

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
- COVID-19 cases
- Travel
- Standardized Testing Schedule
- Damaged or missing devices

RETURN TO 5 DAY IN-PERSON

A reminder that the week after April vacation week of April 26, the East Windsor Public Schools will return to 5 days per week of in-person learning. This means that:

- Wednesdays will now be in-person learning days, starting the week of April 26. Families who have opted to do remote learning may continue to be remote.
- 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.
- As students return to the building, I'd like to remind families that the Parents tab on our district website provides many different resources including:
 - An interactive guide to the Portal
 - All building handbooks
 - Bullying reporting forms
 - The bus runs
 - School calendars

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.

While families can still access remote learning, we welcome any of our remote students back into the building. If you intend to change from remote to in-person learning, we ask that you contact your child's building as soon as possible.

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.

COVID-19 CASES

We have had no positive cases since the last parent update.

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.

Please see the EWS 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 April vacation!

Christine