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To: Parents/Guardians of students attending the Conneaut School District  
From: Susy Dressel, Director of Student Services  
Reason: **Return to school planning for students who may be at higher risk for severe infection**

As we prepare for the return to school in the fall of 2020, Conneaut School District has developed a Health and Safety Plan to address the needs of our students and staff. As part of our plan, we are required to determine if additional measures are necessary to protect any students ***who may be at a higher risk of severe infection.*** The Center for Disease Control (CDC) had identified the following conditions as being associated with a risk of severe infection (6/26/20).

- Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease)
- Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Serious Heart Conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)
- Severe Obesity (body mass index of 30 or higher)
- Sickle Cell Disease
- ***Children who are medically complex, who have neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital heart disease are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 than other children (CDC website, 6/25/20).***

Should you believe that your child is “at risk of severe infection” or if you are unsure, we are asking that you discuss this with your child’s physician, and if necessary, obtain a letter that identifies any additional precautions or safety measures necessary to address his/her needs. The current Return to School Plan is posted at [www.conneautsd.org](http://www.conneautsd.org). Generally speaking, the plan reflects the best available data and evidence on maximizing educational opportunities while mitigating disease spread. For example, students and staff will be required to practice universal precautions and social distancing upon a return to school. Please send the physician letter directly to your child’s school nurse as a scanned document attached to an email (preferred), send it in the US Mail, or bring it to your child’s school office. We will work together to best meet the needs of your child.

Sincerely,

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