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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Montgomery County Announces Guidance for Reopening Pre-K to 12 Schools for Fall 2020

Norristown, PA (July 17, 2020) – Montgomery County officials and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health in collaboration with Montgomery County school superintendents have developed general recommendations to support the prevention of the spread of coronavirus in the school environment as they plan to open for the 2020-21 school year.

“Since the first coronavirus cases were reported in Montgomery County, we have been on nearly weekly calls with our school superintendents providing critical information on the pandemic and working collaboratively on guidance for opening schools,” said Dr. Valerie A. Arkoosh, Chair, Montgomery County Board of Commissioners. “Our primary goal is to support a school environment that is as safe as possible for the students, faculty, and staff while providing much needed in-person education.”

Some of the recommendations include the role of a pandemic team or coordinator, enhanced communication and signage, the identification of high-risk students and staff, health monitoring, and protocols governing hygiene, isolation and quarantine, cleaning and sanitizing, social distancing and mask-wearing, sports and group activities, security, and transportation.

The complete recommended guidance can be found here

<https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/28390/Montco-School-Guidance-Final>.

The COVID-19 outbreak continues to be a rapidly evolving situation. Please visit the Montco COVID-19 Data Hub at www.montcopa.org/covid-19 to get the latest news, geographic and demographic information, and updates.

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