

York Central School

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York CSD Community:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, teachers, family and community members who took the time to complete our school reopening survey. The survey results are now available on our website at www.yorkcsd.org. This feedback has been incredibly helpful in better understanding the hopes and concerns of our learning community.

Additionally, we have recently received guidance from the New York State Department of Education, Governor Cuomo's office and the Center for Disease Control on how to safely reopen schools for our students and staff.

The following is what we know so far about what our school day will look like when we return based on the guidance documents:

- *Masks and Social Distancing* - Masks and social distancing will be in effect on the bus and in the school building. However, students will be allowed to remove their face covering during meals, instruction, and for short breaks so long as they maintain appropriate social distance.
- *Cohorts* - All students will be assigned to a "cohort." A cohort is a pre-assigned, reasonable sized group of students that will stay together for the majority of the day to limit potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
- *Transportation* - Students must wear a mask and must maintain appropriate social distancing, unless they are members of the same household. To reduce density on buses, CDC guidelines limit the number of students riding on a school bus to approximately 11 students per run. (See upcoming survey information below)
- *Screening* - Temperature checks of students, faculty, staff and visitors will be conducted at each entrance. If a student has a temperature exceeding 100.0°F degrees, that student will go directly to a dedicated area prior to being sent home. Additionally, all employees will be completing a daily screening questionnaire prior to reporting to the building.
- *Breakfast and Lunch* - Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily. In order to maintain proper social distancing and avoid intermingling of cohorts, students will be eating in their classroom.

In order to be best prepared for returning to school in the fall, our Reopening Plan will take into account three possible learning models:

- **In-person learning** (traditional school model with CDC guidelines for social distancing)
- **Remote learning** (instruction provided virtually)
- **Hybrid learning** (combination of in-person and remote learning)

To help our district make the decision on which of these learning models to implement, we need a better picture of how many of our students will physically be in the building if we are able to reopen with an in-person model. Additionally, we will need to know which families are able to drop off and pick up your child on a daily basis. **The District will be asking families to complete a survey that addresses these two components.** The link to the survey is:

<https://forms.gle/sn8waNSE1CQNYqKv8>

(We understand that your circumstances may change between now and September. We are simply looking to get a general idea of in-person class sizes and transportation needs.)

As we begin to draft our School Reopening Plan, we have formed a PreK - 12 School Reopening Advisory Committee comprised of community and school stakeholders. One important task of this committee will be to communicate the progress being made on our School Reopening Plan.

For the most current guidance from the the State Education Department and Department of Health can be found on our website and using the following links:

[NYS Education Department Presentation to the Board of Regents](#)

[NYS Department of Health Guidance](#)

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