



September 4, 2020

East Windsor Parent Update

A reminder for families: Students will attend school on the following dates for the first two weeks of school.

After the first two weeks, attendance in person will follow the schedule for students with last name A-K on Mondays and Tuesdays; students with last names L-Z on Thursdays and Fridays.

Students with last names A–K grades 1-12

- Sept 8, 14, 15

Students with last names L–Z grades 1-12

- Sept 3, 4, 10, 11

Students in Kindergarten last names A–K

- Sept 14, 15

Students in Kindergarten last names L–Z

- Sept 10, 11, 17, 18

Students in preschool—all students

- Sept 10 and attend Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday either morning or afternoon based on individual student assignments

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school.



All students in the East Windsor Public Schools are now eligible for free breakfast and lunch !!! There is nothing for families to do—just have your enrolled students come in for meals when they are in person or see page 3 for how you can get free breakfast and lunch on days you are remote—this includes our students who have opted out!! Check out the menus!

Students who have Opted Out

The CSDE has allowed students to temporarily opt out of in person learning. Students who have opted out may not have the same educational experience as those attending in person classes. Some experiences, such as labs, hands on activities or elective courses, may not be available to those who have opted out.

We are also not requiring students who opted out to log into their classes until Sept 10—the day after laptop distribution for those who have opted out. Your child may hear from their teacher prior to that date so if they have a laptop already they are welcome to check the Portal, email or any other resource. However, scheduled contact with students who have opted out will not occur until Sept 10.

Laptop distribution will occur Sept 9 from 12 pm to 6 pm at all three schools. Laptops will be available for those students who have completed the form sent Monday to the primary email on file. The form is also available through

the Parent Portal under Forms. If you do not complete this form prior to 4 pm Friday Sept 4, we will provide further information about laptop availability next week.

Those students who have opted out will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities or athletics at this time.

A reminder: if you have opted your child out of in person learning, we are happy to have you change your mind and decide to have them attend in person. However, do not send your child without having first contacted the school to discuss the re-entry. We are not able allow students to remain in the building if we have not had time to adequately plan for their arrival.

Thank you for your cooperation with all of these topics.

Meals Distribution

Students will be able to receive free breakfast and lunch on the days they are not in school—even if they opted out. Meals will be available Monday—Friday, except for school holidays (Labor Day, Columbus Day or school vacations etc...)

Meals will be available at the following on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays

East Windsor High School— pick up at side door of the cafeteria in the bus loop. Hours between 7:40 am—8:40 am

East Windsor Middle School—pick up at the side door of the cafeteria in the bus loop. Hours between 8:15 am and 9:15 am

Broad Brook Elementary— pick up at the front doors in the bus loop. Hours between 9:15 am and 10:15 am

We will have an extended pick up hours on Wednesday only from 8 am to 10 am at all schools.

Families will be able to pick up breakfast and lunch for that day. Meals will be the same as those on the menu and will be served cold with reheating instructions included if it was a hot meal on the menu.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

We wanted to send an important reminder on state travel guidance as families make travel plans for the Labor Day Weekend:

Families that are traveling out of state or internationally should review guidance from the CDC and State regarding self-quarantine.

[CT Travel Advisory](#)

[CDC Travel Recommendations](#)

If students travel to a identified high risk area and are recommended to quarantine, they cannot attend school in-person until the 14 day period has elapsed.

Please remember: we have resources on our Reopening Information page on the East Windsor Public Schools website to help you address your child's questions and anxiety about COVID 19.

We also have hints about getting your child used to wearing face coverings, which are required for all students at school and on the bus.

Please contact your child's school if you have any questions or need assistance in helping your child transition back to school.

<https://reopening.eastwindsork12.org/>

SPORTS UPDATE AS OF SEPT 4, 2020

Start dates and times for 8/31/2020 to 9/12/2020 for conditioning/practice. Scrimmages are not permitted.

Girls Soccer:

Monday 8/31/2020: 2:30-3:30 Soccer field

Boys Soccer:

Monday 8/31/2020: 4:30-5:30 Soccer field

Cross Country:

Monday 8/31/2020: 3-4 @ Reservoir

Volleyball:

Thursday 9/3/2020: 3-4 (Outside)

Swim: TBA

Full contact, 11 v 11 football has been cancelled by CIAC in accordance with DPH recommendations. More information regarding football to come as this decision was announced this morning.

DPH and CIAC continue to discuss other fall sports. We will continue to share information.



Update on Face Coverings from CSDE

Please find attached to this School Messenger the latest update from CSDE regarding face coverings. This will also be posted to the Reopening Information page of our website.

All students must wear an appropriate face covering as identified in this document. Please see the reopening page for more information. We will provide a disposable mask should your child ruin or soil their mask during the day.

Please note that neck gaiters require a student to fold the material over so it is doubled and bandanas would have to be se-

CHC AND COVID TESTING

The School Based Health Center (SBHC) will be offering Covid 19 testing for students who have Covid 19 symptoms. The test is a rapid antigen test. It done by the student or the parent of the student who would place a swab in the nose. Families would receive results in approximately 15 minutes by phone. If a student does test negative the recommendation would be that the student still go for a PCR nasal swab. This test typically takes 2 days for the results to return.

In order for a student to be tested for Covid 19 through the School Based Health Center, students must be enrolled in the SBHC. Here is the link for enrollment www.sbhcc1.com.

All students in the district can be tested if enrolled.

Middle School students would go to go to Broad Brook School for testing.

If you have any questions you can call the SBHC at East Windsor High School (860)623-3361 (Ext:7246) or at Broad Brook School (860) 623-2433 (ext:5172)

HELP US GET OFF TO A GREAT START

All of the staff has been hard at work getting ready for the students to arrive. I know some of you are anxious about school given our current circumstances.

I ask that you help the process go smoothly for all students and staff by following the procedures set out and following requests asked of you at our schools.

All of our plans are intended

to increase safety for everyone in our community.

We also continue to appreciate everyone's patience as we get used to teaching in this new way. We know families are feeling anxious about restarting school and are working to make it smooth but this is new to everyone.

Please review the Reopening Information on the district website at www.eastwindsork12.org for more information.