

Plan to Restart, Renew & Engage

Reopening Presentation



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The Schedule Options

Parents will be able to select:

- **100% Remote/Virtual Schedule**
- **Hybrid (combination of in-person and remote learning)**
 - **Selections will be made for a marking period**
 - **After a marking period a new schedule choice can be selected**
 - **Appeals to change before the marking period will be reviewed on a case by case basis**
 - **Schedule details to follow**



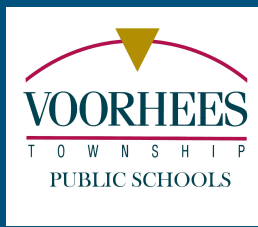
Hybrid Learning Schedule Option

- Parents may select to have their child participate in a Hybrid or Full-Time Virtual Learning Schedule
- Schedule for Hybrid will be:
 - Students will be assigned to one of two groups: Group A and Group B
 - Monday & Tuesday: Group A reports for in-person learning while Group B is learning in their virtual classroom
 - Thursday & Friday: Group B reports for in-person learning while Group A is learning in their virtual classroom
 - Wednesday: Both Groups are remote learning on an early dismissal schedule; all students will be provided a district iPad to use and take home



Hybrid Learning Schedule Continued

- Wednesday: Instructional staff will work remote and provide instruction to their students on an early dismissal schedule
- Building custodial crews will implement the Deep Clean Protocol
- Transition the building for next group to arrive for in-person learning/ avoid cross contamination of the two groups
- Staff members will participate in staff trainings and/or professional development (virtual) in the afternoon



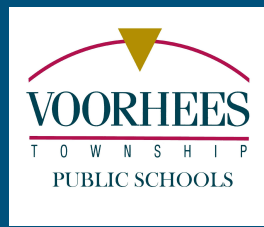
Plan Basics

- Students will remain in their classroom whenever possible; specialists will travel to each classroom (when feasible).
- Staff & students will be required to wear face coverings within the school building or on school grounds (some exceptions may apply).
- Maintain high standards of sanitation & personal hygiene.
- Instructional practices will be implemented with fidelity to ensure students receive the best education possible through both in-person and/or virtual learning.



Schedule for Students Eligible for Special Education

- Child Study Team will recommend select self-contained populations for four day in-person learning
- Recommendations will be made by level of need & available space/staff.
- Parents of special needs students will be notified by their case managers of recommended schedules
- All parents may select 100% remote learning schedules



Classroom Configuration

- To provide the greatest opportunity for social distancing classroom furniture will be minimized
- To the greatest extent possible, instruction will be paperless. (IPads)
- Plexiglass dividers will be provided to support health & safety
- Students will be provided with a designated area where they can keep their lunches, bookbags, and coats. Students should bring only essential items to school



Foundation of the Reopening Plan

- **“Mitigation” is at the foundation of the Voorhees Township School District Reopening Plan.**
- **Each Mitigation Tool or strategy is not guaranteed to be 100% effective**
- **Layering Multiple Mitigation Tools to increase effectiveness and reduce the spread or transmission of disease**



Face Coverings

- Students should bring and wear the face covering that is most comfortable and to their liking
- The school will provide a disposable face covering in the event a student forgets or does not have one
- Staff will be provided two washable face coverings and one clear shield (other PPE if applicable); staff may choose to wear their own face covering
- Staff and students must wear a face covering at all times when on school grounds (designated face covering breaks will be determined by classroom teacher pending administrative approval example: outside with ample social distancing space)
- Requests for accommodations will be reviewed on a case by case basis

Mitigation Overview

- The students will be divided into two cohorts in order to reduce the number of students attending in-person learning on any given day.
- Within the classrooms, student desks will be spread out & marked to support social distancing guidelines
- PPE: Staff & Students are required to wear face coverings unless on a scheduled break/or for medical reasons
- Additional modifications: Plexiglass barriers as an additional tool
- Sanitation: traditional, enhanced, and with technology tools Ultra-violet Sanitation System, Electromagnetic Fogging Backpack
- Personal Hygiene: Hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings, touchless faucets, soap dispensers
- New procedures, protocols, and norms: example- assigning students to multiple entrances to reduce foot traffic in any one location
- Visitors reduced to approved essential visitors



Daily Health Screening All Staff & Students

Staff

- All staff will screen prior to entering the school grounds each morning

Students

- All parents will be responsible for screening their child before sending them to the bus or into the school building (on their in-person learning days)
- All parents must complete the screening agreement prior to the start of the school year (included in parent package)
- All staff members will oversee student arrival and monitor students for any visible symptoms (may include touchless thermometer screening)



Level 1 Symptoms

For precautionary reasons, students will not be permitted to enter the bus or building if they exhibit any one (1) of the following COVID-19 symptoms:

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| 1 | A fever of 100.4° F or greater |
| 2 | Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |
| 3 | New loss of taste or smell |
| 4 | Contact with someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 |
| 5 | Travel to any of the states that New Jersey has listed in any <u>quarantine travel advisory</u> |



Level 2 Symptoms

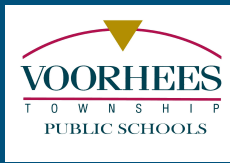
Also, students will not be permitted to enter the school building if they exhibit two (2) more of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

1	Cough	6	Sore throat
2	Chills	7	Fatigue
3	Repeated shaking with chills	8	Congestion or runny nose
4	Muscle Pain	9	Nausea or vomiting
5	Headache	10	Diarrhea



NJ Department of Health Role

- The Superintendent will be in regular contact with representatives from the Camden County Health Department in order to address positive cases of COVID-19 that impacts the district/school community.
- The district will verify all reported information with the health department representative before commencing contact tracing and/or case investigation.
- Any student required to isolate or quarantine in accordance with NJ DOH guidelines will continue learning in a full remote instruction schedule until cleared to return to their Hybrid learning schedule.



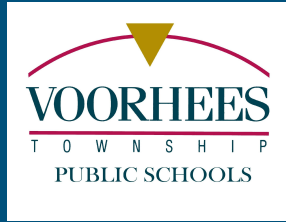
PPE/Cleaning Materials

- Desk Shields
- Child's Disposable Masks
- Adult's Disposable Masks
- Staff Washable Masks
- Staff Shields
- Child Shields
- Gowns
- Hand Sanitizer - Hand held
- Hand Sanitizer Dispensers
- Touchless faucets - boys and girls rooms
- Touchless flushometers - boys and girls rooms
- Touchless fixtures in kindergarten
- Turn off water fountains - only bottle filler stations
- Signage for Buildings & Grounds
- Hallway markers indicating six feet distance
- UVC Sanitation System
- Fogging Machines - Botanical Disinfectant



Student Arrival/Transportation

- Parents will be asked to transport their children if possible
- Students riding buses will be required to wear a face covering and social distance (1 child per ROW unless sitting with a family member)
- Students will arrive at their designated entrance; multiple entrances will be utilized to reduce the number of students entering at once
- Students will go directly to their assigned classroom (following social distance visual cues in the hallway)
- There will be designated areas for students having breakfast



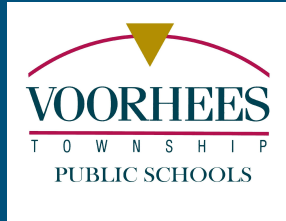
Lunch

- All students will eat in the cafeteria during their designated lunch period
- Seats will be marked/assigned to ensure social distancing
- Students will keep their face coverings until they are seated and able to eat
- Supervising staff members will keep their face coverings on and monitor students
- Students will wear their face coverings during recess unless directed by the staff that it is safe to take a break



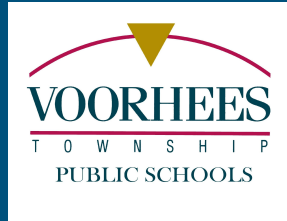
Social & Emotional Learning

- We recognize the need for students to have opportunities to connect with their peers when in remote learning and will plan opportunities accordingly
- Guidance counselors and CST members will collaborate to provide supports for students and staff who have anxiety or fears related to COVID19 (Please subscribe to the guidance counselors Google Classroom)
- The social and emotional health of our students and staff has always been a priority. The anxiety task force in each school will focus their attention on supports related to COVID19
- We will partner with outside agencies to provide additional supports when needed



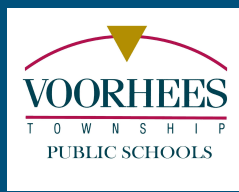
CER/Child Care

- The current plan is to offer a modified after school program
- K-CER will also operate
- For more specific information, please contact Mike Redfearn or visit the CER website redfearn@voorhees.k12.nj.us



Extracurricular Activities

- Although for High School, we will follow guidance from NJSIAA for sports
- Clubs and activities will be virtual whenever possible
- As we get updates, we will keep students and parents informed



Conclusion

- The plan is subject to change as new guidance is made available
- We are prepared for all possibilities for restart in the fall if new guidance is given
- The well being of our students and staff will remain our primary focus
- Parents have become an even more significant partner in the education of their children and we appreciate all their contributions.

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