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**COVID-19 UPDATE – JUNE 2020**

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**Emergency Programs of Distance Education**

Each SPCSA-sponsored charter school that is not already approved to provide a full-time program of distance education submitted a request to the Nevada Department of Education for an Emergency Program of Distance Education under Emergency Directive 005. NDE approved each of these requests and SPCSA-sponsored charter schools began offering distance education no later than March 23, 2020, or, for those that were on a scheduled spring break, immediately following spring break.

**Student Engagement**

Within the Request for an Emergency Program of Distance Education, schools confirmed that at minimum, each student would be contacted by a licensed teacher or licensed substitute teacher at least once per week for attendance purposes. Below is a summary of attendance for the first seven weeks of Distance Education:

<b>Week</b>	<b>Attendance Rate</b>
March 23 – March 27	97.77%
March 30 – April 3	97.96%
April 6 – April 10*	99.10%
April 13 – April 17	98.14%
April 20 – April 24	98.09%
April 27 – May 1	97.58%
May 4 – May 8	96.64%
May 11 – May 15	96.27%
May 18 – May 22	94.85%
May 26 – May 29	94.14%
June 1 – June 5	86.91%
June 8 – June 12	100%

*\*most schools were on spring break during the week of April 6 to 10*

In addition, the SPCSA has compiled data on the number of students who were not contacted during the period when school sites were closed and the percent of students who were learning online.

<b>Number of students served by SPCSA-Sponsored schools that were not able to be contacted during the school site closure period</b>	<b>Percent of Students Learning Online by the end of the school year</b>
144 (approximately 0.3% of students)	98.43%

## Reopening Efforts

The SPCSA has maintained weekly communication with sponsored schools in order to enable streamlined information sharing, to provide time for school leaders to ask general and school-specific questions, and to monitor schools' responses to the evolving landscape.

- *Planning:* Schools have been directed to start reopening committees and to consider the voices of parents, families, teachers, students and community members in their work. In these efforts, schools have been encouraged to consider multiple opening scenarios and contingencies for next year.
- *Summer Learning:* Many schools have launched virtual summer school to support students.
- *Aligning with New Directives Nevada Department of Education Guidance:* On June 9, 2020, the Governor signed Emergency Directive 022 which allows school to open for certain purposes and under certain restrictions for the summer and requires schools to develop plans for reopening in the fall of 2020 under 1) distance education, 2) in-person instruction with strict social distancing, or 3) a combination of distance education and in-person instruction. In addition, the Nevada Department of education released the Nevada Path Forward Framework. As stated in the opening to this Framework, “in recognition of this dynamic environment, the Framework does not provide specific guidelines or mandates, but rather is designed to support local efforts to adapt and prepare for the 2020-21 school year as well as potential future emergencies.” The SPCSA has been working with sponsored schools and the Department of Education ensure a thorough understanding of these documents and ultimately enable schools to write strong reopening plans.
- *Support and Training:* The SPCSA is exploring avenues to provide direct professional development to school staff over the summer on three important topics: Understanding Learning Loss and Planning for Instructional Recovery, Social-Emotional Learning and Trauma Informed Practices, and Emergency Preparedness.