

# Williams Valley School District Reopening Plan

## Frequently Asked Questions

**\*\*\*\*\*Please check back periodically for updates that occur as guidance and requirements may change.**

The Health and Safety Plan is developed based on the District's capability to follow the state, local and federal guidelines to the best of our ability; additionally, the plan is developed to reduce the level of risk, but does not completely eliminate risks and exposure. ***While we would like to allow all students to return to in-person instruction on August 31, 2020, based on current requirements, that return is limited as described in this document. Based on the state's current phase determination, additional information about that return follows:***

### EDUCATION

#### **Q1. What is the plan for educating students?**

A1. There will be two options for students and families:

All students will receive a class schedule. The first option will be a full online option and the second will be that your child can attend school in person using the social distancing and personal protective equipment. The in person option will require masks to be worn when traveling throughout the campus. The in-person learning will be based on the Red, Yellow and Green Phases. Students will attend school using an A/B schedule outlined below. The plan for the online option is for education to occur synchronously so students can interact virtually with their teachers and peers.

#### **Synchronous (Red Phase)**

Follow student schedules

All online instruction guided by a teacher using Google Classroom as the framework.

Attendance taken by teacher and recorded in Skyward Student Information Management System. Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is provided via remote learning, using digital or non-digital platforms.

Depending on the circumstances, buildings may be closed to all employees.

As compared to spring 2020, students will have more rigorous curricular expectations and grading procedures.

**An asynchronous (where students would complete the work at other times during the day/evening) option will be recommended.**

#### **Synchronous A/B Plan (Yellow and Green Phases)**

Follow student schedules

Half students in class/other half of class online simultaneously; student option to choose totally online or hybrid option

An asynchronous (where students would complete the work at other times during the day/evening) option will be recommended.

Attendance taken by teacher and recorded in Skyward Student Information Management System

Q. What days will students attend school in person with the hybrid model?

A. As identified in the Health and Safety Plan, on page 8.

### **Synchronous A/B Plan (Fully Open)**

Follow student schedules

All students in class

Attendance taken by teacher and recorded in Skyward Student Information Management System

**Q 2. How will virtual learning work on the other days the children are not in person? Will the kids be able to do their work at various times of the day and not a scheduled time?**

A2. Parents/guardians with questions and concerns should contact the pandemic coordinator at 717-647-2167, ext. 1224.

**Q3. Will the WVSD allow things like physical education, recess, shop classes, group work, etc.?**

A3. The WVSD will allow these activities as long as proper social distancing can occur. Please be aware that these activities will require face coverings if social distancing of 6 feet cannot be maintained. Efforts will be made to minimize the sharing of materials and equipment at these times/classes/activities.

**Q4. What if our family is not comfortable sending our children back to school?**

A4. There will be options available to families:

- In-Person Instruction: Your child can attend school in person using the social distancing and personal protective equipment outlined below. In some cases, the phase the state is in may limit in-person education to two days a week with the other three days synchronously online.
- 100% online Instruction: Your child can attend school remotely. The WVSD will provide an enhanced version of what was offered in the spring with students following their assigned schedules online, from home at the time classes occur throughout the day.

**Q5. Can a family change their mind and go from online to in-person or from in-person to online?**

A5. Yes, the parent/guardian must contact the school attendance secretary to report any changes.

**Q6. How many different websites will be used for information and educational purposes?**

A6. Google Classroom will be the framework for all grade levels to access daily instructions. An approved list of websites is available on the WVSD website and is updated annually. Teacher instruction on Google Classroom will direct students to other instructional websites as appropriate. Skyward will be used for attendance and messages.

**Q7. Using an online system, will there be more virtual teaching that students can see and interact with teachers and peers?**

A7. Yes. Students will also be graded on assessments.

**Q8. Will we receive Vikings Times in early August this year with class/supply list? If not would it be possible for teachers to contact us to let us know what the kids will need well in advance to school starting?**

A8. Due to the nature of COVID-19, teachers will address classroom supplies after school begins. Parents are asked **NOT** to send supplies with students until directed by the WVSD.

**Q9. If the state decides to close schools again how will grading be handled?**

A9. All education will be completed with an online mindset, so all assessments will be completed and submitted for grading, unless otherwise directed. Board approved grading policies will be followed.

**Q10. We have multiple students in our household, how will they all work online with one computer?**

A10. The WVSD Board of Directors approved a 1:1 technology initiative at the June 25, 2020 board meeting.

**Q11. How will IEPs be addressed?**

A11. IEP's will be implemented to the fullest extent possible under the guidelines of IDEA.

**Q12. With the elimination of certain programs, how will that affect IEP's and students returning to the school buildings?**

A12. Programs have not been eliminated

**Q13. Will our students have access to lockers and desks?**

A13. Lockers will not be issued at this time; however, students will have access to a desk when in a classroom.

**Q14. Will teachers be available all day to assist students with questions?**

A14. Similar to in-class schedules, students will have the opportunity to ask questions during scheduled class times.

**Q15. What platform will be used for online instruction? When will device distribution occur?**

A15. Google Classroom will be used. Teachers will be adding their own classroom content to Google Classroom and will use Google Meet to virtually connect with the students. In some cases, where available, online components of textbooks used in the district will be utilized through Google Classroom. Tutorials are being created by the WVSD technology department so provide guidance in how to access Google Classroom and Google Meets. Device distribution will be announced.

The following message was shared with families August 10, 2020:

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have learned that the delivery of devices for the 1:1 initiative will be delayed. Please plan to use your own device until the shipment is received and if this is not possible, call the school at 717-647-2167x1400 to request assistance. We realize this is not ideal, but recognize our other options would put students, families, faculty, staff, and community members at risk. In order to lessen the inconvenience of the situation, an asynchronous (occurring at a time other than during the scheduled class) option will be added to the educational component of the Health and Safety Plan. Your patience and support will be appreciated as we continue to work through these times as the district is working to ensure a rigorous education recognizing the health, safety, and wellbeing of all.*

**Q16. What resources will be used to teach the curriculum?**

QA. Teachers will use the approved WVSD curriculum. The curriculum will NOT be provided by a content platform provider (Odysseyware/Edgenuity) as utilized in the spring, but rather by teacher created content, textbooks, and assessments.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

**Q1. What social distancing and face coverings will be used to protect students and staff?**

A1. In accordance with the government mandate, face coverings will be required when not able to maintain six feet social distancing between students and staff. This includes activities such as moving in the hallways, moving through the lunch line, etc. The WVSD will not require students to wear face coverings once students are seated in the classroom, at lunch, or during other times when/where social distancing of six feet is able to be maintained. The WVSD is working to set up classroom spaces and eating spaces that allow this to occur. The procedure for breakfast and lunch will be explained to students when they return to school. Faculty and staff will also wear face coverings when not able to maintain that six feet distance. Students, faculty, and staff have the option to wear face coverings at other times if they desire to do so.

**Q2. Will the school be supplying masks for each student, teacher and office staff?**

A2. Each student, teacher, and staff member will be provided with two reusable cloth masks and a lanyard. Questions or concerns can be directed to the appropriate building office.

## **CLEANING AND SANITATION**

### ***Q1. How will the WVSD clean and disinfect buildings?***

A1. Additional equipment was purchased to help with our staff's ability to disinfect, clean and sanitize areas throughout the day and evening. Common areas and commonly used objects will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day. Staff will clean and disinfect classrooms in the evening hours for the next day. All CDC cleaning and disinfection procedures will be followed daily.

### ***Q2. Will students be able to travel from class to class?***

A2. Whenever possible, the students will remain in a class and the teachers will change rooms to teach. When not possible, directional signage will be used to direct flow. In both cases, desks will be cleaned with CDC approved procedures such as sanitizing wipes, Lysol and hand sanitizer will be used as individuals enter the room.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### ***Q1. What are the transportation procedures for the coming year?***

A1. Buses will be disinfected before and after routes/runs. Face coverings and assigned seating will be required on buses. Parents will have the option to and will be encouraged to transport their child to and from school on the days they are scheduled to be on campus. Traffic patterns will be clearly marked and parents/guardians will be asked to be patient as student safety is a priority. Staggered start times are under consideration. Face coverings and assigned seating will be required on buses. Roof hatches and windows will be opened whenever possible to allow for the best ventilation.

### ***Q2. How many students will be allowed on buses?***

A2. The district will follow PDE guidance to transport students. Parents/guardians are encouraged to transport their child as noted above. At this time we are considering that students may sit 2 per seat with face coverings and families/siblings will sit together (this may change based on PDE Guidance).

## **HEALTH CONCERNS AND CONSIDERATIONS**

### ***Q1. Page 16 of the WVSD Health and Safety Plan addresses parents monitoring temperatures, please explain.***

A1. The WVSD will depend on parents to monitor their children's temperatures prior to departing home in the morning and will be required to keep students with a temperature at home, any student with a temperature of 100.4 and above should stay at home and notify the appropriate WVSD building office. An isolation room will be established in each school building, if needed. Temperatures may also be monitored at school as necessary.

### ***Q2. What protocols are in place for students/faculty/staff who become ill during the school day?***

A2. Sick children should stay home and the pediatrician should be notified. If children get sick at school, they should go to the nurse and will be placed in an isolation room to protect others in the building. The same procedure is in place for adults who become sick at school.

**Q3. How will parents/guardians be notified if someone becomes ill?**

A3. Procedures defined by the PA Department of Health, CDC and PDE will be followed.

Visit this link for more information on the PA Departments of Health and Education jointly issued document: "Public Health Guidance Regarding COVID-19 for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools." - <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/PublicHealthGuidance/Pages/default.aspx>.

**Q4. How will the parents be notified that they need to come and pick up their child for any reason?**

A4. Standard protocols from previous years will be followed. Parents should update phone numbers and contact information in Skyward or by contacting the attendance office. Parents are strongly encouraged to schedule appointments on virtual learning days.

**Q5. How is the use of the bathroom for our students going to work?**

A5. Bathroom usage will be based on social distancing protocols.

**Q6. Will our students be able to bring certain items from home such as water bottles, gym clothes, etc.?**

A6. Water will be provided by modified fountains or other sources. Students will be encouraged to bring their own water.

**Q7. How was the grouping determined?**

A7. The plan was based on transportation feasibility.

**Q8. Doors will be used "when possible" for ventilation, p.7. For security purposes, will a staff member be stationed at the door while the doors are propped open for more air circulation?**

A8. Security protocols will be in place.

**Q9. In regards to visitors (p.11) such as mobile therapists, TSS, etc. that visit buildings for a few hours a week - will they be required to wear a mask while in a classroom? These positions visit numerous schools/ districts each week and could be an asymptomatic carrier.**

A9. All visitors will be required to follow all safety protocols.

**Q10. The substitute shortage was mentioned on p.19, which will most likely be more dire this school year. It is stated in the plan that online instruction opportunities will be available if a teacher is ill. Will parents/ families receive a phone call some mornings indicating students should remain home as their teacher is ill? If yes, by what time will this occur?**

A10. HIPAA Guidelines will be followed accordingly.

**Q11. Paraprofessionals, reading specialist, math intervention, gifted, etc. are all positions that typically take staff in and out of numerous classrooms throughout a day or mix students together in a small room from various classrooms. Will this continue or is there a plan as to how these staff members will most safely operate throughout the school day?**

A11. All district employees will be required to follow all safety protocols.

**Q12. As noted on p.22 and p.26 of the plan students will be required to wear masks when closer than 6ft apart. If 6ft distance is not achievable in some classrooms, will parents/families be notified of the need for their students to wear a mask all day? Will unused furniture, such as small group tables be removed from classrooms and placed in storage in order to create more space in classrooms?**

A12. State guidance will be followed.

**Q13. When a positive test of COVID-19 occurs and a classroom and bathroom is shutdown for 24 hours (p.35), can the school support the need for increased hand washing and regular bathroom use with a restroom closure?**

A13. CDC guidelines will be followed.

**Q14. Will classroom teachers be provided with disinfecting wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer weekly to ensure they have the proper supplies to best defend themselves and students against the virus?**

A14. Yes

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS**

**Q1. When will virtual meetings concerning the Health and Safety Plan be scheduled?**

A1. Community informational Zoom meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 4:30 pm -6:00 pm
  - Topics: Review Questions from Survey/ Disinfecting, Sanitation, and Hygiene
- Thursday, August 13, 2020 – 4:30 pm-6:30 pm
  - Topics: Social Distancing and Educational Plan/Follow-up from New Questions
- Thursday, August 20, 2020 – 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Topics: Follow-up/start of school/completing beginning of year paperwork