

## Highlights of the Summit Return to School Plan

### Department of Health Posting Requirements

#### Remote Learning:

- Summit will offer a hybrid learning model during the 2020-2021 school year. This means that parents/guardians will be able to select a full-time virtual option for their child if:
  - their child has a high-risk medical condition, or
  - if they are not comfortable sending their child to the school building during the pandemic.
- As the school year progresses, our goal is to gradually move to a full-time, in-person learning model as conditions allow. Students who choose in-person education will attend school 2 days per week and receive virtual learning when in-person learning is not occurring. Days of in-person instruction will increase as students are able to tolerate and comply with health safety protocols.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Group A:	in person	in-person	virtual	virtual	virtual
Group B:	virtual	virtual	virtual	in-person	in -person

- Students who choose in-person instruction may need to switch to virtual instruction with very little notice if the Governor/County Executive determines all area schools need to close due to increased infection rates in our Region, or if Summit experiences Covid-19 cases that require a multi-day shutdown for building cleaning and disinfection.
- Virtual learning will be offered in multiple formats to meet family needs including:
  - Real time audio-video instruction
  - Recorded instruction
  - Telephone-only instruction
  - Learning packages/activities sent to the home
- Summit staff have developed a Continuity of Learning Plan (CLP) for all students to ensure that their educational goals, as specified on their Individualized Education Plan, can be addressed in both in-person and virtual learning environments.

- Families will consent to virtual learning if technology is used
- Families will be allowed to borrow iPads and other technology from Summit if needed
- If a family has no internet connectivity, they will be referred to their home school district for assistance

Please see Appendix L in the full return to school plan for more details.

### Testing:

Summit will not provide COVID-19 testing on-site. If a student or staff member becomes symptomatic, they will be assessed by the school nurse to determine if the symptoms may be the result of a previously identified medical condition (e.g., allergies, asthma). If the nurse determines the symptoms may be indicative of COVID-19, the Erie or Niagara County Department of Health will be notified. Then, the student or staff member will be sent home, told to contact their personal physician, and advised to seek COVID-19 testing. They will be provided with a resource packet on available testing sites, some of which will be offered free of charge. Summit has set up isolation rooms in each school building to use when symptomatic students and staff members are being evaluated by the school nurses, and where they will wait until they can leave the school building.

### Contact Tracing:

Summit plans to work closely with county Departments of Health to support and supplement contact tracing efforts. In order to limit exposure and assist with contact tracing, Summit is dividing classes into cohorts and keeping cohorts separate from each other throughout the day. Summit will also limit the number of staff members working across cohorts of students. All staff members must sign in and out of classrooms if they are not part of the classroom cohort. This will enable us to easily perform contact tracing for students and staff.

Summit will notify the Department of Health whenever there is a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case and will supply all required information to facilitate contact tracing. Summit will also respond to any call initiated by the Department of Health in order to facilitate contact tracing. Summit will notify parents/guardians if positive cases have been identified, without directly naming the individuals.

Summit has identified Susan Keenan – Human Resources Director- as our COVID 19 School Resource Person. Mrs. Keenan will be the primary contact person for the Department of Health, along with Summit school nurses.

Summit has identified four COVID-19 safety coordinators whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with the school’s reopening plan, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before full-time, in-person learning resumes. These safety coordinators will also assist in contact tracing efforts.

- Carol Shaw, Unit Director– lead (Summit Central and Creekside)
- Mary Belile, Unit Director – Early Childhood
- Marina Olden, Unit Director – Summit Central
- Darlene Firkins, Unit Director - Creekside

## Public Meetings:

Summit is offering three public meetings with student parents/guardians. These will be offered in a Webinar format which will allow for the submission of questions. Sessions will be recorded and posted on our website. The dates/times of these meetings are as follows:

8/11/2020 at 6:30 pm

8/18/2020 at 6:30 p.m.

8/25/2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Summit held an initial meeting with all staff to review the details of the plan on August 5, 2020. A second staff meeting occurred on August 11, 2020.

Please see the full Return to School Plan on the home page of Summit’s website:

[www.thesummitcenter.org](http://www.thesummitcenter.org)

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