



New Jersey Department of Education Checklist for School Health-Related Closure Plans (Updated 5.4.20)

On March 16, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 (EO 104), implementing aggressive social distancing measures to mitigate further spread of COVID-19 in New Jersey. Among other directives, Governor Murphy's Executive Order indefinitely closed all public, private, and parochial preschools and elementary and secondary schools to students beginning on March 18, 2020. Executive Order No. 107, signed on March 21, 2020, superseded EO 104 and continued the necessary closure of all schools. As detailed in guidance issued by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) on March 5, 2020 and supplementary guidance issued on March 13, 2020, in order to count days during this closure period toward the statutory requirement to provide public school facilities for 180 days, school districts, charter schools, renaissance school projects and Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities (APSSD) were required to develop school health-related closure preparedness plans. These plans were designed to address continuity of critical school services such as remote instruction, special education and related services, and nutrition benefits. As a guidepost for districts in developing remote instruction plans, the NJDOE cited its regulations regarding home instruction due to a temporary or chronic health condition (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1).

Requirement to Update the District, Charter, Renaissance and APSSD Public Health-Related School Closure Plan as of May 4, 2020

On May 4, 2020, Governor Murphy announced that all New Jersey school buildings would remain closed for in-person instruction for the remainder of school year 2019-2020. Private schools with longer academic years will remain closed until at least June 30, 2020. To ensure that New Jersey students continue to receive high quality, standards-based instruction through the end of the school year, and to provide appropriate transparency, each school district, charter school, renaissance school project and APSSD **must update and post to its website its school health-related closure preparedness plan**. Pursuant to P.L. 2020, c.27, the revised plans must be approved by the district board of education or board of trustees.



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***Denotes the required updates/revision/additions to existing plans. Any other component of the existing plan can be updated as appropriate.**

Contact Information

County:

Name of District, Charter School, APSSD or Renaissance School Project:

Chief School Administrator/Charter or Renaissance Leader Name/APSSD Lead:

Phone Number of Contact:

Equitable Access to Instruction Plan Component 1

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
Does the plan include equitable access to instruction for all students?		
Does the plan include an overall demographic profile for your district, including student counts for state funded preschool, homeless, migrant LSE, Students with Disabilities, and English Language Learners (ELLs)?		
Does the plan ensure that all students, with their varied and age appropriate needs, are addressed through the plan?		
Does the plan demonstrate a working knowledge (data summary or narrative) of student access to technology for grades identified in your plan as being served by one or more online platforms?		
*Does the district's plan account for measuring and addressing any ongoing digital divide that exists, whether it be network access or lack of sufficient access to devices?		

Notes on Component 1



Addressing Special Education Needs Plan Component 2

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
Does the plan address the provision of remote/virtual instruction to implement Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) for students with disabilities to the greatest extent possible, including accessible materials and platforms?		
*Does the plan address methods to document IEP implementation including the tracking of services, student progress as well as provision of accommodations and modifications?		
*Does the plan describe how case managers will follow up with families to ensure services are implemented in accordance with IEPs to the greatest extent possible?		
*Does the plan address procedures for virtual IEP meetings, evaluation and other meetings to identify, evaluate and/or reevaluate students with disabilities?		

Notes on Component 2

Addressing ELL and Bilingual Needs Plan Component 3

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Does the plan include ESL and bilingual education to meet the needs of English Language Learners (ELLs)?		
*Does the plan contain how the district communicates with ELL families, including translated materials and directions?		
*Does the district’s plan address alternate methods of instruction, differentiation, access to technology and strategies to troubleshoot ELL access challenges?		

Notes on Component 3



Safe Delivery of Meals Plan Component 4

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Does the plan contain how the district will provide continued safe delivery of meals to students?		

Notes on Component 4

Length of Virtual or Remote Instructions Day Plan Component 5

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Is the virtual or remote learning plan designed to maximize student growth and learning to the greatest extent possible? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Differentiate instructional time, class assignments, independent work, and measures of student learning by grade bands. In each grade band, design virtual and remote learning plans to maximize student growth and learning to the greatest extent possible.		

Notes on Component 5



Attendance Plan Component 6

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Does the plan address attendance aligned to the district policy on including how the district determines whether a student is present or absent, and how a student’s attendance will factor into promotion, retention, graduation, discipline, and any other decisions that will affect the student?		
*Does the plan describe how the district is following up with the family when a student is not participating in online instruction and/or submitting assignments?		

Notes on Component 6

Facilities Plan Component 7

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Does the plan contain an outline of how the building will be maintained throughout this extended period of closure?		

Notes on Component 7



Posted on Website Component 10

*Is the plan posted on the district/APSSD/Charter/Renaissance School Project Website? Yes No

Enter Date (mm/dd/yyyy):

Notes on Component 10

Posted on Website Component 11

Question	District Yes or No	County Yes or No
*Does the plan contain a list of essential employees by job title? (can be an addendum)		

Notes on Component 11

APSSD Applicable Only: Sharing Plans Component 12

*Was the plan shared with all sending districts? Yes No

Notes on Component 12