

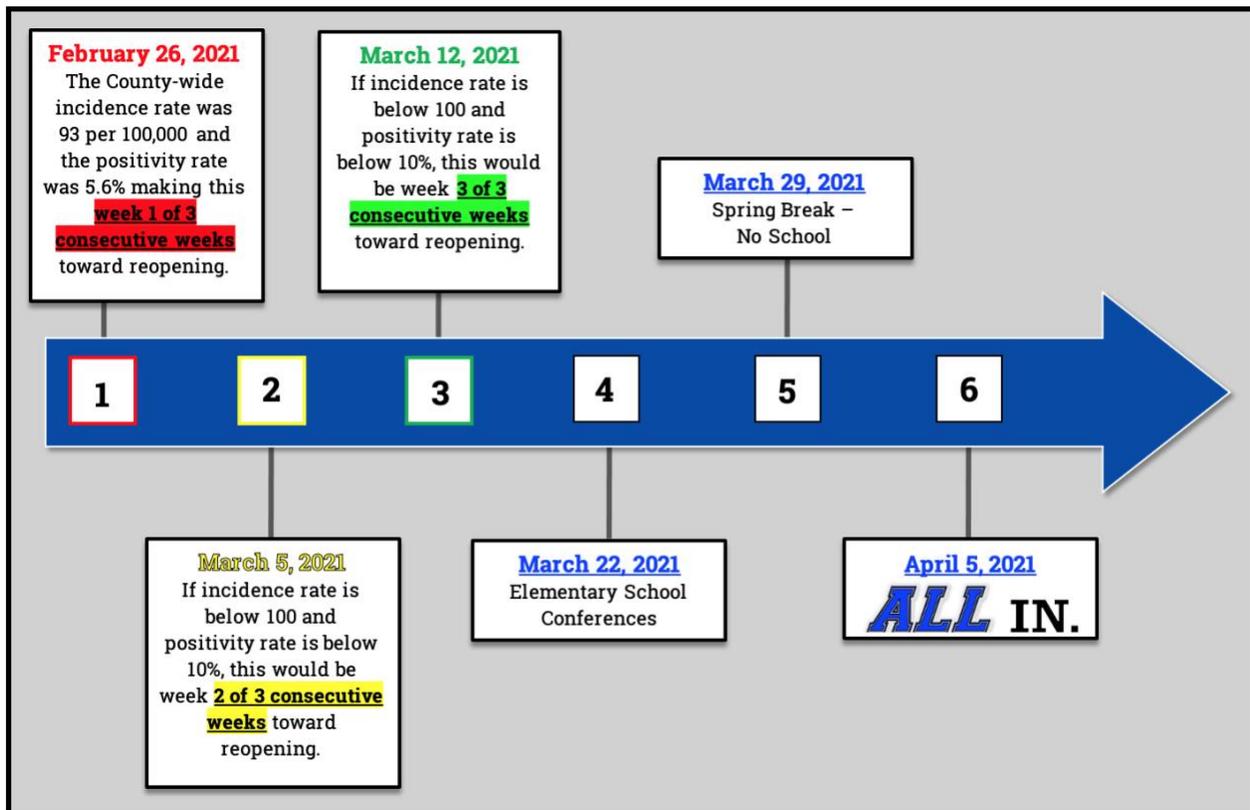
March 2, 2021

Dear Kennett Community,

Greetings! I am writing to update you on our plan for the reopening of schools. Last Friday, the Chester County Health Department (CCHD) released the much anticipated [updated reopening guidance for schools](#). It outlines the necessary metrics and requirements that will allow us to transition to more in-person instruction that was detailed in last week's update. As a reminder, to reopen, the county Covid metrics must achieve a positivity rate of less than 100/100K and a PCR rate of under 10%. We are pleased to report that the county did meet the week one (February 26) goal but we still must maintain the metrics for an additional two more consecutive weeks in order to progress forward with our reopening goal. We must all continue to be vigilant as we focus on moving forward towards a more traditional instructional model of school.

As we plan and prepare for the proposed shift towards a full day, five day a week instructional model, schools will be sending out a Parent Commitment Survey Form to all families. It is imperative that you complete this form by Sunday, March 7. Families that do not complete the form will be scheduled into in-person instruction. We will use this information to maximize the space between students as we configure in-person and virtual class sizes, bus routes, and other operational components. We will do our best to keep students with their current classroom assignments, but elementary students returning from the Kennett Virtual Academy (KVA) will likely be assigned to a new teacher. Answers to [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) are available for your further information. Please send any additional questions to [reopening@kcsd.org](mailto:reopening@kcsd.org).

Lastly, assuming all CCHD metrics and requirements are met and upon reviewing the district calendar, we are planning on a K-12 full return date of April 5, 2021, immediately following Spring Break. (Please see the diagram below)



We will continue to keep you updated. As always, thank you for your support during this past year.

Respectfully,

D. Dusty Blakey