



Woodbridge, CT School District Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan *FAQ Supplement August 25, 2021*

Frequently-Asked Questions & Answers

Q: Will **the Extended-Day Program** occur in 2021-22?

A: Based on enrollment received through Aug. 16, yes, the District will be providing Extended-Day programming for September 2021.

Q: Does the Safe Return Plan apply to **Extended-Day**?

A: Yes. Extended-Day programming must comply with all aspects of the Safe Return Plan. Cohorting will occur by grade level.

Q: Will **Band** resume at Beecher in 2021-22?

A: We are committed to resuming Beecher's strong legacy of instrumental music in 2021-22. In September, details will be forthcoming to families of students in grades 4-6.

Q: What is the **procedure for a positive COVID-19 case** occurring at Beecher?

A: Parents/guardians whose students are considered "close contacts" will be contacted by a school administrator or nurse, first by telephone and then in writing. We are able to provide certain information based on HIPPA and FERPA requirements, and we will also explain the necessary quarantine information at that time.

Q: If a student has to be on **quarantine** this school year, how will remote learning occur?

A: The student will be provided with necessary learning materials, including a device if needed. If possible, these materials will be sent home with the student the day the student leaves school; if not, then they will be available the next day for pickup. Throughout the quarantine, the student will receive synchronous and asynchronous work for learning.

Q: How do **quarantine** cases relate to the school's attendance policy?

A: When a student learns from home due to quarantine, the days do not count as excused or unexcused absences.

Q: Briefly, what are the special **student drop-off and pick-up** protocols for 2021-22?

A: As during 2020-21, all student drop-off and pick-up by car will occur at the South entrance of Beecher. Drop-off is between 8:20 and 8:30 a.m.; pick-up begins at 3:00 p.m. Parents/guardians should follow the arrows and cones and respond to staff direction for where to navigate. It is helpful for pickup for each child's name and grade to be printed on a piece of paper hung in the car window.

Q: What percentage of school staff are **vaccinated**?

A: A rough estimate would be 95%. Additional information on this topic will be affected by decisions at the State level.

Q: What **screening testing for COVID** will the school provide?

A: WSD has indicated to CSDE an interest in the voluntary weekly screening testing for unvaccinated students.

Q: Are there any additional details on **buses** that can be provided?

A: Key elements of bus transportation for 2021-22 are: (a) all students and drivers must be masked; (b) for full ventilation, bus windows will be open as much as possible; (c) seating will be assigned, grouped by grade (with the younger students sitting in the front). Seating charts will be maintained so that proper contact tracing can occur if necessary.

Q: Are there any additional details on **lunch** that can be provided?

A: The year will begin with lunch being eaten in classrooms. After we assure a solid, safe reopening, we will transition gradually to lunch being eaten by classes in the cafeteria . . . a *couple* of class sections at once . . . with very good social distancing. Parents/guardians will be notified when we feel this is appropriate to begin.

Q: Will **snow days** be remote learning days in 2021-22?

A: We have not yet made this decision, which will be made after conversations with our BOWA partners, since we share a transportation agreement. We have received positive feedback on last year's approach, which converted snow days to remote learning days after the first three snow days. Some of our decisions in this regard must be governed by State statute.