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I. New: Official State Guidance for Re-opening Schools in fall 2020 (2020-21 School Year)

The NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) has issued guidance to assist schools with reopening in the fall on Friday, June 26. The guidance provides important standards and tips for schools to consider when developing their individual back-to-school plans. The guidance mentions a few safety and health standards to prioritize, including social distancing, face coverings, cleaning and disinfecting.

For more information by NJDOE and the Governor to K-12 schools, please see: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/nj-schools-and-universities/are-schools-closed-in-new-jersey-are-summer-programs-open-is-there-guidance-for-graduations-will-schools-open-next-year>

To access the entire plan as a PDF file, please go to: <https://www.nj.gov/education/reopening/NJDOETheRoadBack.pdf?emci=d0836e2c-c6b7-ea11-9b05-00155d039e74&emdi=cf40507d-fcb7-ea11-9b05-00155d039e74&ceid=2986731>

II. New! WorkSafeBC Student Fact Sheet About Importance of Reducing Noise Exposure

WorkSafeBC has published a fact sheet for students, outlining the importance of preventing hearing loss and reducing noise exposure. The fact sheet mentions how noise can affect hearing, how hearing protection can help, and different types of hearing protection.

To download the one-page, double-sided color fact sheet, please go to: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/health-safety/information-sheets/listen-up-how-to-prevent-hearing-loss?lang=en>

III. Official State Guidance for Summer 2020 Programs

The NJ Department of Education recently released a two-page memo with guidance/guidelines for both summer 2020 programs (as of 7/6/20) and extended services to students with special health care needs. The link to the memo with official guidance for summer 2020 programs can be found [here](#).

The two-page memo also references as applicable to schools (besides NJ E.O. 107, 135 and 149) these other documents:

- https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/docs/SummerLearningResourceGuide_2020.pdf
- https://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/Youth_Day_Camps_Standards_COVID-19.pdf
- <https://www.nj.gov/education/covid19/boardops/extendedschoolyear.shtml> [specific to students with special health care needs]

IV. New, Free Online Courses: Introduction to Quantitative Risk Assessment and Introduction to Apprenticeships

The New Jersey Safe Schools team has developed a free, online course titled Introduction to Principles of Quantitative Risk Assessment (QRA), hosted on the Rutgers learning management system (LMS), Canvas. This online course was developed for predominately high school students, but can also be completed by teachers. The objective of this course is to learn the basic steps and components of QRA, which includes understanding the six steps of QRA, acquiring skills on identifying hazards and risks, and learning to assess and identify risks. This new course will take approximately 1.5-2 hours for users to complete. Upon completing this online course, students and teachers will receive a certification of completion. Also, teachers will receive professional development units (PDU).

The New Jersey Safe Schools team has also developed a free, online "Introduction to Apprenticeships in NJ High Schools for Minors and Young Adults" course hosted on the Rutgers Canvas LMS. The goal of the course is to provide pertinent information regarding apprenticeships in NJ. This course provides definitions, reference data and resources regarding apprenticeships. The course will take approximately 1.5-2 hours for users to complete. Enrollees will receive a certificate of completion and PDU upon completing the course.

Courses are now approved and available for enrollment in June 2020. If you are interested in participating, and or have any questions, please email New Jersey Safe Schools staff at cscbre@sph.rutgers.edu.