

WWP REOPENING PLAN 2021 - 2022

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

JULY 27, 2021

NJ DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

THE ROAD FORWARD

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- THE ROAD FORWARD PROVIDES “RECOMMENDATIONS” AND “STRATEGIES” AS OPPOSED TO MANDATORY STANDARDS
- ON MAY 17TH, THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED THAT THOSE PORTIONS OF [EXECUTIVE ORDER 175](#) WHICH ALLOWED REMOTE INSTRUCTION WILL BE RESCINDED AT THE END OF THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR.
- “CONTINUING HIS COMMITMENT TO ENSURING THAT STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT UPON THE CONCLUSION OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR, PORTIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 175 ALLOWING REMOTE LEARNING WILL BE RESCINDED, MEANING THAT SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, AS THEY WERE PRIOR TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.” – [GOVERNOR MURPHY PRESS RELEASE – MAY 17, 2021](#)

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

*** GUIDANCE PRIOR TO 07/26/21**

- **CDC – “STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING, AND**
- **SAFELY RETURNING TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION IN THE FALL 2021 IS A PRIORITY.”**
- **CDC SUGGESTS MASKS SHOULD BE WORN FOR INDOORS BY ALL INDIVIDUALS (AGE 2 AND OLDER) WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRICS (AAP)

- THE AAP'S RECOMMENDATIONS COME AS COVID-19 CASES RISE ACROSS THE U.S. IN WHAT THE [HEAD OF THE CDC HAS CALLED](#) A "PANDEMIC OF THE UNVACCINATED."
- "IN UPDATED GUIDANCE FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS STRONGLY RECOMMENDS IN-PERSON LEARNING AND URGES ALL WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED TO PROTECT AGAINST COVID-19."
- "IN ADDITION TO VACCINATIONS, THE AAP RECOMMENDS A LAYERED APPROACH TO MAKE SCHOOL SAFE FOR ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF IN THE GUIDANCE [HERE](#). THAT INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION THAT EVERYONE OLDER THAN AGE 2 WEAR MASKS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. "
- "AAP RECOMMENDS UNIVERSAL MASKING BECAUSE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IS NOT YET ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES, AND MASKING IS PROVEN TO REDUCE TRANSMISSION OF THE VIRUS AND TO PROTECT THOSE WHO ARE NOT VACCINATED."

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC)

* GUIDANCE AS OF 07/27/21

- THE PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY ALSO RECOMMENDED SCHOOLS EMBRACE UNIVERSAL MASKS, DEPARTING FROM GUIDANCE RELEASED EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT SUGGESTED VACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF WERE SAFE TO GO WITHOUT A MASK.
- "CDC RECOMMENDS LOCALITIES ENCOURAGE UNIVERSAL INDOOR MASKING FOR ALL TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND VISITORS TO SCHOOLS, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS," THE CDC WROTE IN A SUMMARY OF THE NEW GUIDANCE. "CHILDREN SHOULD RETURN TO FULL-TIME IN-PERSON LEARNING IN THE FALL WITH PROPER PREVENTION STRATEGIES ARE IN PLACE."

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

WWP FALL 2021 – AS OF 07.27.21

- **WWP HAS NOT MADE A DETERMINATION ON MASKING AS OF THE 07.27.21 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.**
- **WE HAVE EXPLORED NUMEROUS OPTIONS AND HAVE SEVERAL PLANS IN CONSIDERATION.**
- **HOWEVER, WITH RISING COVID-19 CASES AND THE ANTICIPATION THAT THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY (EITHER THE GOVERNOR OR NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH) MAY MODIFY THE EXISTING GUIDANCE WE WILL HOLD AN OFFICIAL MASK DECISION.**

VACCINATIONS

- **VACCINES ARE AN EFFECTIVE MITIGATION STRATEGY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19. WHILE VACCINES ARE NOT MANDATORY, THEY ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.**
- **ACCORDING TO THE NJDOE IN THE ROAD FORWARD, “ALTHOUGH COVID-19 VACCINES ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE, AND ACCESSIBLE, NOT ALL SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE TO BE VACCINATED. MOST K-12 SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A MIXED POPULATION OF FULLY VACCINATED, PARTIALLY VACCINATED, AND UNVACCINATED INDIVIDUALS AT ANY GIVEN TIME, THEREBY REQUIRING THE LAYERING OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO PROTECT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED.”**

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **NJDOE – THE ROAD FORWARD, “THOUGH PHYSICAL DISTANCING RECOMMENDATIONS MUST NOT PREVENT A SCHOOL FROM OFFERING FULL-DAY, FULL-TIME, IN PERSON LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, LEAs SHOULD CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING PHYSICAL DISTANCING MEASURES AS AN EFFECTIVE COVID-19 PREVENTION STRATEGY TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO DO SO WHILE STILL PROVIDING REGULAR SCHOOL OPERATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF IN-PERSON. “**
- **“CONSIDER MAINTAINING THREE FEET OF DISTANCE BETWEEN STUDENTS IN CLASSROOM SETTINGS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WHILE OFFERING FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON LEARNING TO ALL STUDENTS.”**

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM SETTINGS

- **WW-P WILL FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. WW-P WILL CONTINUE TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF SHARED OBJECTS, ENSURE INDOOR FACILITIES HAVE ADEQUATE VENTILATION, PREPARE AND MAINTAIN HAND SANITIZING STATIONS, AND ENSURE STUDENTS AND STAFF WASH HANDS FREQUENTLY.**

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- **REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS, MASKING FOR ALL STUDENTS IS REQUIRED ON SCHOOL BUSES, UPON ENTERING THE SCHOOL, WHILE MOVING WITHIN THE SCHOOL, AND WHERE PHYSICAL DISTANCING CANNOT BE MAINTAINED. ONCE A STUDENT IS SEATED WITHIN THE CLASSROOM OR OTHER INDOOR SPACE, MASKING IS OPTIONAL AND AT THE DISCRETION OF THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY A STAFF MEMBER.**
- **LAYERED MITIGATION STRATEGIES (“SWISS CHEESE” – MASKING, HANDWASHING/RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE, TEMPERATURE CHECKS, SOCIAL DISTANCING, CONTACT TRACING, VACCINATION)**

SCREENING, PPE, AND RESPONSE TO STUDENTS AND STAFF PRESENTING SYMPTOMS

- **WW-P WILL SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY SCREEN STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES FOR SYMPTOMS OF AND HISTORY OF EXPOSURE TO COVID-19. STUDENTS AND STAFF WITH SYMPTOMS RELATED TO COVID-19 MUST BE SAFELY AND RESPECTFULLY ISOLATED FROM OTHERS.**

CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINING

- **UNVACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE OR NOT COME INTO SCHOOL IF THEY OR A MEMBER OF THEIR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19.**

CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINING

- **UNVACCINATED STUDENTS OR STAFF MEMBERS MAY BE ASKED TO BE MEDICALLY EXCLUDED SHOULD THEY EXHIBIT ONE OR MORE OF THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, BASED ON CDC GUIDANCE, THAT IS NOT OTHERWISE EXPLAINED:**
 - **A FEVER OF 100° F OR GREATER**
 - **COUGH**
 - **SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING**
 - **CHILLS**
 - **REPEATED SHAKING WITH CHILLS**
 - **MUSCLE PAIN**
 - **HEADACHE**
 - **SORE THROAT**
 - **NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL**
 - **FATIGUE**
 - **CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE**
 - **NAUSEA OR VOMITING**
 - **DIARRHEA**

CONTACT TRACING

- CONTACT TRACING IS THE PROCESS USED TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO COME INTO CONTACT WITH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, INCLUDING COVID-19. CONTACT TRACING IS A LONG-STANDING PRACTICE NOT ONLY IN NEW JERSEY BUT AROUND THE WORLD AND IS AN INTEGRAL FUNCTION OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN ORDER TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE FROM THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.

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TRANSPORTATION

- THE DISTRICT WILL ADOPT BEST PRACTICES FOR CLEANING AND DISINFECTING ALL VEHICLES USED FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS.
- MASKS MUST BE WORN BY ALL PASSENGERS ON BUSES, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS PER CDC'S FEDERAL ORDER.
- OPEN WINDOWS TO INCREASE AIRFLOW IN BUSES AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION, IF POSSIBLE.
- REGULARLY CLEAN HIGH TOUCH SURFACES ON SCHOOL BUSES AT LEAST DAILY. UPON REPORTING FOR WORK IN THE MORNING, DRIVERS WILL HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE TAKEN AND ANSWER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS TO ENSURE THEY ARE FEELING WELL AND HAVE NOT BEEN EXPOSED TO ANYONE WHO HAS COVID-19.

SCHOOL NUTRITION-FOOD SERVICES

- **ENSURE CONTINUITY OF MEAL PROGRAMS**
- **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR DAILY MEALS AT NO COST.**
- **FOOD DISTRIBUTION AND MEAL SELECTION WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT FOR THE 2021- 2022 SCHOOL YEAR.**

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING, MENTAL HEALTH, AND WELLNESS

- **SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) WILL BE CRITICAL IN RE-ENGAGING STUDENTS, SUPPORTING ADULTS, REBUILDING RELATIONSHIPS, AND CREATING A FOUNDATION FOR ACADEMIC LEARNING. TO THIS END, THE WEST WINDSOR-PLAINSBORO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL THOUGHTFULLY PLAN AROUND THE WELL-BEING OF EDUCATORS IN ORDER TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING AND LEARNING NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS, ACKNOWLEDGE AND PREPARE FOR THE POTENTIAL TRAUMA THAT STAFF AND STUDENTS HAVE FACED DURING THE COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES, AND RECOGNIZE AND EMPOWER EDUCATORS AND STAFF.**

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION: DELIVERY OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- THE 2021 – 2022 BRINGS A FULL RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.
- AS PER THE NJDOE AND GOVERNOR MURPHY, VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION IS NO LONGER ALLOWED. IN THE ROAD FORWARD, THE NJDOE STATED, “LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES (LEA) MUST PLAN TO PROVIDE FULL-DAY, FULL-TIME, IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (NJDOE) AND NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (NJDOH) WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO DEVELOP THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO OPERATIONALIZE THAT GOAL. THIS GUIDANCE INCLUDES A RANGE OF STRATEGIES THAT LEAS SHOULD CONSIDER IMPLEMENTING TO REDUCE RISKS TO STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM COVID-19 WHILE STILL ALLOWING FOR FULLTIME IN-PERSON LEARNING. THE ABSENCE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE REOPENING OF A SCHOOL FACILITY FOR FULL-DAY IN-PERSON OPERATION WITH ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS AND STAFF PRESENT.”

TECHNOLOGY

- **THE DISTRICT WILL WORK TO SUPPLEMENT GAPS IN STUDENT ACCESS TO DEVICES AND INTERNET CONNECTIVITY. THE DISTRICT WILL DEPLOY AVAILABLE DEVICES TO STUDENTS WITHOUT TECHNOLOGY OR CONNECTIVITY.**
- **ALL STUDENTS GRADES 4 – 12 WILL BE ISSUED CHROMEBOOKS.**
- **STUDENTS GRADES K-3 WILL HAVE DEVICES IN THE CLASSROOM. SHOULD THE NEED FOR A CLOSURE OCCUR DEVICES CAN BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL K-3 STUDENTS.**

REMOTE INSTRUCTION/180 DAY REQUIREMENT

- **THE ROAD FORWARD DOCUMENTATIONS PROVIDE THAT WHERE A SCHOOL IS “REQUIRED TO EXCLUDE A STUDENT, GROUP OF STUDENTS, A CLASS, OR MULTIPLE CLASSES AS A RESULT OF THE SCENARIOS LISTED ABOVE [MEANING A CLOSURE IS REQUIRED FOR MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE SCHOOL DAYS DUE TO A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, DECLARED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, OR A DIRECTIVE AND/OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE APPROPRIATE HEALTH AGENCY OR OFFICER TO CLOSE], WHILE THE SCHOOL ITSELF REMAINS OPEN FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, THE LEA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER VIRTUAL OR REMOTE INSTRUCTION TO THOSE STUDENTS IN A MANNER COMMENSURATE WITH IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.”**

VISITOR POLICY

- **SCHOOL VISITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS UNLESS DOING SO WOULD INHIBIT THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH OR THE INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER TWO YEARS OF AGE.**
- **NONESSENTIAL BUILDING VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LIMITED.**

EVENING/WEEKEND EVENTS

- **THE DISTRICT WILL CONTINUE TO LIMIT THE UTILIZATION OF FACILITIES TO ALL OUTSIDE GROUPS. THIS INCLUDES ALL EVENING AND WEEKEND HOURS.**
- **BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS AND PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES WILL BE VIRTUAL.**
- **COLLEGE FAIRS WILL BE LIMITED TO 11TH AND 12TH GRADE STUDENTS.**

ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- **THE NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NJSIAA) HAS ESTABLISHED A COVID-19 MEDICAL ADVISORY TASK FORCE (MATF) RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO ALLOW NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES TO RETURN TO ATHLETICS AS SOON AND AS SAFELY AS POSSIBLE.**
- **THE NJSIAA IS ALSO CONVENING A SPORTS ADVISORY TASK FORCE THAT WILL BE COMPRISED OF ATHLETIC DIRECTORS FROM ACROSS THE STATE AND THAT WILL BE CHARGED WITH REVIEWING STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES, AS WELL AS NJDOE GUIDANCE, REGARDING THE 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR TO DETERMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE EXTENT TO WHICH CHANGES MAY BE NEEDED FOR EACH INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS SEASON.**

CHILDCARE/EDP

- **COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS A DIVISION OF THE DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING, AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS. ONE PROGRAM THAT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN OFFERED BY COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS THE EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM (EDP). COMMUNITY EDUCATION WILL OFFER THIS PROGRAM IF HEALTH CONDITIONS ALLOW. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT COMMUNITY EDUCATION WILL ALSO OFFER VARIOUS ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS.**