

WPS Learning Model Selection Survey Results & Full Reopening Updates

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WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Survey Results & Full Reopening Updates

- Surveys were sent out to families of Wilmington students asking them to choose a learning model for the spring of 2021. Two options were provided.
 - In-person learning 5 days per week for full school days
 - OR
 - Remote learning 5 days per week with synchronous instruction for full days.
- This presentation will provide:
 - Results of the survey for grades K-12
 - Impact of learning model transitions on our full reopening plans
 - Updates regarding reopening plans for each grade-span
 - Review of Health & Safety Protocols
 - Transportation, and Food Service Updates

Movement Between Models by Grade–Levels: K–5

| Grade | School | From Remote to In-Person | From Hybrid to Remote |
|---------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kindergarten | Boutwell | 11 | 0 |
| Grade 1 | Shawsheen | *2 | 0 |
| Grade 2 | Shawsheen | 6 | 0 |
| Grade 3 | Shawsheen | 3 | 0 |
| Grade 4 | West | 4 | 0 |
| Grade 5 | West | 4 | 0 |

| Grade | School | From Remote to In-Person | From Hybrid to Remote |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kindergarten | Wildwood | 6 | 0 |
| Grade 1 | Woburn St. | *5 | 0 |
| Grade 2 | Woburn St. | 3 | 0 |
| Grade 3 | Woburn St. | 4 | 0 |
| Grade 4 | North | 6 | 0 |
| Grade 5 | North | 2 | 0 |

*One 1st grade student was in a remote Shawsheen class due to class size restrictions but will return to in-person at Woburn St. School.

Movement Between Models by Grade–Levels: 6–12

| Middle School | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grade | From Remote to In-Person | From Hybrid to Remote |
| 6 | 10 | 0 |
| 7 | 11 | 0 |
| 8 | 4 | 0 |

| High School | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Grade | From Remote to In-Person | From Hybrid to Remote |
| 9 | 2 | 2 |
| 10 | 8 | 1 |
| 11 | 12 | 1 |
| 12 | 14 | 2 |

Re-Enrollment of Home School and Private School Students

Students Returning this Spring

| Boutwell | | Wildwood | |
|----------|---|----------|---|
| K | 1 | K | 0 |

| Shawsheen | | Woburn St. | |
|-----------|---|------------|---|
| Gr. 1 | 0 | Gr. 1 | 1 |
| Gr. 2 | 0 | Gr. 2 | 0 |
| Gr. 3 | 0 | Gr. 3 | 1 |

| North | | West | |
|-------|---|-------|---|
| Gr. 4 | 0 | Gr. 4 | 0 |
| Gr. 5 | 0 | Gr. 5 | 0 |

| WMS | |
|-------|---|
| Gr. 6 | 2 |
| Gr. 7 | 1 |
| Gr. 8 | 1 |

| WHS | |
|--------|---|
| Gr. 9 | 1 |
| Gr. 10 | 0 |
| Gr. 11 | 0 |
| Gr. 12 | 0 |

Health & Safety Protocols

It is not one mitigation strategy but a combination of strategies taken together that will substantially reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.


COVID-19 Self-Monitoring

- Students, families & staff must remember to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms at home before coming to school/work.
- Stay Home If Sick
- Consult with your healthcare provider for direction.
- Notify the School Nurse.

**SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)**

Know the symptoms of **COVID-19**, which can include the following:

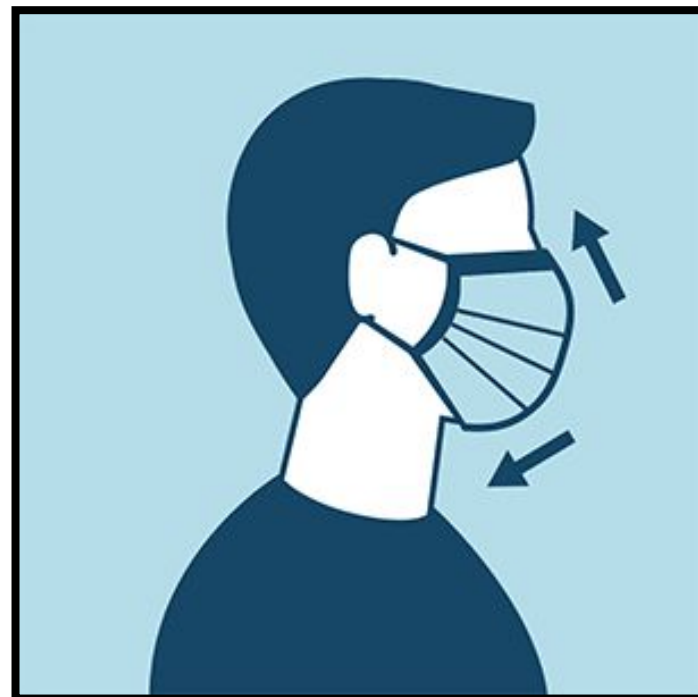
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Muscle pain
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell

 [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Health & Safety Protocols

Wear a Mask/Cloth Face Covering

- All students & staff PreK-12
- Must adequately cover both the nose & mouth
- Masks are among the most important single measures to contain the spread of COVID-19



CDC: [Use Masks to Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)

Health & Safety Protocols

Hand Hygiene is Critical

- Students and staff are required to practice hand hygiene (hand washing or sanitizing) upon arrival to school, before eating, before putting on and taking off masks, and before dismissal.
- Handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is the best practice. However, hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol may be substituted when handwashing is not available.

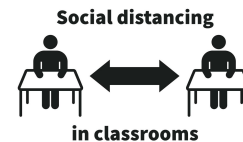
[CDC: When & How to Wash Your Hands](#)

A handwashing poster with a blue background. At the top, the text 'Did you wash your hands?' is written in large white letters. Below this is an illustration of hands being washed under a faucet with water splashing. To the right of the illustration, a list of instructions is provided: 'Use soap & water.', 'Rub hands for 20 seconds.', 'Rinse.', 'Dry with paper towel.', and 'Use towel to turn off faucet.'. At the bottom, the word 'clean' is written in a purple, handwritten-style font, with a purple arrow pointing to the word 'hands' in the phrase 'Your health is in your hands', which is written in green. The bottom of the poster features the Massachusetts Department of Public Health logo and the website 'mass.gov/handwashing', along with the code 'HW3707 2019'.

Health & Safety Protocols

Physical distancing greatly reduces the risk of transmission & is a critical tool in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

- Between students in classrooms:
 - In elementary schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart.
 - In middle schools and high schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart in areas of low, moderate, or substantial community transmission.
- Maintain 6 feet of distance in the following settings:
 - Between adults (teachers and staff), and between adults and students, at all times in the school building. Several studies have found that transmission between staff is more common than transmission between students and staff, and among students, in schools.
 - When masks cannot be worn, such as when eating.
 - During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band, or sports and exercise. Move these activities outdoors or to large, well-ventilated space, when possible.
 - In common areas such as school lobbies and auditoriums.



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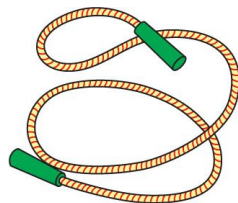
Contact Tracing

- The CDC & DPH **STILL** define a Close Contact as someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will be instructed to isolate & their close contacts will be contacted and instructed to quarantine.
- Applying a 3-foot minimum will likely increase the number of close contacts associated with the occurrence of a positive COVID-19 case; i.e. students sitting < 6 feet apart in the classroom.

Health & Safety Protocols

Outdoor Play

- During recess, handheld equipment that's nonporous, i.e. balls, jump ropes, etc; may be used by students.
- All students and staff will practice hand hygiene before and after use.
- Each classroom cohort will maintain their own supply of playground equipment.
- Playground equipment will be sanitized daily.



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COVID-19 Vaccine Update

- People are considered fully vaccinated:
 - 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, like the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
 - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, like Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine
- When fully vaccinated individuals have been exposed to someone who has COVID-19, they do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless they have symptoms.
- You should still take steps to protect yourself and others in many situations, like wearing a mask, staying socially distant from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces.

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MA Travel Order Changed to Advisory:

- As of Monday, March 22, all visitors entering Massachusetts, including returning residents, are advised to quarantine for 10 days upon their arrival. Travelers in the following categories are exempt from this quarantine advisory:
 - Travelers who have received a negative COVID-19 result on a test administered not more than 72 hours prior to their arrival in Massachusetts. Travelers may also test out of the quarantine advisory after arrival in Massachusetts, as long as they quarantine until receiving a negative test result.
 - Anyone who is entering Massachusetts for fewer than 24 hours
 - Anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after being out of the State for fewer than 24 hours
 - Workers who enter Massachusetts to perform critical infrastructure functions (as specified by the Federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency) during required commuting to or from work and while at work.
 - Travelers who are fully vaccinated (i.e. who have received two doses of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines OR who have received a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, 14 days or more ago) and who do not have symptoms.
- All travelers are encouraged to consult and follow the CDC's guidelines and requirements for travel. [MA Travel Advisory](#)

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Medication Drop-off

- If it is necessary for your child to have medication (Inhalers, Epinephrine, other prescription or over-the-counter medication) at school, a responsible adult may provide medication via curbside drop-off. Please contact your child's School Nurse to make arrangements.
- Any adult dropping off medication must wear a mask, be symptom/fever-free and currently not under isolation or quarantine for COVID-19.
- Per the WPS medication policy, all prescription medications must be in a pharmacy labeled container and all over-the-counter medication must be supplied in the manufacturer's packaging. All medications must be accompanied by doctor's orders. Written parent/guardian consent is also required. A maximum 30-day supply is allowed.
- Medication may not be sent to school via the student's backpack.

[WPS Medication Policy](#)

Health & Safety Protocols

Student Emergency Information Form

- For students resuming in-person learning, please remember to review & update your child's information in Aspen for the following:
 - Health insurance
 - Contact phone numbers
 - Health conditions
 - Allergies
 - Current medications
 - Permission for over-the-counter medications

Transportation and Safety Protocols

Bus Protocols

- Masks must be worn properly at all times
- Students from the same household **MUST** be seated next to each other on the bus
- When boarding, students should take the last available seat on the bus
- Students should be seated properly and forward facing
- Windows will be open to increase air circulation; please dress appropriately on cold mornings
- Most students are on the bus for less than 15 minutes and many buses still meet previous guidelines for distancing; students should maximize distance and space out, when available

Important Dates

- Bus Passes will be provided to new elementary and kindergarten registrants in cohorts A, B or D on Monday, March 29th or Tuesday, March 30th and parents will be notified via email of the bus number, stop and pick up time
- Bus Passes will be provided to middle and high school students in cohorts A, B or D who have registered for transportation on Monday, April 12th or Tuesday, April 13th and parents will be notified via email of the bus number, stop and pick up time
- Students in cohort C looking to ride the bus must schedule a time to pick up their pass
- If you are interested in registering your student to use transportation and you have not done so already, please email transportation@wpsk12.com. Students without a pass will not be permitted to board the bus

Food Services

- Breakfast and lunch will continue to be free to every student until September 30, 2021. Both breakfast and lunch will be available to students daily at schools.
- Kindergarten - Gr. 5 students will receive breakfast at school and it will be consumed during the school day (times vary by school).
- WMS and WHS students will be given breakfast to take home for consumption at home before school the following day.
- All students will be give lunch for consumption at school. Students are not required to take meals. Parents may send meals from home.
- Food allergies will be handled in the same manner that food services has been utilizing since October 2020 at breakfast and lunch.
- Once all students return full time, remote meals will be distributed on Tuesdays from 2:30pm - 4:30pm at WHS, rather than the current model of Wednesdays from 9:30am -12:30pm.
- Delivered meals will still be delivered on Wednesdays, unless there is an early release day, then it will be Thursday.
- All meals are free to all children in Wilmington under the age of 21, regardless of whether they attend school or not at WPS.
- Food services is planning to distribute meals during the summer months again.

Furniture/Equipment/Storage

- **Boutwell**
 - 46 Chairs and 46 Desks
 - 17 Tables
 - 3-4 Storage Pods
 - 50 Portable Lap Desks
- **Wildwood**
 - 22 Chairs and 110 Desks
 - 3 Storage Pods
 - 50 Portable Lap Desks
- **Woburn Street Elementary**
 - 1 Storage Pod
- **Shawsheen**
 - 1 Storage Pod

WPS Elementary Community Meetings

| School | Date | Time |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| Shawsheen and Woburn Street Elementary | Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 4:00 PM |
| West Intermediate | Wednesday, March 31, 2021 | 4:00 PM |
| Boutwell and Wildwood ECC's | Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 3:30 PM |
| North Intermediate | Thursday, April 1, 2021 | 5:30 PM |

Additional Things To Know

- **Transitional Day Time** - Anticipate that there will need to be time to support teachers in transitioning to full in-person. This will be a likely full remote day.
- **Learning Model Changes** -- At this point changes are final. Any future requests for model changes may take up to 6 weeks to accommodate.
- **Buildings Continue to Be Closed For Visitors** -Except for volunteers specifically sought out and trained by principals
- **Prom & Graduation** - have been planned.
- **MCAS Still Being Planned**
 - Grades 3-5 May & June
 - Grades 6-8 TBD
 - High School - May & June