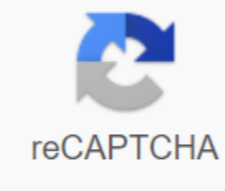




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At the main entrance to thunder basin high school there are signs with the inscription OF THE VISITOR ALERT! STOP. help keep COVID-19 outside our facility. If you experience any flu-like symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, don't visit today. Changes expected after death of COVID-19 outbreak editor Note: This story is the first in a three-part series addressing the Campbell School District (CCSD) plans to reopen schools in less than a week as teachers, staff and students prepare to return after schools closed last spring. The Campbell County School District (CCSD) will reopen its 23 schools to about 8,698 on August 24. Along with reopening schools, the CCSD has expanded its online learning options to include grades 6-12 students. Following the unanimous adoption by the Board of Trustees of the CCSD Recovery Plan on July 15, teachers, administrators and staff are struggling to get their classes and facilities ready for students to return to school, limiting contact with COVID-19. The plan was developed by the CCSD Reopening Task Force, which developed it in conjunction with government restrictions and public health guidelines. Thunder Basin High School (TBHS) principal and member of the working group Terry Quinn said the 25-page document explains the policies and procedures that both staff and students will follow this school year 2020-21 and which follows the guidance of Smart Start, which the Wyoming Education Department and state Superintendent Gillian Balowe released on July 1, which offered a three-tier approach to re-opening the school. The first level allows first-level learning for all students. The second level allows students to attend school on a rotational basis within two to three days of the week, completing online assignments for the remainder of school days. Although level three prohibits students from attending school on site altogether, rather classes will only be taken online. The CCSD, like many other districts, will open in Tier One, Quinn explained, empathizing with the concerns of many students and parents across the district about the logistics of working in accordance with the guidelines, as well as concerns about personal safety. He said on Monday that he had noticed a sharp increase in first-day overstries after reviewing the results of a feedback survey with a re-opening plan that was open to parents, pupils, staff and other concerned community members after the council adopted the plan. Governor Mark Gordon last signed a health care order Wednesday to maintain current public health restrictions for schools through the end of August in Wyoming. His tenth extension of state health care orders allows Wyoming schools to reopen, as long as they comply with a series of requirements that Quinn says can change several aspects of student life on campus, per Governor. In light of the changes made by the CCC for here's everything students and parents need to know before school resumes on August 24. Bussing Students planning to take the bus to school should plan social distancing and potentially share a seat with their siblings when needed, during the semester. The redo plan states that students may be assigned seating on buses in which members of a single household will sit together to minimize exposure through direct contact. At the same time, the buses will be loaded from back to front and unloaded in front at the rear. Less populated buses should be able to practice social distancing, Quinn said, while more crowded buses may require masks. All CCSD buses will also be fogging up the sanitative after each route and will provide personal protective equipment, or PPE, such as hand sanitative and swipes for riders. Students presenting with COVID-19 symptoms on the bus will be isolated in their own seat and returned home immediately. Basic school procedures Orientation for CSC pupils will be carried out from noon to 1pm on August 18 - 20, and TBHS orientation is scheduled for August 17 - 19 from 7 - 8pm. However, Quinn explained, the orientation will only be open to new students, including freshman class, transfers and international students. Quinn said this shouldn't cause too many problems because class schedules are available to view on the grading site of the Powerschool area. Concerns about an individual pupil's timetable could be taken with their school's appropriate guidance counsellor, he said. In addition, lockers will not be available for use at the start of the school year as part of efforts to taint corridors, he said. The district's restoration plan further dictates that pupils are expected to report directly in their classrooms to avoid gathering in corridors or in the Commons when arriving at school. Breakfast is provided in a bag that each student can pick up at specially designated grab-and-go stations where their names will be recorded and their bills charged. CCSD face masks will not require students to wear full-time face coverings; However, government orders require that face coverings be worn when in situations where six feet of distance cannot be maintained. The redisan plan reflects this, saying masks will be worn when social distancing is unaffordable. --Advertising-History continues below buses, lunches, libraries, gyms, computer labs, STEM labs, small classes, corridors and toilets may be areas in which students will be required to wear face coverings, Quinn noted. No one wants to see children wearing masks for eight hours straight, he said. But if you're in some of these tighter with a lot of people, we'll require some kind of face covering to wear. Quinn went on to say that students who repeatedly refuse to wear a mask may be in a new online learning platform in the district called Schoology, which was introduced to centralize the CCSD curriculum, provide additional options for students who are quarantined or who may be uncomfortable attending school on site. Online options Before the pandemic online school learning options were available to pupils in kindergarten through sixth grades, this year virtual education will be offered to all students in the district. While online learning has gained urgency since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak, Balous noted during Wednesday's press briefing that several districts around the state have used online learning options, for years. Because of this, she said, Wyoming is familiar and comfortable with online education and evaluation. Virtual education for Wyoming students is not a new thing, she said. We know how to evaluate them, and it looks just like evaluating students who are in brick-and-mortar. Daily parental screenings ask for daily screening of their children before sending them to school to reduce transmission of existing COVID-19 cases. State health orders do not require schools to have daily screenings, tests or any form of contact tracing; However, smart Start Guidance Packet strongly recommends screening students on arrival. The current CPSC plan also requires teachers to survey students on COVID-19 symptoms, which include 100.4 F° fever, headache, cough, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, a nose or runny nose, a new loss of taste or smell, diarrhea and nausea or vomiting. Several schools within the district have also implemented infrared scanners to test students' temperatures in a timely manner, Quinn explained. If a TBHS student exhibits symptoms, Quinn said they will be directed to one of two symptom screening rooms on campus, where they will wait to be picked up by their parents. Each school in the district will provide at least one screening room that will be available to staff and students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to minimize their contact with those around them. Symptomatic students will complete their classroom work through Schoology until they are let back in, after being cleared by a medical provider. Lunch break The Open Campus will be offered at both high schools this year. Secondary school students will be served mixed lunches in a general style consisting of entrée, side, fruit serving, veggie serving and drink, according to Quinn. Secondary schools will also split their pupil body between two planned lunch periods to reduce pupil numbers in common. The a la carte option, in which dining rooms typically sell sandwiches, salads, granola bars, baked chips and string cheese, will not be provided at the start of this school year at any of Campbell County's schools, Quinn added, and \$5 Meals will also no longer be sold inside high school cafeterias at this time. Instead of manually punching in their identification numbers, pupils will be given scanning cards to purchase their lunches similar to those used by primary school pupils. Elementary school lunches will continue almost exactly as they used to, Wagonwheel principal Eric Stremcha explained Tuesday. The only change is that lunch will be served in a bag, not on trays. Offsite lunches will still be provided by schools across the district, pupils or parents can place orders online through the CCSD website the night before using their Pay School account. Strómcha's recess explained that the recess also looks quite similar to the years past, despite the pandemic. He also explained at Wagonwheel, staff decided to move the recess from early morning to later in the day so students could report directly to the classroom to be shown. Schools will only allow one level class at a time to use playgrounds in order to reduce crowd sizes. That is, he said, except for the lunch break, which will feature two levels of classes at the same time. Question? Staff began working out of the school again this week and are available to answer questions about additions about individual schools. Additional information about the upcoming school year can be found on the CCSD website. Wagon Rawhide Prairie Wind Stock Sunflower --Advertising-History continues below Connestoga Buffalo Ridge 4-J Meadowlark Rozet Hillcrest Paint Brush Pronghorn Recluse Little Powder Cottonwood Twin Spruce Junior High Sage Valley Junior Wright Jr. and Middle Campbell County High School Thunder Pool Westwood High School School