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**Friday, January 8, 2021**

I hope this message finds everyone well as we welcome 2021. I'm sure we're all looking forward to a fresh start, and hopefully, a better year than last.

### **Important Information and Reminders:**

#### **COVID-19**

York County is still in a **substantial** transmission designation, so the District is operating as we were before the holiday break. All buildings are open for M/T/Th/F in-person learning, and Wednesday remains a distance-learning day for all. The High School continues to operate on the A/B schedule.

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.

As many of you may know, we have not reported any new positive cases of COVID-19 or added any to the District COVID-19 [Dashboard](#) this week. While this is excellent news, I can't help but think that there may be some of you wondering if we have forgotten about the pandemic or scaled back our efforts in this area. I want to reassure those individuals and everyone that we have not changed how we investigate or report known cases of COVID-19 in West York. What has been a little different is that the few cases reported to us were not in close contact with students or staff due to the winter break. This means contact tracing by our school nurses was limited to family members and close friends. While I have not missed the act of writing and sending Community Notifications of positive cases, I presume that these notifications might increase in the coming weeks. Still, we can always hope and remain positive.

As a reminder, when we do 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've not already done so, please take a moment to follow the links below to stay up-to-date on the latest guidance and how that may impact you and your families with regard to any travel you may be planning:

- [Travel Guidance](#)
- [Updated Mask Order](#)
- [Masking FAQs](#)

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**

January 12, 2021	5:30 PM	Educational Programming Committee (EPC)
January 12, 2021	7:00 PM	Work Session of the Board
January 19, 2021	6:30 PM	Board 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 livestream 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