

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

- Return to 5 days a week of in-person learning
- School Messenger
- Parent Conferences
- COVID-19 cases
- Travel
- Standardized Testing Schedule
- Damaged or missing devices

RETURN TO 5 DAY IN-PERSON

Beginning the week of April 26, the East Windsor Public Schools will return to 5 days per week of in-person learning. This is immediately following our April break. This means that:

- Wednesdays will now be in-person learning days, starting the week of April 26.
- Wednesdays will continue to be early release days for the remainder of this academic year.
- The early release on Wednesdays will allow staff to balance the needs of our remote learners while also increasing in-person learning for students in our buildings.

Remote learning will likely look different for the remainder of the year as teachers will now be instructing in-person classes on Wednesdays. Staff will continue to provide a schedule of when our remote learners should log into their live-streamed classes and videos will continue to be posted. Broad Brook Elementary School families will receive instructions on how to access recorded lessons not posted in SeeSaw.

Anyone who is not able to log in during scheduled instructional time will need to access the online resources. Staff availability for individual support will also change as we readjust to in-person learning 5 days per week. Please be patient and flexible if your remote learner is reaching out for support.

If you intend to change from remote to in-person learning, we ask that you contact your child's building as soon as possible, if you did not already complete the survey. If you have completed the survey AND intend to return in-person, you do not need to call the schools.

SCHOOL MESSENGER

It is critical that parents check the emails, voice messages, or texts that you receive from the schools through School Messenger. We include important and timely information in those communications that will be missed if families don't listen to or read

these messages. If you feel you're not receiving messages from your school, please contact us as soon as possible.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for next week on April 14 - April 16. Each of these days is an early release at the following times:

- EWHS 11:45 am -
- EWMS 12:35 pm -
- BBES 1:20 pm

COVID-19 CASES

We have had five positive cases since the last parent update.

We are including the student sick protocol in our parent update this week as we are seeing many students coming into school who are ill. It is imperative that these guidelines are followed to assist our district in keeping our schools open.

When nursing completes contact tracing parents can expect to receive a phone call from an unusual number, often on the weekend. Please return the call to your school nurse in a timely manner. If your child has been tested for COVID-19, the school nurse must have received a copy of your child's test results before he/she can return to school. Remember, a negative rapid test result is not accepted. A positive rapid test or the results of a PCR test are the only test results accepted. If you need to contact the school nurses, their contact information is below.

Mary Jo Lamas RN
Fax: 860-758-7509

East Windsor High School - 860-627-0169

Mary Ann Stroiney RN BSN
Fax: 860-370-9832

East Windsor Middle School – 860-654-0094

Christie Michaud RN BSN/
Fax: 860-386-6059
Mystica Davis LPN

Broad Brook Elementary School – 860-627-4986

TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

We know that staff and families are planning to travel during the April break. Please be reminded that leisure travel is not recommended even though the Governor's travel advisory has been lifted.

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 have made modifications to our 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.

Any middle and high school student athletes who travel outside of Connecticut for more than 24 hours are required to quarantine for 14 days. Per the Connecticut State Department of Health, there is no way to test out of the quarantine for athletes.

SPRING STANDARDIZED TESTING

Please look for communication from your child's school regarding spring SBAC, NGSS, and PSAT/SAT testing. There will be information regarding testing schedules, remote options for testers, and specific details relating to each school. Please feel free to contact your child's assistant principal with any questions related to this information.

SCHOOL DEVICES

If you have a school owned laptop or other electronic device that has been damaged or is missing, we need you to contact the school as soon as possible. Devices should be looked at and repairs addressed as soon as possible. We will also work with families to replace missing devices and arrange for payment. We will need to collect all school owned devices prior to the end of school.

SPRING SPECTATOR GUIDELINES AS OF APRIL 9, 2021

East Windsor is allowing spectators for spring sports however, the following guidelines must be followed or spectators will be asked to leave school grounds:

- **Masks MUST be worn at all times.**
- Home fans and a limited number of away fans will be allowed at all outdoor events.
- The number of fans will be based on specific spectator area capacity.
- Designated marked spots on each bleacher have been made. (Track meets only)
 - Spectators must sit one person per each marked spot.
- Fans are HIGHLY encouraged to bring their own chairs for baseball and softball games.
 - Bleachers WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE at baseball and softball games.
- If spectating from a place not on the bleachers, proper social distancing needs to be maintained at all times.
- The Athletic Director and all designees have the right to remove any spectators who do not adhere to the above protocol.

Please see the EWHS Athletics webpage for a listing of which NCCC schools are not allowing spectators. You are encouraged to check before you head to watch an away competition.

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend.

Christine