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

**Friday, October 16, 2020**

Greetings, West York Area School District Community:

This week, we've communicated information to our District families about positive cases of COVID-19 that have impacted both the High School and Middle School. We know that everyone is doing all they can to prevent the spread of this virus, and we thank you for your efforts. Please continue to remain vigilant and consistent with your efforts at home as we continue our efforts here in the District. We wish those impacted a speedy and uneventful recovery.

### **Homecoming**

Homecoming in West York is not only a time for our current High School students to celebrate West York, but it's also typically a time for alumni to return to their alma mater to gather with old friends, watch the mighty Bulldogs dominate their foes on the field, and revisit cherished memories. Our current High School students usually enjoy a spirited week of a parade, bonfire, and pep rally, culminating with the annual Homecoming Dance. While we all feel the disappointment of fewer activities this year, it is our hope that next October, things will look different and we can once again enjoy those long-standing traditions we treasure.

Tonight's game will be livestreamed, as will the Homecoming Court coronation ceremony. The link to view can be found [here](#), along with links to livestreams of all of our sports teams.

### **Increasing In-person Classroom Instructional Time**

Our School Board has tasked the District Administration with preparing a plan to offer more in-person instructional time to our students, especially at the High School. We sought input from our families, faculty, and staff on this topic through recent surveys. [The plan](#) was presented to the Board for discussion at the October 13, 2020, Work Session, and the Board will vote on the final plan at the October 20, 2020, regular Board meeting. All are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

### **Spectators**

At the Tuesday, October 6, 2020, Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of the West York Area School District Board of Directors, we presented the Governor's new executive order regarding congregate gathering limits and what the impact would be in West York. That presentation with an outline of how that will impact West York may be found [here](#). You may also review the most current version of the District's Athletic Health and Safety Plan [here](#).

Please keep in mind that everyone may watch the games via livestream. Links to each livestream channel for District teams may be found [here](#).

### **October Board Meetings**

The Board will meet during the month of October as follows. All meetings are open to the public either via Zoom and/or in-person. Public comment is always welcome. Please visit our [website](#) to register.

October 20, 2020 @ 5:15 PM - Facilities Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2020 @ 6:30 PM - Board Voting Meeting

## Reminders:

### COVID-19 Prevention

Keeping our schools open requires everyone's help every day. The following are two ways that everyone can pitch in to keep West York schools open to students:

1. Use the symptom monitoring tool with each of your school-age children prior to sending them every day, and if your child is demonstrating symptoms - please keep them home - and contact your school nurse. The symptom monitoring tool and nurse contact information can be found in the [Family Information Packet](#).
2. If students or family members have been in close contact with someone known to have tested positive for COVID-19, please keep everyone home and reach out to the nurse in your child's building, immediately. *Close contact is defined as any individual who was within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from two days before illness onset until the time the patient is isolated.*

These two proactive measures will go a long way in preventing a large-scale quarantine while also saving our families and staff a lot of stress and worry.

Below are links that will provide important information regarding the processes we have in place for notifying families and implementing quarantine measures, should the need arise.

- WYASD Notification Process: [Family Packet / Paquete Familiar en Español](#).
- This linked [Flowchart](#), prepared by the PA Department of Health, is the process we will follow when a student or staff member becomes symptomatic.
- This linked [Webinar](#), also prepared by the PA Department of Health, offers guidance for K-12 schools in PA to follow after identifying possible cases within their districts. This also provides an idea of how long your quarantine may last, and why.
- [Level of Transmission in Pennsylvania counties](#) - link to excel document may be found on the right side of the linked page. The data, updated weekly, informs what actions we will take when somebody tests positive for Covid-19.
- The PA Department of Health [chart](#) for determining a school district's response when positive cases are identified within a district. This chart is also outlined below:

Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case(s) of COVID-19			
It is important to note that a significant and/or widespread outbreak may require moving to a more remote-based instructional model more quickly. DOH will provide proactive consultative assistance to school entities should such an outbreak occur.			
Level of Transmission in the County	Number of Cases of COVID-19 Within a 14-day Period		
	1 student or 1 staff	2-4 students/staff in same school building OR <5% of total number of students/staff in a school building are cases OR Multiple school buildings with individual cases who are not household contacts	5+ students/staff in same school building OR ≥5% of total number of students/ staff in a school building are cases OR Multiple school buildings with 2-4 cases who are not household contacts
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where case spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 3-5 days*</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 14 days*</li> <li>• Clean entire school(s)</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School does not need to close</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 5-7 days*</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close school(s) for 5-7 days*</li> <li>• Clean area(s) where cases spent time</li> <li>• Public health staff will direct close contacts to quarantine</li> </ul>
Substantial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOH and PDE recommend a full remote learning model for all schools in a county with a substantial level of community transmission</li> </ul>		
*When an entire school is recommended to close, lengths of closure time will vary by level of community transmission and the number of cases. This allows public health staff the necessary time to complete case investigations and contact tracing, and to provide schools with other appropriate public health advice like cleaning and disinfecting.			

### **Student Meal Programs**

We have received notice from the USDA that through Thursday, December 31, 2020, **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 resides 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. Should this program be extended past December 31st, we will let everyone know.

### **District Calendar**

The current 2020-21 District calendar may be found [here](#).

### **Building Visitors**

All visitors must complete a screening form and have their temperature taken at each building and 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,

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Superintendent of Schools