

# WARRICK COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

After reviewing the IN-CLASS COVID-19 Health and Safety Re-entry Guidance and after consulting with the Warrick County Health Department, the Warrick County School Corporation has created the following framework for the 2020-2021 fall school re-entry.

Warrick County School Corporation will use a three-level system contingent upon the COVID-19 conditions at any given time. Warrick County School Corporation will concurrently offer families a live streaming option under all levels.

\*Green: K-12 students are physically present at school.

\*Yellow: Hybrid (some students are present at school while others may be working remotely from home).

\*Red: No students in the physical building. K-12 distance learning from home.

\*See full descriptions and expectations for each option below.

As of July 10, 2020, Warrick County School Corporation will return to school in person on August 12, 2020 on a Level GREEN.

As of July 27, 2020 (all changed are in red):

Taking Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-37 into consideration, please note the following updates to the WCSC Reopening Plan.

WCSC Face Coverings (masks, shields, gaiters) Update:

\*All K-12 staff and 3rd-12th grade students are required to wear face coverings throughout the school day.

\*Students in K-2 are required to wear face coverings at arrival and dismissal and in any classroom where a teacher or student is in a verified high-risk category.

Please Note: staff members or students may be excluded from wearing a face covering due to a verified medical condition or due to other extenuating circumstances approved by the superintendent or his designee(s).

# **GREEN - STUDENTS REPORT TO SCHOOL**

Below are the expectations and conditions under which Warrick County School Corporation will proceed in Level Green:

## **BEFORE LEAVING HOME**

\*SCREENING - Parents will screen their children for the following symptoms: (Updated 9/8/20)

- Temperature 100.4 or higher or chills
- Sore throat
- Severe headache (particularly new onset, especially with fever)
- Uncontrolled cough or shortness of breath
- Nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain
- New loss of taste or smell

\*If a student exhibits these symptoms, the parent or guardian will call school to report the absence. The student will STAY HOME.

\*Students will not be counted absent if they log in from home to participate in the live stream.

\*All WCSC staff members will self-screen before leaving home.

\*See ISDH Document posted on the WCSC website for the most up-to-date guidance on students returning to school.

## **BUS STOP**

\*Students are strongly encouraged to social distance and are required to wear face coverings (masks, face shields, gaitors).

\*As the bus approaches, students will have face coverings on ready to board the bus so there is no delay to the schedule.

## **ON THE BUS**

\*Students are required to wear face coverings.

\*Bus drivers are required to wear face coverings.

\*Parents have the option to transport their students to school rather than ride the bus if they so choose.

\*Transportation will assign seating according to pick-up order in an attempt to eliminate unnecessary student-to-student contact on the bus.

### **ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

\*Students will be assigned an entryway to enter the building.

\*Random temperature checks for students and staff will occur upon entering the building.

\*Students will report directly to assigned predetermined areas until the start of the school day.

\*Congregation of groups in hallways, vestibules, or other open areas will be discouraged.

**\*All K-12 staff and students are required to wear face coverings.**

### **CLASSROOMS**

\*Hand sanitizer will be available for student use upon entering the room.

\*WCSC will make every effort to socially distance seating.

\*Generally, student seating will face one direction.

\*When possible, students will use their individual school supplies (no shared supplies).

\*When possible, teachers may rotate among rooms rather than students moving.

\*When possible, additional staff members may be used to allow for smaller class sizes.

**\*All K-12 staff and 3rd-12th grade students are required to wear face coverings.**

**\*Students in K-2 are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings and will be required to wear one in classrooms with teachers or students in verified high-risk categories.**

## LIBRARY

Following the Indiana Library Federation recommendations:

- \*When possible, students will social distance and seating will be spread out.
- \*When possible, scheduled visits will include smaller groups of students.
- \*WCSC will provide hand sanitizer for use upon entering and exiting the library.
- \*Libraries may create a contactless return system.
- \*When books are returned, they will be quarantined for a minimum of 24 hours, or books with *plastic coverings* may be wiped down and recirculated immediately.
- \*Schools may choose to organize a “curbside” system for checking books in and out.

## HALLWAYS/TRANSITIONS/RESTROOM

- \*Middle and high school students are **required** to wear face coverings during passing periods.
- \*During elementary school transitions, students and teachers are encouraged to practice social distancing.
- \*Water fountains will be shut down. Students may bring their own water bottles. In addition, each school will have contactless water stations.
- \*Students are expected to practice social distancing while in the restrooms. When possible, the number of students entering the restroom at one time will be limited.

## LUNCH

- \*Students will be assigned locations for eating lunch (cafe, classrooms, common areas).
- \*Cafeteria staff will wear face coverings.
- \*A touch-free system will be in place for lunch number entry for K-5.
- \*For 6-12 lunch number entry, the keypad will be sanitized frequently or students may choose to verbalize their number to avoid keypad.

## **RECESS**

\*Elementary schools may alternate recess times and have designated play areas to minimize the number of students on the playground and adequately practice social distancing.

\*Playground equipment will be sanitized routinely.

\*Students will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after recess.

\*Students may remove face coverings during recess.

## **DISMISSAL**

\*Students will exit the building using their assigned exit points.

\*When possible, students will practice social distancing at dismissal.

\*All K-12 staff and students are required to wear face coverings.

## **SAFETY PROTOCOL**

\*All physical Meet the Teacher Nights, Orientations, and Back to School events will occur in smaller groups and/or on alternating dates. Participants will practice social distancing and are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings. If preferred, schools may choose a virtual option for orientation.

\*No visitors in the building at this time. If items need to be dropped off at school, there will be a designated holding area to do so.

\*No off-campus field trips until further notice.

\*If parents or guardians need to pick up their child, they will stay in a designated area. The child will be called to the office.

\*Enhanced cleaning protocols will be utilized throughout the day, after dismissal, and on buses.

\*Enhanced cleaning protocols include: wiping down desktops and high-touch surfaces with virus-killing disinfectants and misting of all classrooms and buses.

## **HEALTH PROTOCOL**

\*All staff (teachers, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers, coaches, sponsors, and health office staff) will be trained on how to recognize signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

\*Students who exhibit signs of COVID-19 at any point in the day will be escorted to a quarantine area. The school nurse will evaluate and call parents to pick up the child if deemed necessary.

\*Students will be fever free for **24 hours** without medication before returning to school.

\*When parents call in absences, office staff may inquire about COVID 19 symptoms.

\*No perfect attendance awards or incentives will be given in the 2020-2021 school year. Keep ill children home.

\*PLEASE NOTE: if a student is ill or quarantined at home, he/she may log in to the live stream link and still receive instruction for the day.

## **COMMUNICATION**

\*Warrick County School Corporation will use its website (refer to the COVID-19 tab), autocall system, and Synergy to communicate and provide updates as the situation warrants.

## LIVE STREAMING OPTION

A live stream option is available under all levels for students who want to remain enrolled in Warrick County schools but cannot attend onsite for reasons such as the following:

- \*Child or family member is in a high-risk category.

- \*Current circumstances require a different option other than a traditional school setting.

- \*We expect students who choose the live streaming option to commit to a minimum of 9 weeks at a time. Students who are prepared to return prior to the end of the quarter (or sooner) are welcome to do so, but we discourage returning to school and then leaving again, unless due to illness.

- \*Students must have internet access and a device.

- \*For MS/HS, the classes will be live streamed by the child's classroom teacher via Google Meet.

- \*Students must follow all of the same expectations and meet all deadlines as if they were in the physical classroom.

- \*For elementary, students will be assigned to a certified elementary teacher (by grade level) who will conduct the virtual classroom.

- \*Students will log in to a Google Meet each day in real time to view their respective classes.

- \*Teachers may also record the sessions for later viewing.

- \*Students must follow the distance learning expectations found on the WCSC website under the COVID-19 tab.

## **YELLOW - HYBRID**

Warrick County School Corporation will move to Level Yellow (a mandated mix of distance learning and onsite learning) when the Warrick County Health Department or Superintendent Schneider deems it necessary based on current COVID-19 data.

\*It is possible that some schools, grade-levels or classes may move to Yellow while others remain at Green.

\*All protocols listed under Level Green will remain in effect for those schools, grade-levels, or classes that remain onsite.

\*The exact Level Yellow schedule will be determined based on the current situation and communicated to parents at that time.

## **RED - DISTANCE LEARNING**

Warrick County School Corporation will move to Level Red when the Governor of Indiana, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Warrick County Health Department, or Superintendent Schneider closes all schools based on current COVID-19 data.

\*Distance learning for all.

\*Students must follow the distance learning expectations found on the WCSC website under the COVID-19 tab.

