



Wyoming Valley West School District

Reopening K-12 Schools 2020-2021



Purpose

- ★ To meet the academic, social and emotional needs of all WWV students in a safe environment.
- ★ To prioritize the health and well-being of our students and staff in the delivery of instruction, utilization of space and resources, and design of the live and/or virtual learning experiences.
- ★ To develop a health and safety plan as well as an instructional plan that responds to the needs and concerns of the community.

This is a snapshot of our plan as of July 8, 2020 and is subject to change based on guidance or directives from PDE, CDC, DOH or on order from the Governor.



Health and Safety

Our first priority is to KEEP ILLNESS OUT OF THE SCHOOL, in order to protect the community at large from transmission. Social Distance is required for the health and safety of our students and staff.

SYMPTOM SCREENING for all persons entering the schools will begin at home each day using a pre-screening questionnaire of symptoms and behaviors/travel

- ★ Anyone who is ill or showing symptoms must **STAY HOME**.
- ★ Students and staff who have been in contact with any family members or friends diagnosed or symptomatic of COVID-19 must also **STAY HOME**.



Health and Safety: General Recommendations for Students/Parents

- ★ If your child does not feel well in the morning and/or is showing symptoms, DO NOT send him/her to school.
 - Do **not** administer Tylenol or ibuprofen in the morning to hide symptoms.
 - **Do** use cold and allergy medicine if no fever is present.
 - If your child wakes with a low grade fever- keep them home, hydrate and monitor temperature- **DO NOT** send them to school.
 - If in doubt- keep your child home.



Health and Safety: General Recommendations for School Staff

- ★ If you do not feel well in the morning and/or show symptoms, DO NOT report to school.
 - Do **not** administer Tylenol or ibuprofen in the morning to hide symptoms.
 - **Do** use cold and allergy medicine if no fever is present.
 - If you have a low grade fever-stay home, hydrate, and monitor temperature- **DO** **NOT** report to school.
 - If in doubt- STAY HOME.



Health and Safety: General Recommendations for All

HYGIENE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ★ All individuals in school will sanitize or wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds on a frequent basis.
- ★ Clean, washed clothing must be worn everyday to school.

SOCIAL DISTANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- ★ SOCIAL DISTANCE will be key to our in-school precautions.
- ★ We will follow PDE, CDC, WHO, and the Governor's guidance as it comes available.



Health and Safety: Masks/Face Coverings

MASKS ARE REQUIRED in WWV BUILDINGS AT ALL TIMES.

MY MASK PROTECTS YOU, AND YOUR MASK PROTECTS ME.

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS SERVE TO PROTECT OTHER PEOPLE IN CASE THE WEARER HAS NO SYMPTOMS BUT IS UNKNOWINGLY INFECTED.



Health and Safety: Masks/Face Coverings

STUDENTS AND STAFF MUST WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES.

- ★ Students and Staff must report with their own approved masks/cloth face cover/shields.
- ★ Masks will also be available from all School Nurses for those in need.
- ★ The District will provide all staff with PPE as needed to work with students in close proximity, including but not limited to masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer.
- ★ Students and staff will receive clear guidance and training on appropriate use, fitting, and cleansing of PPE.



Health and Safety: Training and Expectations

TRAINING, TEACHING, and REINFORCING

- ★ Nurses will instruct staff and students on hygiene and handwashing protocol and appropriate use of sanitizer.
- ★ Hygiene and Handwashing procedures and hygiene reminders will be implemented and posted with high visibility.
- ★ Hand washing/sanitizing protocols will be required upon building entry/departure.
- ★ Students will be reminded to cover mouth/nose when sneezing or coughing.



Health and Safety: Visitor Guidelines

WVWSD buildings will maintain a “closed” environment as much as possible.

Meetings with families or non-district staff members will be held virtually until further notice in order to limit individuals in the buildings.

Visitors who need to access school buildings for essential purposes will be allowed **ONLY** with principal permission **AND** after completing a health screening process, and will be confined to the area necessary for the purpose.



Health and Safety: Classrooms

GOAL: to create a safe and physically distanced school environment.

- ★ Reduce class size via Hybrid Model of delivery for physical distancing to the extent feasible.
- ★ Space desks apart and facing in the same direction.
- ★ Use assigned seating.
- ★ Use large alternate classroom space (i.e. gym, cafeteria, library).
- ★ Use outdoor space, when/where appropriate, weather permitting.
- ★ No large gatherings/assemblies/congregations.



Health and Safety: Other Distancing Options/Considerations

- ★ Using spaces at partial capacity (Cafeteria/Gym/Library/Outside [weather permitting])

HALLWAYS/STAIRWELLS

- ★ Limited usage where possible
- ★ Defined traffic flow patterns
- ★ Staggered schedules for between-class movement

BATHROOMS

- ★ Limited occupancy
- ★ Increased cleaning procedures



Health and Safety: Educational Impacts

WVWSD is prioritizing safety by:

- ★ Changing the physical orientation of classrooms;
- ★ Reducing group size and limiting the sharing of learning activities/materials;
- ★ Providing explicit safety instruction and monitoring safety protocols;
- ★ Using staggered schedules when needed for physical distancing.
- ★ Limiting visitors to the buildings;
- ★ Creating static student groupings where possible to limit movement within the buildings;
- ★ Utilizing technological resources.



TRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION

This model is the traditional means of education - all students report in-person every day - with full implementation of health and safety standards as set forth by the CDC and DOH.



HYBRID INSTRUCTION

This model involves a combination of traditional in-school instruction and remote instruction via technology. It is intended to reduce the number of students physically present to allow maximum distancing for in-school instruction, with full implementation of health and safety standards as set forth by the CDC and DOH.



Hybrid Instruction Weekly Schedule

FORMAT	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
In-Person	A-K	A-K	Virtual	L-Z	L-Z
Remote	L-Z	L-Z	Virtual	A-K	A-K

Regardless of last name, student(s) with siblings in any school, living in the same house (even with a different last name) will follow the same schedule as other siblings in the home.

- ★ Students will rotate weekly following an A/B schedule. First week Students A will be in person 3x a week, the following week A group will be in person 2x that week.



Hybrid Instruction: General Guidelines/Green or Yellow

INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

- ★ Live in-person instruction for defined students with all implemented safety precautions.

DAILY VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION EXPECTATIONS

- ★ Focuses on what students can learn or practice independently.
- ★ Utilizes a parallel classroom model for students to remain on task together.
- ★ Physically distances students and reinforces face to face instruction.



Benefits of Hybrid Learning

- ★ Protection of health for students, families, and staff;
- ★ Flexible delivery of instruction for students to access learning;
- ★ Continued focus on mental wellness and social and emotional growth;
- ★ Continued focus on equity;
- ★ Opportunities for collaboration between and within the school district.



REMOTE INSTRUCTION

- ★ Learning pathways and experiences for students occur via technology platforms and virtual instructional techniques.
- ★ Use of digital resources provides various instructional options for students to engage in the classroom community.
- ★ Daily engagement and progress in WVW curriculum.



Remote Instruction Guidelines

- ★ Student work will be graded.
- ★ Attendance/participation will be mandatory, subject to District remote learning attendance policy.
- ★ Social, emotional, and wellness activities will be embedded in delivery.
- ★ Students will be able to access and connect with mental health supports, when appropriate or necessary.



TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE

- ★ In Hybrid and/or Remote models, the District will assist students and families with access to devices and technology.
- ★ The District will define one platform for District-wide use to establish consistency in accessing assignments/instruction.



WVW CYBER SCHOOL

- ★ Coordinates with WVW curriculum in every content area
- ★ Available K-12
- ★ Staffed by WVW teachers
- ★ Seamless transition to in-person school
- ★ Register early



PARENT CHOICES

- ★ Enrollment in WVW Cyber School
 - Choice for minimum of 1 marking period
- ★ Mode of Transportation - District or Self-Transport



TRANSPORTATION

- ★ Students using District transportation will be required to wear masks.
- ★ Assigned seats on buses will enforce distancing as much as possible.
- ★ Parents are encouraged, where possible, to self-transport students to school.



BUILDING-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Specific information for each school building may be accessed on that building's page on the District website. Pandemic Information can be found under the Pandemic Coordinator page.