

### ROCKS FAMILIES

We have been hard at work finalizing our **Return of the Rocks** plan and we are very excited to welcome students and staff back to school! We have worked closely with all Hamilton County schools and our local health departments to create a plan to best maintain the health and safety of our students and staff at WWS, which is always our top priority.

**Our mission remains the same - To maintain a safe & healthy environment, provide the highest quality of learning experience possible, and stay connected - not isolated!** We are confident our plan meets our mission and provides the safest possible environment for our students and staff.

We are committed to minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Please note that this plan is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Hamilton County Health Department and is subject to change.

### PLEASE HELP

Click on the link below to answer questions about your plans to return to school and help us **better prepare for alternative learning...**

#### CLICK ON THIS LINK:

<https://forms.gle/rgnngPh9wk2kuQra8>

#### SPANISH:

<https://tinyurl.com/SPANISH-LINK-HERE>

Please answer the questions for **EACH child** in the link by **JULY 15.**

### PLANNING DETAILS

We plan to open schools on our regularly scheduled start date of **Thursday, August 13, 2020.**

We will offer in-person, in-school instruction every day (Monday-Friday), for students who are able to return to school. We will also provide a virtual e-Learning option for students unable to return to school in person. Late start Wednesday will remain in place for teacher professional development.



### SOCIAL DISTANCING

We will practice social distancing as much as possible. Due to the size of our student body and our facilities, it will not be possible at all times. In classrooms, student seating will be spaced as far apart as possible throughout the day.



### MASKS

Masks will be required for students and staff, when social distancing is not possible. For example, masks will be required on buses, while entering and exiting the school building, while picking up food in the cafeteria line, and during passing periods. Masks will also be required for classrooms and/or classroom activities when students might not be able to social distance. Students should plan to have two cloth masks as part of their back-to-school supplies. If you are unable to purchase two cloth masks, please contact your school counselor and they will assist in providing masks. If your student has a medical condition that makes it difficult to wear a mask, please talk with your healthcare provider to discuss possible options and communicate this to your school nurse.

We know that there are strong opinions about the use of masks. WWS is following the guidance of the Indiana State Department of Health, which cited a reduction in COVID-19 transmission when masks are used, which is why we are requiring them at certain times during the day. Our goal is to ensure as much face-to-face instruction as possible throughout the school year. Additional details can be found on the ISDH website - ISDH Mask Recommendations for Public Interaction:

[https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN\\_COVID-19%20masks%206.18.20.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/IN_COVID-19%20masks%206.18.20.pdf)

Wearing masks is especially important since some carriers of COVID-19 may not have any symptoms. Children, despite being generally less affected by COVID-19, can still expose school staff and adults at home who may be more at risk.



### SCREENING

Parents will be expected to screen their children before sending them to school each day. If your child is presenting symptoms of COVID-19 or other illness, please contact your healthcare provider and do not send him/her to school. You will need to call the school to report the absence and the reason for the absence.



### VISITORS

Unfortunately, WWS must restrict all school visitors to our buildings to promote health and safety. We will be scheduling virtual meetings for all necessary meetings with staff and teachers.



## RECESS

One grade level at a time will be on the playground, limiting interactions when grades are passing each other during transitions.

Playground equipment will be organized by grade level so each grade has their own equipment.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided, with precautions. Masks will be required by students. In addition to wearing masks, bus drivers will be assigning seats for every student on every school bus. All siblings and household members will be required to sit together. Students will be prohibited from riding a friend's bus home and may only ride their assigned bus. **Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after AM and PM routes.**

As always, bus routes will be set and released a few days before the start of school.



## CAFETERIA and WATER FOUNTAINS

Students may have assigned seats in the cafeteria and will be spaced as far apart as possible. Masks will be required while picking up food in the cafeteria line. All students will be asked to wash hands prior to entering the cafeteria. All water fountains will be turned off and we will be using water bottle filling stations to provide students with access to water. All students will be allowed to bring their own water bottles to school each day.



## SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC CHANGES

Face masks will be required for everyone who enters the health clinic. Students will be evaluated for symptoms of illness. If symptoms are present the student will be removed to a predetermined isolation area until picked up from school. Please identify someone to have as a backup for picking students up from school in case you are not available.

Asthma nebulizer treatments are considered high risk procedures by the CDC and will not be administered at school until further notice. Please contact your physician to make alternative plans for treating asthma symptoms this year. The school nurses can assist you if needed.

Daily medication or treatment that can be given outside of school hours, such as morning medications, will need to be given at home.

Building access is limited so drop off and pick up medication procedures will change and this will be communicated prior to the start of school.

If your child has a medical condition that puts him/her at high risk for severe illness related to COVID-19, please contact your physician for recommendations for school. Share this information with the school nurse to plan appropriately for your child's needs.



## CLEANING and DISINFECTING

Necessary handwashing supplies such as soap and paper towels will be stocked and there will be access to hand sanitizer in common areas or locations where soap and water is not readily available.

In addition to the routine cleaning, we will be cleaning and disinfecting the schools throughout the day, including frequently touched surfaces such as door handles, handrails, tables and bathrooms, with EPA approved disinfectant for COVID-19. Disinfectants will be available to staff to use in classrooms as needed during the school day.

## VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTION



We realize that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused some parents to be uncomfortable sending their children back to school. We also understand that some students may be medically vulnerable or live with someone who is medically vulnerable, and parents may be uncomfortable sending children back to school for those reasons. For those individuals, a virtual learning option will be available.

Virtual learning will be facilitated by a digital learning platform supported by a WWS teacher. Families will be asked to commit to this virtual learning experience for an established period of time (trimester for elementary schools and WHS and nine weeks for WIS and WMS). To manage staffing and scheduling, students must commit to in-person or online learning and will not be permitted to move back and forth during this commitment. A staff member will be assigned to work with students in the virtual setting, but it may not be the same teacher students would have in the face-to-face environment. Families choosing this option will be asked to complete a virtual learning agreement.

## GRADES K-6

Students who do not attend school in person will be enrolled in online learning facilitated by a WWS teacher via Google Classroom (K-4) and Canvas (5-6), our Learning Management Systems. Students will receive both virtual instruction (class meetings, small group, and one-on-one) and pre-recorded lessons that focus on essential standards in each core subject area (reading, writing and math). In addition, practice exercises and other assignments and activities will be utilized.

## GRADES 7-12

Students who do not attend school in person will be enrolled in a software platform that provides online instruction. Progress will be monitored by a licensed teacher, but course content will be delivered online through the software. The time needed to complete coursework will vary for each student but should be comparable to requirements for in-person learning. Core courses in language arts, math, science, and social studies will be available; however, elective course options are dependent on availability within the learning platform.



## SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 or BEING TESTED FOR COVID-19

According to the ISDH guidance, students with symptoms of COVID-19 will be suspected to have COVID-19 until they are cleared by their healthcare provider or if a healthcare provider is not contacted, they will be suspected positive until the end of an isolation period as directed by the local health department.

It's very important to keep children who have symptoms of COVID-19 or are being tested for COVID-19 at home. Contact the school and report the absence and the reason for the absence. The school will work with you and help determine when your student can return. This is determined on a case by case basis at the direction of the health department.

## POSITIVE COVID-19

It will be important for parents to communicate with school immediately if your child tests positive for COVID-19 even if they are not showing symptoms. They will need to remain home as determined by the health department. All cases of COVID-19, both suspected and tested, are to be reported to the Hamilton County Health Department by the school. The health department will provide the school with steps to begin the process of cleaning and disinfecting the building. This may include closing a classroom, school or schools for a period of time and shifting quickly to eLearning at home for students who are impacted. Many of our new procedures are designed to support contact tracing should a confirmed case occur. This will assist the health department with quickly identifying and contacting individuals who may have been exposed.

## SELF QUARANTINE STUDENTS and FAMILIES

We will need parents to contact the school to let us know if your student has been asked to self-quarantine. This will allow us to follow potential cases as well as provide educational opportunities while your student is quarantined at home. Sibling and household members of students who are home due to COVID-19 symptoms or a COVID positive test, will be required to self-quarantine at home for 14 days as well.

## BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

There will be no in-person back to school events. Please look for information from your school on virtual ice cream socials and orientation information.



**Parent University**  
will be hosting a  
virtual back to school event  
for families.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Currently, the plan is to maintain the normal school calendar for the 2020-21 school year and meet the state required **180 days of instruction**. However, we must be as flexible as possible as we know how quickly the situation can change.



## BAC/TOTS/ALL ABOARD

Services will be provided and additional information regarding the procedures for these programs will be given at a later date.

## PLEASE HELP

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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER STUDENT  
BY JULY 15TH**



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**FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK, PLEASE EMAIL:**

**ParentFeedback@wws.k12.in.us**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY AND COOPERATION  
AS WE PLAN FOR A SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL.  
WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME OUR STUDENTS BACK TO SCHOOL!**