



## 2020-2021 School Year

### Phase III: COVID-19 School Reopening Plan Quick Reference Guide

Waynesboro Public Schools are committed to providing a high-quality educational experience and a safe work environment for our students and staff. After reviewing the Virginia Department of Education’s “Recovery, Redesign, and Restart” guidance document for reopening schools, the following are key components to our reopening plan (subject to revision based on state guidelines and changing conditions):

- Waynesboro Public Schools will open for students for the 2020-2021 school year on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. The delayed start will allow teachers, administrators, and support staff to prepare to maximize the learning opportunities for our students.
- Schools are expected to comply with physical distancing requirements (6 feet) in school buildings and on school buses.
- The number of students allowed on the bus and in classrooms while maintaining physical distancing will be the main factors that impact the number of students who can attend school each day.
- Due to attendance limitations, Waynesboro Public Schools will provide instruction using a hybrid model of in-school and remote learning.
- Families with significant concerns about returning their students to school during Phase III will have the option to choose 100% remote learning.
- The chart below is adapted from page 27 of the “Recovery, Redesign, and Restart” guidance document for reopening schools and details key considerations our school division must address to reopen.

Phase III	
Permissible In-Person Instruction and Building Capacity	<p><b>Wayne Hills Preschool Center, Elementary Schools, Kate Collins Middle, Waynesboro High, and Valley Academy (parents will choose one option):</b></p> <p><b>Option 1 (Remote Instruction)-</b> Students will be instructed in a totally remote learning environment at home through online, virtual, and/or packet instruction.</p> <p><b>Option 2 (Hybrid Instructional Plan with 50% of enrollment attending school for in classroom instruction on a staggered schedule)-</b> Students with last names beginning with <b>A through L</b> will attend school on <b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>. Students with last names beginning with <b>M through Z</b> will attend school on <b>Wednesday and Friday</b>. Students will have access to virtual and online instructional resources each day of the week. On Monday each week, our staff will be at their work site preparing for remote and in-person instruction, participating in professional development, and our buildings will be cleaned.</p> <p><b>STEP Learning Lab:</b> The instructional staff will contact families directly about the individualized daily schedule for each child. Due to physical distancing requirements, students will not be able to attend the program each day.</p> <p><b>Valley Career and Technical Center/Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School:</b> To be determined in collaboration with Augusta County Schools</p> <p><b>Special Education Private Day Schools:</b> The Office of Student Services will be in contact with enrolled students to discuss the specific plans for transportation and the details relevant for each location.</p>
Gathering Limits	Due to physical distancing requirements, group sizes are limited to a maximum of 50 people in common areas like cafeterias, gyms, and auditoriums. Meals will be served in classrooms to limit the mixing of student groups and to comply with physical distancing requirements.

<b>Social Distancing</b>	Our staff and students should maintain 6-foot physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. Students will be separated by 6-feet which will lower the number of students in each classroom space at any one time.
<b>Bus Capacity</b>	Capacity on our school buses will be limited due to the required 6-foot social distancing measures. Siblings are permitted to sit on the same bus seat to increase the capacity of our school buses.
<b>Recess/Physical Education</b>	Groups of 50 or less, socially distanced, and with minimal mixing of groups. Playground surfaces and equipment will be sanitized.
<b>Health Screening and Temperature Checks</b>	<p>The school division will conduct a health screening upon arrival at school, including a temperature check. Our school nurses have developed a protocol to limit exposure to students who are sick. Additionally, our school division will increase the disinfection of surfaces, teach hand-washing protocol, and increase the use of hand sanitizer.</p> <p>Families should keep sick children at home. Families should also notify the school nurse if their child is exposed to COVID-19 and self-quarantine for 14 days. The families of children exposed to COVID-19 will be notified and contact tracing will be conducted by the Health Department. The Health Department will advise families about quarantine protocol. During the quarantine, students will be counted present if the online curriculum is accessed. If the online curriculum is not accessed, the absences will be excused.</p>
<b>Face Coverings</b>	Cloth face coverings will be worn by staff and students at times when at least 6-feet physical distancing cannot be maintained and when moving throughout the school building. If a student accesses our bus service, face coverings must be worn. If families need the school division to provide a face covering, please contact your child's school office personnel.
<b>Athletics, Extracurriculars, and Field Trips</b>	<p>Athletics- Virginia High School League has approved Model Three which delays all interscholastic athletics until December 14, 2020. Please see <a href="http://www.vhsl.org">www.vhsl.org</a> for more information.</p> <p>Extracurriculars/Clubs/Activities- For the time being, middle school and high school students and sponsors may only meet virtually.</p> <p>Field Trips- For the time being, only virtual field trips are permitted.</p>
<b>Childcare Options for Families</b>	<p>In our community, there are several options for childcare. Some options your family may consider in Waynesboro are:</p> <p>The Boys and Girls Club 302 E. Main Street (540) 949-4516 <a href="https://www.openthebluedoor.org/">https://www.openthebluedoor.org/</a></p> <p>Waynesboro Family YMCA 648 W. Wayne Avenue (540) 943-9622 <a href="https://www.waynesboroymca.com/">https://www.waynesboroymca.com/</a></p>

If you have specific questions about this plan, please contact your child's school. The phone numbers are as follows:

Wayne Hills Preschool Center-	(540) 946-4626	Kate Collins Middle-	(540) 946-4635
Berkeley Glenn Elementary-	(540) 946-4680	Waynesboro High-	(540) 946-4616
Wenonah Elementary-	(540) 946-4660	Valley Academy-	(540) 886-0573
Westwood Hills Elementary-	(540) 946-4670	STEP Learning Lab-	(540) 943-7432
William Perry Elementary-	(540) 946-4650		

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