

Wildwood Public Schools



Restart Plan

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1. Reopening Planning

- a. Schedule for the 2020-2021 school year includes in-person instruction in some capacity and provides public school facilities for 181 days in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9, and incorporates a policy regarding full time remote learning services, in accordance with the Department’s guidelines.
- b. First day of school for students: September 8, 2020
Last day of school: June 14, 2020
All in-person days will have a minimum of 4 hours of instruction, with remote days having a minimum of 4 hours of instruction and learning (in-person, synchronous remote, or asynchronous remote activities) per N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3.
- c. Typical weekly schedule for in-person cohorts A and B, and 100% remote cohort **Beginning April 12, 2021, Wednesdays will be alternated between Cohorts A and B every other week. Special Education students will have the option to attend all in-person learning days beginning April 12, 2021.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	A	A	A	B	B
Week 2	A	A	B	B	B
	C	C	C	C	C

- d. In the event of a full closure, the district will deliver remote instruction for all students per the updated closure plan submitted to the NJDOE in the Spring of 2020. The following was shared with families in regards to this process:
“To enroll your child in the complete remote environment please visit www.wwschools.org to fill out and submit the application. To ensure proper planning, consisting of instructional resources, materials, technology, and staffing all applications must be submitted by Friday August 7, 2020. In order for a student to enter into the remote school program, the student must commit to a minimum of one full marking period. If the district has not returned to a normal traditional learning setting, no student will enter back into the traditional classroom without a written request from a parent or guardian. All written requests will be made to the building principals, and must fall within a ten day window of the marking period(s). **As of April 10, 2021, the deadline to re enter in-person learning will be March 23, 2021.**

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- e. Athletics - As a member of the NJSIAA, the district will conduct high school athletics in accordance with protocol issued by the NJSIAA, and strongly consider the same guidelines issued for high school sports.
- f. Pandemic Response Team
 - i. Superintendent – J. Kenyon Kummings
 - ii. Business Administrator – Jason Fuscellaro
 - iii. School Principals – Travis LaFerriere, Philip Schaffer
 - iv. Supervisor of CST – Renee Siegler
 - v. Supervisor of Curriculum – Josepha Penrose
 - vi. Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds (oversees custodians) Pat Quinlan
 - vii. Supervisor of Maintenance – Fransisco Valez
 - viii. WEA Representative – Jennifer Loper
 - ix. School Guidance Counselors – Megan Rattray, Tobi Care, Michelle Shaw
 - x. School Nurses – Nicole Steelman, Lindsay Obermeier
 - xi. School Physician, Dr. Richard Olarsh
 - xii. School Safety Specialist, Philip Schaffer
 - xiii. School Board Community Involvement Committee
 - xiv. Wildwood City OEM
 - xv. Parent Stakeholder Groups
 - xvi. Faculty Stakeholder Group

2. Digital Divide

- a. The district will have enough devices in order to distribute one chromebook for every student based on the October 2020 ASSA Submission. Distribution and accountability will mirror the closure plan submitted to the NJDOE in the Spring of 2020.
- b. The district has purchased hot spots to assist with internet connectivity for the students without access.
- c. Ongoing monitoring of technology access and functionality will be conducted via teacher interaction with students in Google Classroom and provisions for issuing educational technology throughout the school year will continue for those in need as a result of access or disrepair. Families will communicate (via email or phone) with teachers, and/or technology staff in order to access I.T. support for software and hardware issues.

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3. **General Health and Safety**

- a. The district will provide reasonable accommodations for students and staff identified as having a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19, including older adults and individuals with disabilities or serious underlying medical conditions.
 - i. Reasonable accommodations will include:
 1. Information sharing regarding leaves of absence that are available to staff, and the consideration of remote assignments where appropriate and per policy.
 2. The district has a procedure for students to opt-in to a 100% remote program.
 3. The district will provide appropriate PPE for all staff and students for use with in-person learning.

4. **Classrooms, Testing, and Therapy Rooms**

- a. The district will emphasize that students are seated at least six feet apart within the classroom. When not possible:
 - i. The district will implement social distancing modifications to the greatest extent practical, including turning desks to face the same direction or having students sit on only one side of the table while spaced apart, or strictly enforce the wearing of masks.
- b. ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS WHILE IN THE BUILDING.
- c. The district will ensure that other instructional and non-instructional rooms comply with social distancing standards to the greatest extent practical, or they will be repurposed or closed.
- d. The district will provide for limited use of shared objects when possible and clean such objects between uses.
- e. The district will work with its HVAC vendor and facilities department to ensure that indoor facilities have adequate ventilation, by:
 - i. maintaining operational heating and ventilation systems where appropriate
 - ii. ensuring that recirculated air has a fresh air component
 - iii. opening windows if A/C is not provided
 - iv. maintaining filters for A/C units according to manufacturer recommendations
- f. The district will ensure that hand sanitizing stations are maintained with alcohol-based hand sanitizers in each classroom, at entrances and exits of buildings, and near lunchrooms and bathrooms, and has purchased additional mobile stations to ensure that any additional identified points are covered.

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- g. The district will ensure that existing handwashing stations are maintained with soap, water, and alcohol-based hand sanitizers, has audited all stations and bathrooms in the district, and has a schedule in place to monitor and maintain them.
- h. The district's schools will have schedules that facilitate student hand washing at regular intervals (or use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer if washing with soap and water is not possible), and has purchased signage to encourage hand washing, and other provisions.

5. Transportation

- a. The district will require drivers, staff and students to wear face coverings if the student can do so, while providing accommodations as appropriate for young students or students with disabilities while on district vehicles and buses, and will require students and staff maintain social distancing practices on buses to the maximum extent practicable.
- b. The district sanitation schedules includes best practices for cleaning and disinfecting school buses and other transport vehicles, and has invested in additional equipment and cleaning products to facilitate these processes.

6. Student Flow, Entry, Exit, and Common Areas

- a. The district Pandemic Response Team has outlined a procedure that addresses the process and location, for student and staff health screenings. Staff will self-assess via a provided checklist that they attest to prior to entering the buildings. Staff will be given appropriate PPE to conduct screenings of all students prior to entering the buildings, in addition to the guidance given to parents in screening students prior to schools. This will ensure that students are screened upon arrival for symptoms and history of exposure and visually checked for symptoms. If screenings and communication with families result in students not entering their classrooms, documentation of signs/symptoms will occur. The CST will work to identify and implement necessary accommodations for students with disabilities.
- b. The district has outlined a process to ensure that there are physical guides or markings to help ensure that staff and students remain at least six feet apart in lines to enter or exit the buildings and at other times (during food distribution etc...), and to emphasize that require utilization of face coverings while in the building. The CST will work to identify and provide necessary accommodations as appropriate for young students or students with disabilities.

7. Screening, PPE, and Response to Students and Staff Presenting Symptoms

- a. All students, staff, contractors and visitors will be required to wear face coverings while in the buildings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health, the

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individual is under two years of age, or other exceptions outlined in NJDOE's guidance apply, while providing any necessary accommodations for young students or students with disabilities. Staff will be required to conduct a daily self-assessment per the district's protocol before entering any building owned or leased by the Wildwood Public Schools. No volunteers will be permitted to assist in the buildings until further notice.

- b. Prior to sending students to school, parents will be required to complete a daily COVID-19 Self Evaluation Checklist. Additionally, students will be required to participate in a temperature check and screening process prior to entering the building. Anyone who registers a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher or presents with symptoms of COVID 19, will be directed to the isolation area for further evaluation and containment. The student will remain in the isolation area under the supervision of the nurse or designated staff member until a parent or emergency contact can arrive. The student will be kept home from school until they are:
 - i. Fever free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours; and
 - ii. Other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, congestion, etc) have improved; and
 - iii. At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
 - iv. In possession of a Doctor's clearance note

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted to return to school per the outline presented by the County Health Department. Students who have had an exposure with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 will not be permitted into school for a minimum of 14 calendar days, as per CDC guidelines. Students and staff who have had an exposure with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be directed to monitor their health during quarantine while following up with a medical provider. The school principal or designee will ensure that students who have been sent home ill from school due to COVID-19, students who have been absent from school due to COVID-19, or students who have had close contact with a person who tested positive for COVID-19 will not return to school before obtaining medical clearance. Students who cannot return to school due to quarantine or medical restrictions will participate in Remote Learning.

- c. School Nurses will immediately notify local health officials in the event that an individual who has spent time in a district facility tests positive for COVID-19, and consult with the Department of Health do determine additional notifications to the school community.

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8. Contact Tracing

- a. The district has consulted the Cape May County Department of Health and its school physician and nurses to identify the procedure for notification to the Cape May County Department of Health and to outline a procedure for contact tracing. Nurses will notify the Cape May County Department of Health of confirmed positive cases and assist them in contact tracing to determine the amount of exposure within the schools.

9. Facilities Cleaning Practices

- a. The district has updated its procedure manual and schedules for increased cleaning and disinfection and targeted areas to be cleaned. The schedules include frequently touched surfaces and objects and frequent sanitization of bathrooms. A schedule will be established to shut down and sanitize bathrooms during each school day, and includes the methods and materials that are to be used. During the hybrid schedule, deep cleaning and sanitizing will be done within all buildings on Wednesdays and after school concludes on Fridays, or the last day of school during a particular week.

10. Meals

- a. Cafeterias will be closed to large groups of students for lunches (discontinuation of family, self-service, and buffet meal service). A schedule will be created for each building to allow students to pick up lunch from the cafeteria to be eaten in the classrooms.
- b. If cafeterias are utilized for any purpose, students will be spaced at least six feet apart.
- c. Individuals will be required to wash their hands with soap after removing their gloves or after directly handling used food service items.

11. Recess/Physical Education

- a. The building schedules will stagger recess and other outdoor activities.
- b. Where appropriate, cones, flags, tape, or other signs will be utilized to maintain six feet of space between groups participating in recess or other outdoor activities.
- c. Students will be required to wash hands with soap immediately after outdoor playtime.
- d. Use of playground equipment be suspended during the pandemic when appropriate, but if not, it will be staggered and a frequent disinfecting protocol will be established.
- e. Locker rooms will be closed.

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- f. Sharing of equipment will be minimized, and will be cleaned and disinfected between each use.
- g. The recess schedules will designate specific areas for each class during recess to avoid cohort mixing.

12. Field Trips, Extra-curricular Activities & Use of Facilities Outside of School Hours

- a. Field trips will be suspended during the pandemic.
- b. Mask and social distancing requirements will be observed during extra-curricular activities.
- c. Use of facilities by any external community organizations will be suspended during the pandemic.

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