

NOTICE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented school administration, teachers and staff with a myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness that appears to attack the upper respiratory system but which may also cause blood clots and other serious health complications. Some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable, including to other family members of the student's household such as individuals with comorbidity/preexisting health conditions.

You and your student should be aware of the potential risks for infection of coronavirus and other pathogens. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the WVSD will take precautions and comply with guidelines from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the NFHS and PIAA, to reduce the risks to students, teachers, and third parties. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, WVSD reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for our study body. Some precautionary protocols in the WVSD Return to School Plan may include but may not be limited to:

1. Encourage social distancing and promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
2. Mandate wearing of face coverings and masks at all times, and in particular when social distancing is not possible
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities;
4. Recommend Students to bring their own water bottle for hydration.
5. Health screenings prior to any entry into the building including temperature checks and inquiries

In sending your student to school, you understand and acknowledge the known and unknown risks associated with exposure to communicable diseases such as COVID-19, including possibly contracting the disease or spreading it to others in school or at home. You are further aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with attending school during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and possible death does exist.

Additionally, in sending your student to school, your student shall abide by and comply with the recommendations and guidelines put forth by WVSD to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM (SUBSTITUTE PLANS)

Scheduled or unplanned daily absences during online learning:

Teachers who plan to be absent on a school day, should have a lesson plan prepared for students on the Google classroom and for the students physically present in school. Teachers should pre-record a lesson that can be viewed on google classroom and played on a classroom smartboard/projector.

All teachers should prepare two weeks of emergency lesson plans in case of an unplanned absence. The physical materials and Google classroom lesson plans should be available. Teachers should establish a partner teacher who could post or upload Google classroom plans in the event of an unplanned absence. If at all possible, teachers should prerecord lessons for Google classroom to be posted on their day of absence along with online activities and worksheets or similar work for physically present students.

In teacher substitute folders-partner teachers should be identified. Partner teachers would be available to post lessons to Google classroom and provide any daily information such as, but not limited to, emergency drills and assemblies (which will also be noted on the daily substitute sheet when possible).

Extended Absences spanned more than 5 days:

The technology department will provide long-term substitute teachers with a unique log-on for the google classroom in the event of an extended absence. Long-term substitutes will be expected to run the google classroom as well as live-stream. The classroom teacher may not share personal log on information with substitutes as this violates the AUP policy (board policy #815).

GUIDANCE OFFICE SERVICES

Jr. High and Sr. High guidance services are available for all students through the two counselors. Students may arrange for individual or group conferences with their respective counselor. Students are permitted to the guidance office with a pass from their counselor. Please do not send students to the guidance office without this pass unless it is an emergency.

HALL/RESTROOM SUPERVISION

Before the start of the school day, between classes, and at the end of the school day, staff members are required to monitor the areas outside of their respective classrooms and assist in monitoring the hallways. Staff members are also requested to check the restrooms throughout the day and report any discipline problems to the office.

Some staff members have specific duties. Please see the teacher notes on his/her specific schedule and any noted duties.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER BADGES & KEYS

All substitute teachers will be issued an identification badge when they report to the Jr./Sr. High School Main Office, upon arriving to the building. Substitute teachers are to wear an identification badge at all times during the day; and to return that badge when signing out in the Main Office at the conclusion of his/her work day.

SAFE2SAY

Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to "say something" BEFORE it is too late.

Reporters may utilize the app, website, or number to make reports.

www.safe2saypa.org

1-800-844-723-2729

Appendix

- A. Phone Directory
- B. Class Lists and/or Rosters
- C. Attendance Procedures
- D. Teacher Daily Schedule
- E. Seating Charts
- F. Lesson Plans
- G. Emergency Lesson Plans
 - a. Google classroom lesson plans uploaded in case of unexpected absence
 - b. Name of partner teacher who can assist with uploading Google Classroom assignments as needed
- H. Classroom Rules and Expectations
- I. Special Duties