

# Winchester Public Schools

## Reopening Information

Please join Melony Brady-Shanley, Superintendent on Monday, August 2, 2021 in the Pearson School Cafeteria at 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM for a presentation on the Reopening Protocols for students and staff.

This presentation will be open to families and staff members. The 6:30 PM presentation will also be available for participation via Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7966671341?pwd=OGh4c1haZkkvcGJ2UHVtZXo4MoVDdzog>

Phone: 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 796 667 1341

Passcode: 12345

*The 6:30 PM Zoom Meeting will be recorded and posted the following day on our website.*

# Introduction and Norms

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## Norms

1. Listen to the entire presentation
2. When asking questions please be respectful
3. All in-person attendees must wear a mask
4. Understand that all of this information is subject to change based on data and direction for the CDC, Connecticut State Health Department, and Torrington Area Health District.

# WPS Statistics

- Full in-person education since July 2020
- No documented in-building transmission
- 90+ percent of staff vaccinated
- By June of 2021, we had only 12% of our student population participating via distance learning

# Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Information

- Goal – 100% in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year
- On-going changes to guidance as data changes
- I continue to attend routine DPH and Litchfield County Health District Meetings
- #1 prevention strategy is - VACCINATION

# WPS Goals for 2021-2022

- 100% in-person learning
- Implement to the extent possible all migration strategies
- Continue with consistent communication to stakeholders
- Return students to the most “normal” of learning environments (collaboration, working together, discourse, play, etc.)
- Open our buildings to direct family members
- Offer vaccination clinics when age 2 to 11 are eligible

# WPS Welcomes Back Visitors and Events

- Parents/Guardians will be welcomed into the buildings for meetings, events, etc.
- Must comply with all protocols
- Failure to follow protocols will result in removal from the building
- Events may have limited capacity (will be held outdoors when possible)
- Limit attendance to only parent/guardians
- Meetings can be held virtually or in-person (parent/guardian choice)

# WPS Protocols



## Masks

- Required per SDE, DPH, and CDC for all students and staff while indoors
- Must be worn regardless of vaccination status
- Accommodations will be made on an individual basis (disability which prohibits mask wearing)

### WPS+

Offer masks to all building members as needed

Oversee compliance for all building members



## Distancing

- Goal is to maintain 3 feet in the classroom and when feasible and with additional mitigation strategies
- Relaxed restrictions on cohorting
- 3 feet does not warrant quarantining

### WPS+

Oak Street School will remain open to ensure proper space for students



## Ventilation

- Clean air through filter changes
- Routine monitoring of air exchanges
- Fans/ceiling fans in all classrooms

### WPS+

ARP Funds will support upgraded HVAC system at Pearson inclusion of Air Conditioning

Open classroom windows and doors at all times possible

# WPS Protocols Continued



## Cleaning

- Contaminated surfaces not a significant risk for transmission
- Daily routine cleaning
- Disinfection of bathrooms, health offices/isolation, known exposure areas

### WPS+

Daily cleaning logs maintained for all spaces

Cleaning materials in every room

Student/staff daily cleaning routine



## Active/Art/Music

- PE and recess should take place outdoors when possible
- No masks required when outdoors
- Increase distance when possible (music/band)
- Masks for instrument usage
- Students may share art materials



## Buses

- Masks must be worn on bus or van
- Open windows when weather permits

### WPS+

Assigned seats

Extra masks

Disinfection wipes



# Quarantine/Direct Contact

- Maintain the 10 day quarantine for positive cases (from the date of the positive test)
- Students/staff are not required to be tested however they are required to adhere to the quarantine period in full
- 10 day quarantine for direct contacts
  - Direct contact is someone within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes
- Asynchronous learning will be provided for students that are quarantined (completion and submission of work assignments on the assigned day will equate to a “present” marking for the day). If materials are not turned in on the assigned day, the student will be marked absent.
- Vaccinated individuals that do not have symptoms are exempt from quarantine.
- All students will receive a laptop for the 2021-2022 school year.

# For Further Information...

- Winchester Public Schools Website  
<https://www.winchesterschools.org/back-to-school-planning>
- Winchester Public Schools Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/winchesterctschoools>
- Torrington Area Health Department  
<https://www.tahtd.org/covid-19.html>
- Connecticut Department of Public Health  
<https://portal.ct.gov/coronavirus>
- Center for Disease Control  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>