrooms, on busses, and in common areas such as the cafeteria and gymnasium with social distancing considerations.
Are teachers returning to school?	Teachers will return to their schools on September 28; however, some of our teachers will teach virtually. CCPS is following federal law that allows staff who have health conditions or personal circumstances that make returning to school a high risk to work from home or take leave. These rules were established in the Families First CoronaVirus Response Act.
What does in-person learning look like?	Each class will have desks separated according to guidelines established by the Cecil County Health Department. Students will have a teacher in the classroom with them unless a situation, such as teacher illness, warrants a substitute or support person. Instruction will be live for students whenever possible. Students will follow their normal daily schedule. Schools may operate on a modified day or alternating day schedule. We do not expect students to return five days a week in this phase of the transition.
How will CCPS decide who goes to school?	It is our expectation that all students who choose to return to school will be offered the opportunity for full face to face instruction at least one day a week.

What will my child do on Wednesday?	Wednesday will be used for thorough mid-week cleaning. All classes will be held following the daily schedule, but they will be online.
What will my child do on the days he/she does not go to school?	On those days, students will attend school virtually.
If I commit to all-virtual learning, how will things change for my child?	The virtual plan will depend upon the number of students and teachers who need to be virtual. A teacher will be assigned and students will follow their school schedule from home. These classes may be all virtual, asynchronous, or live classes that students can view over Blackboard Collaborate.
Will my child's teacher(s) change?	It is not optimal to change students' teachers at this time; however, it may be necessary in order to manage class sizes.
What are the attendance expectations?	Students are expected to be in attendance every day unless they are ill or have circumstances that require an absence. Students who should be present in school will be marked absent if they do not come to school. The expectations for virtual students will remain as they are now.
What safety precautions will be in place for students who go to school?	Elementary students will remain in their classrooms with the exception of their special area classes. Desks and chairs in classrooms will be disinfected between each period. Restrooms will be cleaned regularly. Student movement will be regulated with one way hallways and stairwells if possible, and every effort will be made to keep hallway traffic to a minimum. Secondary students will not have use of lockers. Students will be socially distant or separated by barriers in the cafeteria. They may also eat lunch in their classrooms.
Will masks be required?	Yes. Any exception to the mask rule must be supported by a diagnosis of developmental disability or a doctor's note. Students who do not follow mask rules will have to attend virtually.

Once a student has indicated they want virtual instruction only, can they change to face to face?	No. We will require students who have chosen virtual learning to continue in virtual learning until we enter the next phase of reopening. Should face to face students have circumstances that require them to go virtual, CCPS will work to accommodate them.
What is exposure?	Cecil County Health Department defines exposure as being within six feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes.
How will the Cecil County School of Technology students attend classes?	Students at CCST will follow the A/B schedule with half of the seniors attending on each A day and half of the juniors attending on each B day. On the day students do not attend CCST, they will be virtual.