

**Instruction****Policy Concerning Health and Safety Protocols Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Westport Board of Education (the "Board") recognizes the importance of developing health and safety protocols to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board thus directs the administration of the Westport Public Schools (the "Administration") to develop health and safety protocols consistent with applicable laws, rules, regulations and requirements, and to consider current guidance in the development of such protocols.

Compliance with such health and safety protocols shall be mandatory for all individuals while on school property or participating in a school-sponsored activity, unless a legally recognized exemption or exception applies. Failure to comply with such health and safety protocols may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property or the school-sponsored activity for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies.

The Administration shall provide appropriate notice of such health and safety protocols. Notice may be provided by way of electronic mail, regular mail, website posting, student handbooks, employee handbooks, and/or any other appropriate methods.

**Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes § [10-221](#)

Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together, Connecticut State Department of Education (June 29, 2020)

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