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NWHSC 2020-2021 Reopening Information

On August 5, school will start on time, in person and five days a week. At Home Learning (AHL) option is available.

To adequately plan for the first semester, we need your decision regarding the option you prefer for your child(ren). Please respond to the survey by **July 13**. Access the survey [HERE](#).

(Note: The At Home Learning curriculum cannot mirror the full curriculum/experience of in-class instruction. However, AHL will be enhanced and more rigorous than the instruction delivered last spring.)

ENHANCED CLEANING PROTOCOL

- Increased number of hand sanitizer stations in key locations.
- Frequent disinfection of surfaces and objects touched by multiple people using EPA-approved disinfectants on schedule throughout the day in school/classroom and on bus. Intense cleaning each night.

COVID POSITIVE PROTOCOL

- Individuals will be quarantined for 14 days before returning to school.
- Contact tracing will be conducted by the Hendricks County Health Dept/Indiana State Dept. of Health.

OTHER ILLNESSES

- Individuals must see a provider, be symptom-free for 10 days and fever-free for 72 hours with out the aid of a fever-reducing medication before returning to school.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

- Family events like Back-to-School Night will be virtual.
- Student registration will be online for K-8 students. High school registration will be in person with restrictions.

CLASSROOMS

- Classrooms will be adjusted to create more personal space by reducing furniture, spreading out desks, defining areas, etc. Students will face the same direction in classrooms as much as possible.
- Students will be encouraged to report immediately to class and will be discouraged from congregating before/after school and during passing periods.
- Sharing of supplies will be minimized.
- Additional time will be built into elementary schedules for band, choir, and related arts for cleaning in between classes.
- Outside activities and social distancing will be encouraged to the greatest extent possible.

RECESS

- K-5 classes will stay together in separate rotating areas of the playground.
- All playground equipment will be cleaned after each use.

Health & Safety Protocols

1. STAY HOME IF SICK

Families must screen their children and keep them home if ill. Sick children will be directed to the nurse who will require them to be picked up if exhibiting symptoms.

2. ALWAYS HAVE A MASK

We protect each other by wearing masks. Students and staff are required to have a mask with them at all times. There will be situations where masks are strongly recommended (bus, hallway, clinics, and anytime social distancing is not an option). Wearing masks is our #1 weapon to fight this virus and keep school open. We know that there are strong opinions about the use of masks. The Indiana State Department of Health cited a 40-60% reduction in COVID-19 transmission when masks are used by all, which is why we are requiring them for certain portions of the day.

Wearing a mask is especially important since some carriers of COVID-19 may not have any symptoms. Children, despite being generally less affected by COVID-19, expose school staff and adults at home who may be more at risk.

3. TRAINING

Professional development training on symptoms and screening measures will be provided for staff at the start of the school year by the IDOE and ISHD .

More Health & Safety Protocols

4. DIVIDED CLINIC LOCATIONS

There will be an area for symptomatic students waiting to be picked up and a separate area for all other students for medication distribution, etc.

5. HAND WASHING

Hand washing will be required throughout the day. Additional hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom.

6. WATER BOTTLES

Students will be allowed to carry water bottles. All water fountains will be used only for the purpose of filling water bottles.

7. NO OUTSIDE FOOD DELIVERIES

Deliveries will not be permitted for students or staff during the school day.

RESOURCES

- [NWHSC Curriculum and Instruction Plan for Reopening School](#)
- [NWHSC Back to School FAQ](#)
- [Back On Track Indiana](#)
- [Indiana State Department of Health FAQ](#)
- [IHSAA Return to Play Q & A](#)
- [Parent/Caregiver Guide to Cope with Coronavirus](#)

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CAFETERIA

- No visitors for lunch.
- Cafeteria staff will mask during food service.
- Adjustments made to serving lines.
- Procedures will be implemented to minimize student touch of food with staff serving student-selected choices.
- Scanners are installed to scan ID's in each cafeteria.
- K-8 classes sit together at lunch with assigned seats.
- Students will be spaced to maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all students.

OFFICE SPACES

- Plexiglass barriers will be installed in front, guidance, and clinic offices.
- Plexiglass barriers will be installed in classrooms where necessary to protect high risk staff.

THE SCHOOL DAY

- Additional time will be built into elementary band, choir, and related arts schedules to clean between classes.
- Social distancing and outside activities (weather-permitting) will be encouraged to the greatest extent possible.
- No off-campus field trips will be approved until further notice.
- No convocations will be allowed until further notice.
- Visitors/guests who must enter the school (ex. to pick up an ill student) will be limited to the main office and must wear a mask.
- Volunteers during the school day will not be scheduled until further notice.
- Students participating in At Home Learning are not permitted to participate in extra curricular activities.
- Perfect attendance incentives are eliminated for students and staff.
- Substitute teachers will be health screened upon arrival each day.

ATHLETICS

- Physicals are on file in the athletic office for students that had physicals after April 1, 2019. Go into Privity and UPDATE your information.
- Conditioning and light sport activities began July 6.
- All sports teams have been placed into cohort groups of 10-20 with respective coaches.
- Pool open for club and student athletes.
- Following all IHSAA protocols to open Fall season sports. See NWHSC reopening plan [HERE](#).

FACILITIES

- All NWHSC facilities will be cleaned and disinfected using CDC/EPA approved disinfectants for use against Covid-19.
- Facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected each day including classrooms, locker rooms and gymnasiums.
- High traffic areas will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times each day including restrooms, cafeterias, and stair railings.
- Students will not be cleaning areas. Staff will be responsible for all cleaning and disinfecting.

TRANSPORTATION

- Cleaning after pick up and drop off with electro-static sprayers.
- Seating charts with siblings sitting together.
- Masks strongly recommended on all buses, especially higher capacity buses.