

School District of Neillsville Reopening Plan for September 2020

Based on guidance from federal, state, and local health departments, numerous educational agencies, legal counsel, insurance providers, and surveys of family and staff, the School District of Neillsville has developed this reopening plan for September. The Board of Education will be reviewing and revising plans on a monthly basis based on the latest information available. The goals of the district's plan are to keep all students, staff, and community members as safe as possible, and to try to assure that school buildings will never have to be fully closed again. The district's ultimate goal is to get all students back to school full-time once the threat of the COVID-19 pandemic allows.

Transportation Plans

Bus capacity will be one student per seat, however, students from the same household may sit together. There will be assigned seats and loading and unloading protocols. Face coverings will be required for students riding the bus. There will be increased daily and weekly cleaning protocols for all buses.

Student Meal Plans

Full pay, reduced, and free meals will begin as normal on September 1st, unless a new bill is passed to continue to allow us to provide all meals for free. The district will deliver enough meals to students not in school on Tuesdays and Fridays to cover the week, if requested by families. Meal schedules at school will be developed to allow social distancing for students while eating. There will be no open campus for the month of September. October plans will be coming out later in September. More information will be provided in the district mailing coming soon.

Daily Operation Plans

A daily self-screening symptom checklist will be provided for all families, students and staff. No one should come to school with any symptoms without first contacting the school for approval. The symptom checklist will be sent in the district mailing to families coming in August. Face coverings are required for all students and staff. Masks and shields will be provided by the district. Cleaning instructions will also be provided. The district will limit non-essential visitors and visits. Any approved visitors must wear masks. The district will regulate access to the buildings, and directional flow in the buildings.

Physical Spaces Plan

Barriers may be used in public spaces where advisable. There may also be separation markings in high-traffic areas. Safety signage for hand hygiene, protective measures and symptoms awareness will be displayed throughout the buildings. Bottle filling stations will be available throughout the buildings, but water fountains will not be available. Students should bring their own water bottle.

Healthy Environments Plan

The district has established increased daily and weekly protocols for cleaning and disinfecting. Staff will teach and reinforce hand hygiene. Modified building layouts will include adjusted student traffic patterns. Face coverings are required while indoors.

Extra-Curricular Activities Update

The district will rely on guidance from WIAA and Cloverbelt Conference to safely hold athletic practices, competitions, and events as allowable. Activities and events may be postponed or adjusted to meet health guidelines and/or current conditions in school or the community.

Points of Contact Regarding Covid-19

Points of contact for any COVID-19 issues involving students are the building principals, and Sam Warden, CNA. Superintendent John Gaier, Board of Education Office, is the point of contact for staff concerns or questions.

Daily Time Schedule for September

Grades 4K – 6: 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Grades 7 – 12: 8:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Doors to enter school buildings will open for students at 7:40 a.m. each day. Outside doors to enter the vestibules will open at 7:30 a.m. each day.

4K Plan for September

Children will be divided in to two groups (M/W, T/TH). Students will go to school all day, and have Fridays off. The first two weeks of September students will attend on T/TH or W/F.

Grades 5K – 6 Plan for September

All students attend in person four days per week (M-TH). The first two weeks of September students will attend T-F. On Fridays there will be remote learning practice, deep cleaning and sanitizing, staff outreach, professional development, and collaboration.

Grades 7 – 12 Plan for September

Students will attend school in person in one of two groups, Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday, with remote learning practice at home the other two days. The first two weeks of September students will attend on T/TH or W/F. There will be seven class periods per day. Friday includes remote student advisory and intervention for students in need, staff collaboration and professional development. Lockers will not be used to begin the year, so students may use backpacks during the day.

Remote Learning Option

Any family that would like to continue to have their child/children learning from home will have that option. The staff will work on a remote learning plan based on the needs of the individual student. Families will have the flexibility to move from remote learning to returning to school at any time.

Late Start Days

Due to the pandemic, the district will be setting monthly calendars. There are no late start days scheduled for September. Please watch for the October calendar coming later in September.

Open House

The Open House scheduled for August 25, 2020, will be postponed. Each building principal and their staff will be creating a Virtual Open House that will be shared with all families.

Student Pictures

The district is working with the picture taking company to schedule dates for student pictures to be taken. Information to families will be provided as soon as dates are scheduled.