

In this week's Parent Update, we want to share important information and updates about:

- Travel and quarantine requirements for summer school
- COVID 19 testing requirements for summer school
- Sick student protocol for summer school
- Strategic Planning surveys
- COVID-19 cases
- Laptop and charger returns
- Emergency Broadband Benefit information

Summer school begins on July 6 for those students who were invited and who have returned all required forms. Please see below for critical information regarding travel, quarantine and testing requirements, which will continue for summer school.

TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

In the East Windsor Public Schools, we are continuing to require masks in the school buildings and at any school event, indoors or outdoors. The mask requirement will be in place for summer school based on current DPH guidance. Thank you for respecting our protocols and helping us keep our students and staff safe.

In the East Windsor Public Schools, we are still requiring quarantine for any unvaccinated staff or students following travel or exposure to a known positive case of COVID-19. We anticipate this will continue for our students or staff during summer school.

Please note the quarantine requirements:

- Your child can quarantine for 10 days and return to school on day 11 if they feel well without being tested or,
- Your child can get tested between days 3 and 5 following exposure or return from travel and return to school no sooner than day 7 with a negative test and if they are feeling well. Students must quarantine while waiting for test results and they are expected to access remote instruction during that time.

If your child is tested, both the results of a PCR test or a positive rapid test are acceptable. A negative rapid antigen test is not accepted because there are too many false negative results with those tests.

This is also the time of year when we see many students with seasonal allergy symptoms. Some seasonal allergy symptoms can mimic COVID-19 symptoms. If your child has seasonal allergies, please provide your school nurse with documentation from your primary care physician stating your child has seasonal allergies. This will assist the nursing staff in making appropriate nursing assessments on when to send students home during this pandemic.

SICK STUDENT PROTOCOL FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

This is a friendly reminder that the East Windsor Public Schools is still following our student Covid sick protocol. We are seeing an increase in the number of students coming into school that are ill and that are subsequently being sent home.

- Please check your child's temperature every day before coming to school. If your child is sick, they need to stay home.
- If your child has any one of the following symptoms: fever over 100 degrees, chills, new onset cough, new loss of taste or smell or difficulty breathing please keep them home.
- If your child has any 2 of the following symptoms: headache, runny nose, general fatigue, muscle/body aches, sore throat, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them home.

If your child comes to school with these symptoms, your child will be placed in isolation and dismissed. You will be asked to provide a clearance note with a diagnosis for your child to return to school or the results of a negative PCR Covid 19 test.

COVID 19 TEST REQUIREMENTS FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we require a negative PCR test for students to return to school following travel or exposure. We cannot accept a negative rapid test due to the occurrences of false negatives.

I understand that dealing with phone calls from the school to pick up sick children, to discuss quarantine or any other matter can be frustrating, especially as we get close to the end of school but we ask that you continue to comply with the guidelines noted above. I appreciate your understanding that staff is doing the job asked of them and your continued patience, understanding and respectful communication with our staff is appreciated.

SUMMER LEARNING

Information about summer learning, such as summer reading suggestions, will be updated on each school's portal. Please encourage your children to check that information as we approach the end of school.

STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS

The East Windsor community is currently working on a strategic plan for its schools. It is the business plan for the future of the schools. It is extremely important that the community provides input into this plan.

The survey opens today and closes Sunday night and takes just five minutes to complete. Again, your input and insight is an extremely valuable part of the process.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/EWPS_Vision2024

LAPTOP AND CHARGER RETURNS

We have begun asking our elementary and middle school students learning in person to bring district issued laptops and chargers back to school for use during school.

All laptops and chargers will need to be returned to school for all students, including those learning remotely, on the following dates and times:

Broad Brook- June 10 and June 11 during school hours

East Windsor Middle – June 10 and June 11 between 9 am and 2 pm

East Windsor High – June 10 and June 11 between 9 am – 2 pm; June 14 between 9 am – 3 pm

Students who are remote learning will be provided assignments that do not require access to technology for the last days of school.

If you are not able to return the laptops during these hours, we need you to contact the schools' main offices to make arrangements.

Anyone who does not return a district issued laptop and charger will receive a bill to replace the items. We appreciate your cooperation in returning all district- owned property as we end the year.

Students participating in Advanced Placement classes will be able to pick up a laptop for summer work in July. More information will be provided regarding AP laptops. Students in summer school will have access to laptops during the summer program hours.

COVID-19 CASES

We have had 1 positive case since the last parent update.

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

Please see the attachment for information about emergency broadband.

This will be the last Parent Update until July 1. I will continue to send Parent Updates but less frequently than during the school year. I will also update information on the district website, specifically any changes to our plans for the start of school in September.

If anyone has questions, please feel free to email or call my office or the main office for your child's school. While staff will take vacation time during the summer months, we will check email or provide an alternative contact in our absences.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer.

Christine