



This communication supersedes all previous communication.

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Friday, March 12, 2021

Faculty & Staff Vaccinations:

As I reported in last Friday's [Communication](#), West York is working with the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 (LIU) in New Oxford to get our faculty and staff members vaccinated with the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The goal of the state-wide plan is to have all interested educators vaccinated by the end of March or early April, with the first round beginning this week.

West York was allotted enough doses to cover almost 75% of the teachers and staff who want to be vaccinated during this first round, which for West York is Sunday, March 14th. Since then, we have received word that additional doses will become available within the next week. I believe we are well on our way to having all school employees vaccinated by early April.

As many of you know, some who have received the vaccine experienced side-effects. According to the information we have received, we can expect between 10% and 20% of those getting vaccinated to experience flu-like symptoms the following day. We are closely monitoring the absences for Monday, March 15, 2021, knowing that we may be dealing with an uptick in staff members calling in sick.

We have every intention of keeping our buildings open on Monday, March 15th, but should the absolute worst-case scenario occur, we may have to close a building if faculty and staff absences exceed our ability to maintain appropriate coverage in classrooms and other critical areas. If we do have to close a building(s) due to increased absences, I will communicate that news as soon as possible, probably early Monday morning. As a parent, I know the day-to-day preparation that goes into getting all the kids safely on the bus or to school each day, and receiving an early morning call would be troubling if I didn't have the time to plan for that possibility. It is for this reason that I am suggesting that all families have a back-up plan should the need arise for your child's building.

On the bright side, this is a significant step forward in putting this pandemic behind us.

Building Status for Next Week, March 15-19, 2021

Our building and instruction status for next week is as follows:

- All buildings are open for in-person instruction Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
- Wednesday remains a distance-learning day for all students

Beginning Monday, March 15, 2021, the High School will welcome all students back for in-person instruction four days per week.

We will continue to 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.

Please be aware that the [face-covering](#) order is still in effect and required for all regardless of the [level of transmission](#).

REMINDERS:

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](#).

As I mentioned before, to maximize instruction during weather events, we implemented Synchronous Remote Learning Days. In short, Synchronous Remote Learning Days will consist of teacher-directed instruction using Zoom.

Synchronous Remote Learning Days look different 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).

Kindergarten Registration

For District families who have a child turning five-years-old before the first day of September, kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021-22 school year. More information about how to register a child and required documentation can be found [here](#). Parents may wish to visit [Wallace Elementary School's](#) webpage for more information, including registration assistance and kindergarten expectations.

Upcoming Board/Committee Meetings

March 16, 2021	5:30 PM	PRIDE Committee
	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.

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.

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 if you have any questions.

Weekend Take Home Meals

The Food Services Department offers 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.

Spectators at Sporting Events

While spectators at District events are limited, everyone may watch these events via live stream when they resume. 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 cmsgreco@wyasd.org.

Best wishes for a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Todd M. Davies

Superintendent of Schools