



Westfield Academy and Central School District

Addendum to District Reopening Plan (September 2020)

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April 26, 2021

Below you will find updated information to our reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year. The updated areas as follows:

- MS/HS adjusted educational plan
- ES adjusted educational plan
- Guidance for P-12 Schools when a student or staff member has COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test
- COVID - 19 Screening Process and Flow Chart
- Isolation Room
- Face Coverings

Addendum to Reopening Plan - Middle & High School

Health & Safety

April 2021

New guidance from NYS adjusted the use and frequency for using face coverings; updated social distancing requirements for music and PE classes (Westfield Academy & Central School PE and music classes moved from 12 ft to 6ft); and allowed the ability of districts to social distance 3 ft related to transmission rates.

Instructional

November 2020

6th grade students shifted from two-day instruction to a 4-day instructional model

December 2020-February 2021

Over the course of four months, special Education students (IEPS and 504s) shifted from a two-day instructional model to a 4-day instructional model

March 15, 2021

Remaining middle and high school students participating in in-person instruction (2-day model) moved to a 4-day instructional model.

Athletics & Extracurricular Activities

September 2020

Section VI allowed school districts to participate in Fall Athletics (Soccer at Westfield Academy & Central School)

October 2020

Class of 2021 began the district's movement to allow extracurricular activities to commence under the Department of Health guidelines (Hike through Allegheny State Park)

December 2020

Music Department prepared a special pre-recorded holiday music for our community.

January 2021

Section VI allowed school districts to participate in Winter Athletics (Basketball at Westfield Academy & Central School)

February 2021

Extracurricular organizations were allowed to have contactless fundraisers (Middle School Government Fan Cut-Outs).

Musical Department commenced on their musical production and also held another pre-recorded musical event for the community.

March 2021

Section VI allowed school districts to participate in Fall II Athletics (Football & Volleyball)

Administrative

September 2020

Dismissal of students was changed to reflect the ability of students to social distance properly at the close of the school and to ensure transportation was readily available for elementary student dismissal. Students were dismissed from their 9th Period classes with shorter dismissal times for bus riders and walkers/student drivers

October 13, 2020

In preparation for winter months, the District allowed students to have hallway lockers. Access to these lockers were limited to after 1st Period and prior to the start of 9th Period.

April 19, 2021

Morning announcements began at the Middle and High School.

Addendum to Reopening Plan – Elementary School

Current Model

P-5 students attend in-person and maintain 6' social distancing in the academic setting. A virtual option is utilized for students/families who opted to not be in-person this school year. The virtual option will remain consistent for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Quarantine/Health Office

The COVID – 19 examination room has been moved to the nurses' office. Student and staff needing examination for COVID – 19 symptoms are isolated using examination rooms in the nurses' office.

Guidance for P-12 Schools when a student or staff member has COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test



What to do when a student or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms

If the student/staff is at school when symptoms begin, the student/staff should immediately be sent home. The student/staff should be placed in isolation at home.

One of the following three criteria must be met before the student/staff can return to school:

1. A note from the student/staff's medical care provider with an alternative diagnosis is provided OR
2. The result of a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test is provided OR
3. There have been at least ten days since the onset of COVID-19 symptoms.

Symptomatic individuals that attend or work at a school, along with their household members, will be offered a free point-of-care diagnostic COVID-19 test through the Chautauqua County Health Department as long as supplies are available from New York State.

What to do when a student tests positive for COVID-19

The student/staff should remain in isolation per public health order. All of the following three criteria must be met before the student/staff can return to school:

1. At least ten days after COVID-19 symptom onset or ten days from their first positive test if asymptomatic AND
2. Fever-free for at least **72** consecutive hours without the use of fever-reducing medication AND
3. Symptoms are improving.

What to do with classmates or staff members in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case

It is important to understand that protective measures such as maintaining 6 feet of physical distance and masking while in the classroom are practices aimed at **reducing the risk of infection**. However, having these practices in place **does not necessarily** mean that a classroom will be exempt from quarantine in the event of a positive COVID-19 case. Factors such as duration of exposure and ventilation also impact risk. Even with protective practices, the following quarantine rules *generally* apply but are subject to change based on the case by case analysis by the Chautauqua County Health Department who will provide guidance:

- Close contacts are required to quarantine for 10 days. A close contact is defined by NYSDOH as an individual who has been within 6 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for 10 cumulative minutes or more during a time the case was infectious.
- Contact tracers may make recommendations for quarantine based on other factors, including duration, proximity, and presence of symptoms. The quarantine period extends to 14 days if symptoms develop
- Persons under quarantine who develop symptoms should be tested for COVID-19. If the test result is positive, the student or staff member will be placed in isolation per public health order. If test result is negative, the student or staff member will continue in quarantine for the full 14 days.

COVID – 19 Screening Flow Chart

Chautauque County
 Health and Human Services
 DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 7 North Erie Street, Mayville, New York 14757
 www.chqgov.com . 716-753-4491

Potential Symptoms for COVID-19

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/trouble breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Temp 100.0° F/37.8° C or greater
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Nasal congestion/runny nose

COVID-19 SCREENING FLOW CHART

Proceed to school

NO FLAGS



SYMPTOMS



Cannot go to school

• If determined by PCP to have a diagnosis other than COVID-19 → follow normal school policies to return to school.

• If a COVID test is negative and child has had no fever for at least 72 hours (without use of fever reducing medicine) and feels better → follow normal school policies to return to school.

• If no COVID test is done, child needs to stay home for 10 days since first symptom, no fever for 72 hours (without use of fever reducing medicine), and feels better → follow normal school policies to return to school.

TEST FOR COVID-19?: Consult PCP. If testing is indicated, the child must isolate at home pending results which may take up to 7 days.

DIAGNOSIS



Cannot go to school

Follow public health isolation order.*

Child remains home for 10 days since first positive COVID-19 test.

CHILD: 10 day quarantine because he/she has already passed through the pre-symptomatic phase. Repeat COVID testing is NOT needed in order to return to school.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS: 10 day quarantine.

EXPOSURE



Cannot go to school

Follow public health quarantine order.*

Child remains home for 10 days since exposure.

HIGH RISK TRAVEL



Cannot go to school

Follow public health quarantine order.*

Child remains home for 10 days since date of return.

TEST FOR COVID-19? If no symptoms, testing is not required because it will not change the child's need to quarantine for 10 days. If you would like to pursue a test, contact your Primary Care Provider (PCP). Testing would not be recommended until 4 to 5 days after potential exposure.

Individuals exposed to COVID-19 can end their quarantine after 10 days without a testing requirement as long as no symptoms have been reported during the quarantine period. After day 10 is reached, individuals must continue monitoring for symptoms through day 14 and if any develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact their local health department or their health care provider to report this change and determine if they should seek testing.

* The Health Department will issue Isolation and Quarantine Orders, monitor positive cases and close contacts, and officially release individuals from Isolation and Quarantine. Per CDC guidance, people who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

**Schools are to keep track of all excluded students/staff with symptoms with the goal that they will be evaluated by a medical provider and tested for COVID-19 within 48 hours of symptom onset. This tracking will enable public health and school officials to act accordingly based on a case by case basis.

DO PARENTS OR THOSE IN THE HOUSEHOLD NEED COVID-19 TESTING?

- Parents of children sent home from school and ordered into quarantine by the Public Health Director as a close contact to a known COVID-19 case do not need to be tested.
- If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19, consult with your public health nurse and PCP.
- Children in Isolation or Quarantine are monitored by public health staff and parents will be advised accordingly on an individual basis.
- New York State has issued guidance on Public/Private Employees Returning to Work following COVID-19 Infection or Exposure and can be found at: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protecting-public-health-all-new-yorkers#employees>. This guidance does not apply to healthcare or nursing home professionals.

Don't have a Primary Care Provider (PCP)? Call (716) 338-0010 or visit <http://www.cchp.net/find-a-doctor-application>

Face Masks/Coverings

As per recent guidance from the NYSDOH, the following modifications are being made to our protocols.

Face masks are required at all times, except for meals.

Responsible Parties will need to consider and address developmental appropriateness, feasibility, and ability to implement such policy in a safe, consistent manner.

- Students who are unable to medically tolerate a mask, including students where such mask would impair their physical health or mental health are not subject to the required use of a mask.
- Responsible Parties should offer assistance to students who may have difficulty in adapting to wearing a mask.
- Responsible Parties must train all students, faculty, and staff on how to adequately put on, take off, clean (as applicable), and discard PPE, including but not limited to, appropriate masks. This training should be extended to contractors and vendors, if the Responsible Parties will be supplying the contractors and vendors with PPE.

To view the full NYSDOH update, click on the link below.

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K%20to%20Grade%2012%20Schools%20MasterGuidance.pdf)