



Wayland-Cohocton Central School District
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2021-2022 Covid-19 Plans to Re-Open

Wayland-Cohocton School District

This plan supports bringing all students back to school every day for the
2021-22 school year.

-This plan is the minimum requirement and is subject to pending changes in local health data and/or state or federal guidance adjustments-

Topic	Protocols					Considerations
Masks		Low Level	Moderate Level	Substantial Level	High Level	In consultation with the Steuben County Department of Health, students will be permitted mask breaks within classroom settings. Each teacher will develop guidelines that make sense within their classroom setting and culture to support all learners.
	Transportation *	Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Hallways & Transitions **	Required *	Required	Required	Required	
	In class - spaced <3ft **	Required	Required	Required	Required	
	In class - spaced between 3ft. & 6ft **	Required	Required	Required	Required	
	In class - spaced >6ft **	Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Indoors Large group gatherings **	Required	Required	Required	Required	
	Outdoors	Optional	Optional	Optional	Optional	
	<p>* Required by Order of the CDC, students and staff must wear masks at all times on school buses. Please see: https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html</p>					
	<p>**Required by the New York State Department of Health effective August 27, 2021 all students, staff and visitors must wear face coverings at all times while indoors at public school facilities. Please see https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency_regulations/Fa ce%20Coverings%20for%20COVID%2019%20Prevention.pd</p>					

Health Screenings

	Low Level	Moderate Level	Substantial Level	High Level
Daily Monitoring of Symptoms	Individual Monitoring No Daily Attestation	Individual Monitoring No Daily Attestation	Individual Monitoring No Daily Attestation	Individual Monitoring No Daily Attestation

Wayland-Cohocton Families will **not** complete online screening (Health Portal) prior to the arrival of school. Nurses will continue to monitor students and staff in school illnesses and those matching COVID symptoms or other illnesses will be asked to leave school and to return only after an appropriate diagnosis by a health care provider.

Daily Monitoring of Symptom

Daily Health awareness and screening for COVID-19 symptoms is essential for preventing the spread of the illness. We ask that each morning before you come to school you ensure that you do not have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.0 F or greater
- Feel feverish or have chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Cough*
- Shortness of breath*
- headache*
- fatigue*
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhea*
- Nasal congestion or runny nose*

*Disregard this symptom if our school nurses have healthcare provider issued documentation of a non-COVID chronic pre-existing condition that causes the symptoms AND if the nature of the symptoms (duration, intensity, etc) is consistent with what our school nurses are familiar with. Get documentation from your primary care provider that is related to a pre-existing condition and give to the school nurse to include with your child's medical record as soon as possible.

As we did last year, please be prepared to pick your child up from school if any of these COVID-19 symptoms begin presenting during the school day.

Physical Distancing

We will continue to encourage students, staff, and visitors to remain six (6) feet physically distanced whenever practicable. In order to facilitate necessary classroom learning experiences we are setting up our classrooms to meet the Center for Disease Control's recommendation of maintaining three (3) feet of physical distance whenever possible. There will be times during classroom learning experiences when it is necessary and essential for students to share materials and be within three (3) feet of physical distance. We will continue to safely move forward with facilitating learning experiences to best meet the needs of all learners in a manner

Please understand that for contact tracing purposes in the event that a positive case is present in one of our classrooms or school setting, if a student, staff or visitor is physically distanced by:

- Six (s) feet or more they will not be considered a close contact.
- Between three (3) feet and six (6) feet and both individuals wearing proper face coverings will not be considered a close contact

	that promotes health and fosters positive social and emotional well-being.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than (3) feet for more than fifteen (15) minutes of sustained close contact, they may be considered a close contact based on a number of situational factors.
Exposure and/or Quarantine	<p>PreK-12 student, teacher or staff member (with vaccine proof) exposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no symptoms individuals can remain in school as long as no symptoms develop and the individual wears a mask for 14 days from date of exposure per CDC guidance. (Highly recommended to get a PCR COVID test 3-5 days after exposure) If the individual has a temp >100F or develops a new or unusual symptom of COVID 19, the individual is isolated pending COVID test results. If result is positive, individual remains in isolation; if negative, the individual can return to school. <p>PreK-12 student, teacher or staff member (with no vaccine) exposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If symptom free for ten days from the last contact with case and individual is released from quarantine by health department, individual can return to school. If while in quarantine individual has a temp >100F or a new COVID symptom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A COVID 19 test result is positive the individual is placed in isolation for ten days. When released by health department individual can return to school Individual does not get COVID test, must remain in isolation for ten days. When released by health department individual can return to school Individual test result is negative, the individual remains in isolation for ten days and returns to school when released by health department. PreK-12 student teacher or staff with no known exposure has a temp of >100F or exhibits new COVID symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, individual must stay home. Contact health care provider <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can return with alternate diagnosis from health care provider If COVID test is negative, individual can return to school if symptoms are improving. Must provide a copy of negative test If COVID test is positive individual is placed in isolation by health department and can return to school after being released by health department If individual has no test and no alternate diagnosis the individual may return to school after at least 10 days from passing of first symptom, and individual's symptoms are improving and fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (it is the school's responsibility to follow-up/monitor these individuals) 	

Cafeteria & Meals	We will maximize physical distance to the extent practicable when moving through the food service line and while eating (especially indoors). Free meals will be available to all students including breakfast and lunch.	Food Service Staff: We will continue to implement health and safety protocols that implement additional mitigation strategies to maintain the safest possible food preparation and service environment. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maintaining physical distancing to the greatest extent practicable● Wearing face coverings at all times● Maintaining proper hand hygiene and respiratory practices● Following all NYS Department of Health Guidance for Food Preparation and Service										
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Passengers and drivers must wear a mask on school busses, including on busses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC’s Order.● No distancing requirements	- Two students to a seat where possible -Assigned seats on busses are recommended for contact tracing purposes - During transportation, open or crack windows in buses and other forms of transportation, if doing so does not pose a safety risk. Keeping windows open a few inches improves air circulation.										
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**School
Sponsored
Sports and
Extracurricular
Activities**

Large Group Gathering /Events	Low Level	Moderate Level	Substantial Level	High Level
Indoor Large Group Gatherings/ Events	Normal Capacity	Normal Capacity Physical Distancing Face Covering **	Limited Capacity Physical Distancing Face Coverings Required **	Restricted Capacity Physical Distancing Face Coverings Required
Outdoor Large Group Gatherings / Events	Normal Capacity	Normal Capacity	Normal Capacity	Normal Capacity

Indoor Large Gatherings: As required by the NYSDOH all students, staff and visitors must wear face coverings at all times while indoors at public school facilities . When and if we are able to propose local mitigation stratives for our phased approach we will do so. At this time, however, we are not able to do so.

Outdoor Large Group Gatherings: At present time, we have no public health restrictions for any of our outdoor large group gatherings/events. The CDC does continue to recommend physical distancing even when outdoors if practicable.

Mitigating Measures

Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	<p>People should practice handwashing and respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes) to keep from getting and spreading infectious illnesses including COVID-19. Schools can monitor and reinforce these behaviors and provide adequate hand washing supplies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. • Remind everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently and assist young children with handwashing. • If handwashing is not possible, use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer). Hand sanitizers should be stored up, away, and out of sight of young children and should be used only with adult supervision for children under 6 years of age. 	
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custodial staff will clean high touch surfaces throughout the day and do a deeper cleaning each night. • Cleaning staff will continue maintaining cleaning logs for all spaces. 	
Ventilation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving ventilation is an important COVID-19 prevention strategy that can reduce the number of virus particles in the air. • Along with other preventive strategies, including wearing a well-fitting, multi-layered mask, bringing fresh outdoor air into a building helps keep virus particles from concentrating inside. This can be done by opening multiple doors and windows, using child-safe fans to increase the effectiveness of open windows, and making changes to the HVAC or air filtration systems. 	
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A daily screener is no longer necessary. • Any student, staff, or visitor must stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms 	
Stay Home When Sick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staying home when sick with COVID-19 is essential to keep COVID-19 infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">It also is essential for people who are not fully vaccinated to quarantine after a recent exposure to someone with COVID-19.										
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Contact Tracing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Schools will continue to collaborate with state and local health departments, to the extent allowable by privacy laws and other applicable laws, to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. This allows identifying which students, teachers, and staff with positive COVID-19 test results should <u>isolate</u>, and which <u>close contacts</u> should <u>quarantine</u>.											
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">So long as travel restrictions are not in place by government officials, districts may choose to cautiously proceed with field trips as they deem appropriate.All masking and distancing protocols will be in place on field trips equivalent to what would be expected in school at the time of the field trip and in relation to the CDC transmission designation for the destination.											
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Steuben County Public Health data will be used to determine our CDC Zone designation as either low, moderate, substantial, or high transmission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Zone designations will be determined weekly via the Steuben County COVID-19 Dashboard.Please the link below for the Steuben County COVID-19 dashboardhttps://www.mytwintiers.com/steuben-county-covid-19-dashboard/										
SCHOOL CLOSURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Should a complete school closure be warranted as determined by the local health department in consultation with the school superintendent and the district's medical director, we will communicate the decision to the community as soon as possible.											

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A transition to fully remote learning may create a lag where remote instruction may take a day or two to begin as we facilitate the transition. | |
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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **If a student or staff member is vaccinated, do they still need to wear a mask indoors?** Yes. There are no masking requirements outdoors. The above measures do not discern between those who are or are not vaccinated and will apply to all. Since we are not privy to COVID vaccination records and even if we were, managing a different set of rules for each would prove to be unattainable, the health and safety measures we are putting in place will apply to everyone regardless of their vaccination status.
2. **Will there be a temperature screening or daily health screening?** No. Unless directed by the NYSDOH or required by the CDC.
3. **Will students be socially distanced at 6 feet in the classroom?** No. Students can be safe at 3 feet apart in class, especially if they are masked.
4. **Is the district required to offer remote learning to any student who requests it?** No. A remote option is not required.
5. **Will students be required to eat in classrooms this year?** Possibly. If there is an exposure, in some instances, eating in the classroom may be required.
6. **What if someone who is at school is fully vaccinated but also exposed to a COVID-19 positive case?** According to the CDC, testing is required between the third and fifth day after exposure and wearing of a mask indoors for 14 days or until receiving a negative test result. If testing positive, the patient would isolate until they are no longer contagious (10 days from the last exposure).
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>
7. **Who determines quarantine and isolation status?** Similar to last year, the school district cooperates with county department of health school contact tracers who investigate and make such determinations. The school district is required by health law to follow these determinations.
8. **Will the District continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year?** Yes. All students are eligible for free meals this school year regardless of economic status.