



**This communication supersedes all previous communication.**

Previous communications are archived on the District's [COVID-19 Webpage](#).

**Friday, February 12, 2021**

### **Synchronous Remote Learning Days**

To remain as flexible as possible and maximize instruction during weather events, we will begin using ***Synchronous Remote Learning Days***. A ***Synchronous Remote Learning Day*** will closely resemble students' daily schedules when a building is closed due to a weather event or COVID-19. In short, ***Synchronous Remote Learning Days*** will consist of teacher-directed instruction using Zoom.

***Synchronous Remote Learning Days*** will look differently at each level. For example, when the District announces a ***Synchronous Remote Learning Day***, the parents and caregivers of elementary students will receive information from their child's teacher regarding the schedule for that day. Middle School and High School students will follow the building schedules outlined below.

- [High School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)
- [Middle School Synchronous Remote Learning Schedule](#)

Our goal is to provide the best educational experience for our students. Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and understanding throughout this process. If you have additional questions, please contact your building principal(s).

### **Weekend Take Home Meals**

Beginning today, the Food Services Department will offer take-home meals on Fridays for all students. The take-home meals are free of charge and will consist of one breakfast and one lunch. The take-home meals may be requested at the building level using the same process used for the Tuesday take-home meals. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski, Director of Food Services, at [scrutkowski@wyasd.org](mailto:scrutkowski@wyasd.org).

### **Teacher Office Hours**

I would like to remind our parents that teachers have established **Office Hours** for Distance Learning Wednesdays, snow days, etc. Office Hours are times a teacher sets aside during distance learning days to support students. While Office Hours are handled a little differently at each level, the one thing that is the same is that teachers are available to help students during these times. For more information on what Office Hours look like for your child(ren), please reach out to their teacher or building principal.

### **Distance Learning Days / Flexible Instructional Days (FID)**

As you may recall from previous Weekly [Updates](#), the District was approved to use **five Flexible Instructional Days (FID)** during inclement weather or other days that a school building is closed. However, because of the Global Pandemic, the Board also approved the Emergency Instructional Time Addendum to the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PDE) required Health and

Safety Plan, allowing the District to teach students remotely as needed. The Emergency Instructional Time Addendum permits the District to forgo using FIDs for the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Current Status of Buildings and Instruction**

York County is still in a **substantial** transmission designation, so the District will continue to operate the same educational model since the beginning of the school year.

- As of today, all buildings are open for in-person instruction
- Wednesday remains a distance-learning day for all.
- The High School continues to operate on the A/B schedule.

The state-wide trajectory of the spread of COVID-19 is trending downward which is a good sign. PDE recommends two consecutive weeks of being in the **moderate** designation of transmission before changing instructional models. After two consecutive weeks of being in the **moderate** designation, our first change will include bringing high school students back to the same, 4-Day schedule as other district schools (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). We will notify high school students, teachers, and families as soon as we know when that change will take place.

The **substantial** designation means that we will still monitor capacity limits on indoor events, other than in-person classroom learning, per Governor Wolf's orders. This means that sporting events, board meetings, etc., have minimal options for in-person attendance.

When York County clears the two-week period of being out of the **substantial** level of transmission for at least two consecutive weeks, the District's attestation process will no longer apply, per instructions from PDE. However, if at a later point York County returns to substantial for two or more consecutive weeks, the attestation process will again apply. You may find a copy of the [District's Attestation Form](#) on our website, as well as visit the [PDE Website](#) for more information on this topic. Additionally, please be aware that the [face-covering](#) order is still in effect and required for all regardless of the [level of transmission](#).

As a reminder, when we have cases to report, those cases will be recorded on the COVID-19 [Dashboard](#). At a glance, the Dashboard shows where we stand with the number of documented cases in a West York school setting and within a rolling 14-day period. A documented case includes any confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 when the individual was physically present in the school setting during the infectious period, including but not limited to instruction, work, sports, or extracurricular activities. We will continue to communicate all documented cases.

If you have any questions about any of these orders, you can contact your child's building principal or Nurse Cindy Rose. Please continue to monitor symptoms and report them to our school nurses, along with any testing for COVID-19 and close contact with any positive cases. The symptom monitoring tool and nurse contact information can be found in the [Family Information Packet](#).

### **Upcoming Board Meetings**

February 16, 2021	5:00 PM	Budget and Finance Committee
February 16, 2021	6:30 PM	Board Meeting
February 22, 2021	6:00 PM	Co-curricular Meeting

All of the above meetings will be virtual for the public until further notice. Please visit our [website](#) for information on how to attend.

### **Student Meal Programs- Update**

We have received notice from the USDA that they have extended the free breakfast and lunch program through June 30, 2021. This is terrific news for our families and means that **all breakfast**

**and lunch meals across the District shall be provided, free of charge, to ALL students.** This includes pick-up meals for WY Cyber Academy students as well as meals for anyone 18 and under who reside in our District. Please follow your child's home building guidelines for ordering pick-up meals. At the secondary level, a second meal may be purchased at the regular meal rate. Menus for all buildings are posted on our website. More information may be found on our [website](#). Please contact Mr. Scott Rutkowski at [scrutkowski@wyasd.org](mailto:scrutkowski@wyasd.org) if you have any questions.

### **Spectators at Sporting Events**

While spectators at District events are limited, everyone may watch these events via live stream when they resume. Winter athletic live stream links can be found [here](#).

### **Building Visitors**

All visitors must complete a screening form and have their temperature taken at each building. They will be expected to adhere to posted guidelines for social distancing to include wearing facemasks until further notice.

### **The Blue & White**

The Blue & White is published at the end of each week and delivered via email. Past issues may be found [here](#). Please continue to share your positive photos throughout the year - it's a bright spot for all of us! You can send them to [cmgreco@wyasd.org](mailto:cmgreco@wyasd.org).

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

**Todd M. Davies**

Superintendent of Schools