

WYOMING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Wyoming Central School District Family Members:

On August 5, 2021, Dr. Howard Zucker (New York State Department of Health Commissioner) issued the following statement:

“With the end of the state disaster emergency on June 25, 2021, school districts are reestablished as the controlling entity for schools. Schools and school districts should develop plans to open in-person in the fall as safely as possible, and I recommend following the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local health departments.”

The District will continue to prioritize the health and safety of all its family members, and the preservation of in-person instruction during the 2021 – 22 school year. The following protocols have been developed in consultation with the Wyoming County Department of Health (WCDOH). **Mandates, regulatory changes, data, and experiences may result in modifications to protocols.**

COVID-19 Vaccination

The District will continue to support students, staff, faculty and administration who are interested in obtaining COVID-19 vaccines. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccines may be found at:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- New York State: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>
- Wyoming County: <https://www.wyomingco.net/595/COVID-19>

The District **WILL NOT** mandate COVID-19 vaccines for its students, staff, faculty and administration.

Screening

Parents/guardians will be responsible for screening their students for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to boarding District transportation or entering District facilities. Employees and visitors are responsible for monitoring themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering District facilities.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- ◆ A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F
- ◆ Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- ◆ Cough
- ◆ Sore throat
- ◆ Muscle pain or body aches
- ◆ Nasal congestion/ runny nose
- ◆ Feel feverish or have chills
- ◆ Loss of taste or smell
- ◆ Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- ◆ Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- ◆ Headaches

Individuals will consult their healthcare providers prior to returning to school.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine

The District will support the WCDOH's COVID-19 spread mitigation efforts by implementing the following contact tracing and quarantine protocols:

- A **close contact** is an individual who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of fifteen (15) minutes or more over a twenty-four (24)-hour period
- Contact tracing will include the forty-eight (48)-hour period prior to the onset of symptoms of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual or date of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual's test if asymptomatic.
- **Close contacts** will be quarantined per the WCDOH's direction.
- An individual will be excluded from the quarantine requirement if:
 - both the infected individual and **close contact** individual correctly and consistently wore well-fitting face coverings the entire time of the **close contact**.
 - he/she is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.
 - ❖ **The District must have documentation of vaccination on file prior to the initiation of a contact trace for an individual to be excluded from the quarantine requirement.**
 - he/she was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last ninety (90) days.

Physical Distancing

The District will adhere to the CDC's recommendation of three (3) feet of physical distance within classrooms to reduce transmission risk.

Face Coverings

The District will utilize the following matrix to implement face covering protocols:

Wyoming Central School District Warning Matrix

		<u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Seven (7)-Day Moving Average for Wyoming County – Percent Positivity</u>			
		Low, <5%	Moderate, 5-7.9%	Substantial, 8-9.9%	High, ≥ 10%
Wyoming Central School District – Seven (7)-day On-site Trend, Percent (%) of School that Tested Positive	Low, <5%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Moderate Risk
	Moderate, 5-7.9%	Low Risk	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk
	Substantial, 8-9.9%	Low Risk	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	High Risk
	High, ≥ 10%	Moderate Risk	Substantial Risk	High Risk	High Risk

- The District **RECOMMENDS**, but **WILL NOT REQUIRE**, face coverings for students, staff, faculty, administration and community members as long as its schools are not considered ‘Substantial Risk’ or ‘High Risk’ per the Warning Matrix.
- Parents/guardians are encouraged to consult their primary care providers when making decisions for their families.
- The District **WILL REQUIRE** face coverings for students, staff, faculty, administration and community members if our school is considered ‘Substantial Risk’ or ‘High Risk’ per the Warning Matrix.

Transportation

The following protocols have been developed:

- Capacity on District transportation will return to loading limits as prescribed by the sizes and types of the New York State Department of Transportation defined motor vehicles transporting school-age passengers to and from schools.
- Face coverings are required for **ALL** individuals riding District transportation. This is congruent with current public transportation procedures.
- Parents/guardians may elect to transport their students to and from school.

Food Service

Students will eat their meals in the District's cafeterias during their prescribed lunch times.

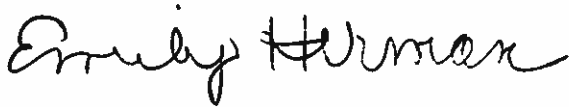
Instruction

The District is committed to the safe return of ALL its students to in-person instruction. Federal and state governments and agencies have committed significant resources to sustain in-person learning. The District will proceed with its in-person instructional model for ALL students for the 2021 – 22 school year.

The District WILL NOT be providing a remote instructional plan as an alternative to in-person instruction.

The District is in constant contact with the WCDOH as well as regional school districts. Circumstances may necessitate adjustment to the aforementioned protocols. The WCS Team feels confident and prepared for all contingencies and is excited for the 2021 – 22 school year with its students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily Herman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a prominent "H".

Emily Herman
Superintendent