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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads, Administrators of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities, Nonpublic School Administrators

Route To: School Business Administrators

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Distribution of Cloth Face Coverings to New Jersey Schools

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released information describing the provision of up to 125 million cloth face coverings for distribution to schools. New Jersey has been allotted 2.4 million cloth face coverings in youth and adult sizes. The HHS's guidance on disbursement of face coverings is intended to support students, teachers, and staff in the reopening of public and private schools, with an emphasis on students who are from low-income households or otherwise have high needs.

The State anticipates receiving approximately 1.2 million youth-size and 1.2 million adult-size face coverings. It is expected that the youth size is likely best suited for use in the kindergarten through grade-five population and the adult size for use by those in grade six and above.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has allocated face coverings based on free and reduced-price lunch (FRPL) populations in public schools, nonpublic schools, and approved private schools for students with disabilities in coordination with the federal guidance for low-income or otherwise high-needs populations. Each school identified will be allocated reusable and washable cloth face coverings based on the percentage of FRPL students in the grade levels coordinated with the face covering sizes.

Key steps/actions

The New Jersey State Police is prepared to deliver pallets of face coverings to locations determined by the NJDOE in each of the twenty-one counties for pick-up by identified schools. These schools will be contacted by the NJDOE to schedule distribution. The target date for the NJDOE to notify chief school administrators, charter school and renaissance school project leads, administrators of approved private schools for students with disabilities, and nonpublic school administrators is November 6, 2020. Such notification will include information regarding pick-up location, date, time, and allocation amount. The NJDOE will continue to monitor distribution for additional allocation and pick-up dates.

Contact information

Questions can be directed to the NJDOE's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning at school.security@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3574.

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