

WPSD Reintegration Health and Safety Practices

Health Practices

- Teach and reinforce washing hands and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff.
- Teach and reinforce appropriate use of face coverings among staff and students (when developmentally appropriate) when in the vicinity of others, particularly in indoor settings and when talking.
- Provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors, including masks, soap, paper towels, hand sanitizer, etc.
- Take scheduled breaks for hand hygiene.
- Post signs on how to stop the spread of COVID-19, properly wash hands, promote everyday protective measures, and properly wear a face covering.
- Avoid immediate contact such as shaking or holding hands and hugging.
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly, replace air filters, and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible by opening windows and doors.
- Provide air filters for classroom and office spaces.

Classroom and Educational Spaces

- Implement physical distancing to the greatest degree, wherever and whenever possible.
- [Require staff and students to wear face coverings or masks in school whenever possible.](#)
- Consider the utilization of additional barriers (e.g., plastic sneeze guards, face shields) for employees working directly with younger children or where spacing and masking may be more difficult for either staff members or students.
- Clean, sanitize, and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles, sink handles, refillable water stations) multiple times per day.
 - Shared objects will be cleaned between use.
 - Students will be responsible for cleaning their own space - supplies provided.
 - Students will not share materials (i.e. crayons, scissors, etc.).
- Disinfect classroom desks and common classroom spaces between student cohorts and before/after lunch.
- Disinfect and sanitize education tools regularly (e.g. books, whiteboards, computers).
- Ensure adequate supplies, to minimize sharing of high touch materials, and disinfect between each use.
- Keep each child's belongings separated in cubbies, desks, or taken home each day and cleaned.
- Avoid the use of items not easily cleaned, sanitized, or disinfected (e.g., upholstered furniture or soft or plush toys).

Cohort Management

- Keep classes/cohorts together, as often as possible, to include the same group of children each day.
- Minimize the mixing between classes/cohorts as much as possible.
- Limit gatherings, events, and activities to those that can maintain adequate physical distancing and support proper health hygiene.
- Limit the use of common spaces, such as cafeterias, libraries, and gathering areas.
- Limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and outside groups.

School Bus Transportation

- All bus riders and drivers will be required to wear a mask/shield at all times.
- Windows will be open or cracked open at all times.
- Students will be assigned seats. Student family members will be asked to share seats. Single riders will be seated individually.
- More information will be provided to riders during the first week.

Personal Responsibilities

- Establish clear guidance for staff members and parents on passive self-screening, temperature checks, home hygiene, and attendance/reporting procedure.
- Encourage both students and staff to stay home if they or a family member is experiencing symptoms.
- Create a communication system for staff and families for reporting of symptoms and notification of exposures and closures.
- Establish specific protocol to report COVID-19 absences, separate from routine absences.

