

2020–2021
Worth County High School
School Reopening Plan



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Worth County School District and Worth County High School have been meeting to discuss the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic. Your child's safety and well-being are our primary concern. Below are a few guidelines and procedures that we will follow this school year.

All students and staff are encouraged to wear masks when walking in hallways and common areas for class transitions, office areas, restrooms, cafeteria lines, and any other area where they are less than six feet from others. Teachers are encouraged to wear masks when in close proximity to students. When teachers are at an appropriate social distance away from students, they may choose to not wear a mask. (e.g. teachers sitting at their desk may choose not to wear a mask).

Visitors will be limited to essential business only, such as student check in and check out, and deliveries. Only essential district personnel will be allowed beyond the lobby until further notice.

Morning Arrival

The school day begins at 8:00 am each day. The doors to WCHS will open at 7:30. All student drivers will enter the building through the student parking lot/gym entrance. Bus riders will enter the building through the bus loop doors as we have in the past. Dual Enrollment, Work Based Learning students, and any other student arriving at 8:00 AM or after must enter the building through the front doors. We will check students' temperatures at the entrances and provide hand sanitizer stations for use as they enter the facility.

Our student drop off route will be the same as previous years. Students will have their temperature screened before they are allowed to enter the building.

Students are not allowed to congregate in areas of the building; therefore, students will report directly to their first block classes unless they are eating breakfast. Those who elect to eat breakfast will only be allowed to stay in the cafeteria while they are eating and must report to their first block class as soon as they finish their meal.

Breakfast and Lunch

Breakfast will be served for students in the WCHS cafeteria. Students will have the choice of eating in our indoor cafeteria or outside in the courtyard. Social distancing will be monitored. Students who go through the line will not have to touch the keypad to enter their lunch numbers; payments will be "no contact". Lines will be spaced to allow for social distancing. Nutrition staff will wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your student's safety.

Students will be allowed to access Rams Central school store at designated times. Lines will be spaced to allow for social distance and workers will wear the appropriate PPE for your student's protection.

Restrooms

Water fountains will remain available for use; however, students may also bring a sealed or refillable bottle of water for personal use. Restroom capacity will be limited to two students at one time. Classroom restroom use will be limited and scheduled to the extent feasible in an effort to eliminate overcrowding during transitions. We ask that you help us encourage our students to adhere to these guidelines for their safety and the safety of others. This will not impact students with accommodations or medical documentation for frequent restroom use. However, we will maintain capacity limitations for safety.

PE/Labs

Students in PE or Weight Training courses will be monitored by their coaches in an effort to maintain social distancing and safe contact with necessary equipment such as weights, bats, and balls. GHSA guidelines will be considered in addition to CDC guidelines in this environment.

Students in lab based courses will adhere to additional safety guidelines appropriate for their program area.

Fitness equipment and lab equipment will be sanitized regularly to minimize the spread of germs.

Classrooms

Teachers and students are encouraged to wear masks in the classroom environment to the extent feasible. While this is not required, we do believe it will provide extra protection for your student due to the confined environment of the classroom. Classrooms will be sanitized regularly to minimize the spread of germs.

Class Transitions/Hallways/Stairwells

Students will not be allowed to congregate in the common areas or hallways of WCHS. Students are encouraged to wear masks during transitions due to the large number of students in the hallways and stairwells during those times.

Class transitions will be staggered to reduce student traffic in the hallways. Students with last names A-K will be released first at each class change. Four minutes later, another bell will sound to release students with last names L-Z. There is a total of eight minutes between each class to allow for both groups to get to class on time.

Traffic patterns will be controlled throughout the building. Traffic on the 1st floor (1000, 1100, 1200 hallways) will be one way. Students will travel in a counterclockwise direction toward the cafeteria. Students may use the courtyard walkways when weather permits to further reduce traffic as long as they adhere to the directional pattern in place. In the event of inclement weather, two way traffic will be reinstated temporarily. Traffic in the 1300, 1400, and 1500 hallways, and on the second and third floors of the main building, will be two way. Students should always walk on the right side of the hallway with more than an arm's length between them and those on the other side of the hall.

Stairwells will have two way traffic. Students should always walk on the right side of the staircase. Teachers have specific stairwells to release their classes to in order to prevent crowding. Students will be given that information by their teachers. Again, students are strongly encouraged to wear masks in the stairwells due to the confined space and potential volume of traffic.

Elevators

Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear a mask if they are in the elevator with other people.

Dismissal

To prevent crowding, students will be dismissed in groups. Student drivers will be released at 3:12 and parent pick ups will be released at 3:13. Group one buses will be released at 3:14. Each group thereafter will be based upon the bus line up. Please understand that bus line ups are subject to change at any time and without advance notice.

Nurse

Our clinic will continue to serve students with routine medications on a daily basis. We will also have an isolation room where students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be monitored until they can be picked up by a guardian.

Parent Conferences:

- All parent conferences will be by teleconference or Google Meet to the extent feasible.
- Discipline referrals where parents need to meet with the administration will take place using Google Meet to the extent feasible.
- For SWD's, when returning to school the IEP team will convene to hold a meeting to discuss the progress of each student. During the meeting, the team will develop a Temporary Learning Plan (aka Distance Learning Plan) to address the needs of the student that may occur during intermittent closures or if the student will be receiving their education through our Virtual Program.

IF WCHS has to close:

In the event that we have to close school for a period of time, students at WCHS will continue to complete work at home through Google Classroom or APEX. All teachers at WCHS will have an operational Google Classroom for your student to access. Google Meet will be utilized for virtual meetings. Students should expect scheduled virtual class meetings with their teacher in addition to classwork in Google Classroom.

It is very important that we have an accurate email address as well as updated telephone numbers on file. Prompt communication between parents and WCHS is essential to navigating another closure. In the event that your email or phone numbers change, please contact your student's Guidance counselor to let them know as soon as possible.

Health and Safety Guidelines

Students who have a temperature of 99.0 or above should stay home from school and extracurricular activities. Having a thermometer at home will be essential for you to help with these efforts so that we can keep your student and other students safe.

Students must be fever-free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications such as ibuprofen or acetaminophen, before returning to school. If your student tests positive for COVID-19, he or she must complete a 14 day quarantine period regardless of symptoms.

If your student is exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19, he or she should self quarantine for 14 days or until he or she tests negative for COVID-19.

What if a student or faculty member is confirmed COVID-19?

Students or faculty members who test positive for COVID-19 must complete a 14 day home quarantine period, must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication, and be symptom-free before returning to WCHS.

WCHS has a dedicated space called the “Isolation Room” for students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. All students with symptoms and/or fever will be placed in the isolation room and must wear a mask. There will be adult supervision in the Isolation Room. The School Nurse will contact you if your student has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, a parent/guardian must come to the school and pick them up. Any time your student is sent home with COVID-19, we strongly recommend seeking medical attention and, when appropriate, COVID-19 testing for your student.

Staff members exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be evaluated by the school nurse then must leave campus.

Again, updated contact information is vital to our success in making sure that your student is able to receive the proper care and attention during this pandemic. Your student’s safety and well-being are our top priority and we will work together to make this happen in 2020-2021. GO RAMS!