

# William Penn School District

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GREEN AVENUE ANNEX  
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William Penn Families and Community:

I hope you are well. We greatly appreciate your support as we work to serve our students during this unprecedented time.

I'm writing to inform you the CDC has released [updated guidance](#) for reopening schools. They conclude there is evidence that schools that are strictly following mitigation strategies have been able to safely open and stay open for in-person instruction. Our current operating procedures are aligned with CDC's updated guidance. We will continue to follow the guidelines as set forth by the CDC in conjunction with the Chester County Health Department.

The CDC mentions the importance of layering mitigation strategies in order to have the greatest potential for reducing the spread of the virus. The CDC specifically mentions the following as essential to reducing transmission:

1. Universal and correct use of face masks by all students, faculty and staff;
2. Maintaining physical distancing of at least six feet;
3. Frequent hand washing and respiratory etiquette;
4. Cleaning and maintaining facilities;
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine procedures.

We thank our students, faculty, and staff for following the five guidelines above that we have established for following in schools. We hope these guidelines are also being followed outside of schools and by members of our community. Everyone's cooperation in this area helps to ensure the safety of us all.

We are fortunate to be able to offer antigen testing for all teachers as an additional layer of mitigation. This surveillance testing program helps to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our school community.

There has been some discussion among Delaware County Superintendents about educating students with social distancing of three feet. We will maintain our current mitigation efforts, including social distancing of six feet, and our hybrid model of instruction through the remainder of this school year.

Again, thank you for all you do to support our students in the current model of instruction. Please remain diligent in adhering to mitigation efforts to help limit the transmission and outbreak of COVID-19 in our schools and communities.

Sincerely,



Dr. Eric J. Bocoats  
Superintendent