

**Redefining Ready – Reimagining Wells CSD
Reopening Plan Q & A for Parents/Guardians**

1. Is the Wells CSD planning to reopen with in-person instruction in the fall?
A: Yes. The district is currently planning to reopen with all in-person instruction in the fall. There are metrics in place where we may be forced to close the building, in which case the district would immediately shift to the remote, at-home learning option. The daily remote learning schedule would follow the schedule as if students were in school.
2. Do I have to conduct a health screening with my child(ren) before school every day?
A: Students must have a health screening every day before school begins. Screening at home is the preferred method of both NYS and the Wells CSD. However, students who are unable to have a health screening conducted at home will have one conducted upon arrival at school. The district is currently developing protocol so they can streamline which children need to be screened at school.
3. What does a health screening look like?
A: Temperature check (under 100.0°F) and check for symptoms such as cough, sore throat, body aches or nausea/vomiting. The district will provide thermometers for at home use at no cost to families if they would like one.
4. Does my child have to wear a mask on the bus?
A: Yes. This is an extremely important requirement by NYS due to the challenge of physical distancing on the bus. If a student does not arrive on the bus wearing a mask, one will be provided at no cost to the families.
5. Will seating on the bus be different than in year's past?
A: Yes. Siblings/same household will be required to sit together in the same seat. Children with no siblings will sit alone in a seat. The bus will load from back to front, and unload from front to back. Physical distancing (6 feet apart) will be in effect during drop off at the school.
6. Should I transport my child to and from school?
A: NYS encourages parents/guardians, if they are able, to transport their child(ren) to and from school. This is to reduce the number of students on the bus. However, this is not a requirement and the district will gladly continue to transport your child(ren) to and from school.
7. Does my child have to wear a mask all day while in school?
A: No. Students do not need to wear masks while engaged in instruction, eating, or during scheduled mask breaks. Physical distancing needs to be in effect. Children in the lower elementary grades may have more flexibility, as long as physical distancing is maintained (6 feet apart.) Masks will be provided by the district at no cost to families.

8. When must my child wear a mask?

A: All students and staff will be required to wear masks in common areas (e.g. hallways, cafeteria (when not eating,) library, and any other location where physical distancing cannot occur.

9. What is the district doing to keep the building clean and disinfected?

A: Staff members will be trained and have refreshers on proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols, following CDC and NYSDOH guidelines. Additional staff will be on site during the school day to consistently clean and disinfect high touch and common areas of the building. In addition, the district has done the following:

- i. installed touchless paper towel dispensers to use in place of hand driers.
- ii. purchased multiple touchless hand sanitizer units that will be installed in high touch/common areas.
- iii. installed two touchless water filling bottle stations in the main hallways. All students will be provided with a water bottle at no cost to families.

10. How will breakfast and lunch be different this year?

A: Students will need to be physically distanced in the cafeteria. Classes may choose to eat in their classrooms. Districts are encouraged to have meals prepackaged for students, so as to reduce the time they may be in line. Options may be more limited this year, but will still follow all child nutrition guidelines. The cafeteria tables will be both cleaned and disinfected after each group of students exit the cafeteria.

11. Are there any sports or extracurricular activities this fall?

A: The start of fall sports has been delayed until the end of September, at the earliest. The Wells CSD is not allowing any after school events/extracurriculars, or use of the building by outside groups until further notice.

12. What if I want to bring my child(ren) to see the school before the first day, Tuesday, September 8th?

A: The district is currently planning an orientation for students and parents/guardians on Thursday, September 3rd. This will give students a chance to meet their new teacher(s), begin to see the new routine, and help everyone feel more at ease with the safety guidelines and protocols that will be in place. This will be by appointment, only. More information will be forthcoming.

13. How will instruction be different this year?

A: All students will be provided with a learning device when school begins in the fall (Chromebook, iPad, etc.) Many classes will be shifting to a more online format (Google Classroom.) The district needs to ensure that if remote learning is put in place, teachers and students can shift as seamlessly as possible to remote learning. Instruction will be provided and daily attendance must be recorded as if the students were in the building.

14. My child(ren) attends an educational program at HFM BOCES. Is that changing?

A: The HFM BOCES CTE program (Career and Technical Center) intends to be open every day, since they have enough space to accommodate all of their students. The Adirondack Academy is planning a hybrid model of one week at BOCES, one week of at-home remote learning. The P-TECH program is currently developing a hybrid type model.

15. How will the district keep families and the community up to date as fall reopening plans are finalized?

A: The district will continue to push information out on their Facebook page, which will provide links directly to the school website, www.wellscsd.org. The district will continue to use Remind to push notifications out to families as well. To sign up for Remind updates, please contact the school at 518-924-6000.