

RCS Reopening

Process & Procedures due to COVID-19

Updated 5/21/20

- Food Service Slides

Graduation for Class of 2020

Based on the Current Executive Order on Gatherings, options have been presented to county Public Health Offices but any large, in-person gathering still violates the order.

RCS Options:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1V7-fK-SBBwgV1EnanUQj1nWYg980eC4ZNYH7wYH_1QA/edit?usp=sharing

Letter from WFL Superintendents with Options:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UTywcTTMZ7Oa2dUyr4HeDsmtplsg9jflBmKvUwP1xWI/edit?usp=sharing>

Seneca County Public Health Response so far.....

With the current stage of PAUSE in effect, we do not believe either scenario would be allowed. Currently, the PAUSE regulation is no gathering of any size for any reason. (Now at 10 or less as of Memorial Day Weekend) Unfortunately, the re-opening phases are not well defined at this time and we have no guidance on what will be allowed at the end of June when the typical graduation is held.

I am concerned that even if you allow one graduate at a time, by the time you have graduate, parents, grandparents, School Superintendent, School principal, videographer/photographer etc. that it will be a small gathering and will quickly get out of hand. Even if they schedule one graduate every 15 minutes, there will be cars in line. Unfortunately, human nature is that if my best friend is in the car behind me waiting for their diploma, I am going to get out of my car and give him/ her a hug and talk to the family members while I wait for my turn. In order to enforce any kind of social distancing, it would require many individuals/law enforcement to be present, therefore, leading to a larger gathering. Also, what will happen when someone who is waiting needs to use the restroom?

WFL Superintendents Are Still Pursuing this...

On Friday 5/22/20, the Superintendents group will Zoom with Bob Duffy, Chair of the Finger Lakes Region Reopening Committee to present letter describing graduation options in an attempt to get this information to the Governor for approval of large group socially distanced ceremonies.

Reopen Schedule....

Finish to 19/20 School Year: June 16 for Students
 June 18 for Teachers
 June 25 for 10 month CSEA staff

On June 1: 10 month CSEA and all 12 month staff will resume. 10 month on call-in basis and 12 month full time

(At risk staff should contact their supervisor and in turn RCS Health Office)

Summer School for PK-6: July 6th - Mid-August (*in limbo until NYS or NYSED makes a determination on Summer School Mode*)

- 3 hours per day in elementary classrooms
- Transportation for around 60 students
- Meals

Regular School Year:

- Set now to start with Teacher Conference Day September 1-3
- Students start September 8

Regular School Year.....

If we can start on time in September

- Elementary, Middle Level, and High School Classrooms for 366 resident students and 133 non-resident students
- Transportation for approximately 325 students in and out of district
- Meals
- If NYSED maintains the 180 day requirement next year (900 hours Elementary, 990 hours Secondary) of either in school or combination of in school and remote instruction

How to do this?

Plans so far for students in September (per current CDC and subject to NYSED approval)

Chris Puylara, Jenn Bartlet-Prati, Mike Pane, Kathy Stuck

Teacher and Admin Subgroup Working on This - Ideas So Far..

PK & K - ½ day programming 5 days per week

1-5 Classrooms - 5 days per week, HR size reduced for distancing

6-12 Courses - alternating 4 day schedule M-R, Friday is office hours, cleaning
(hybrid model with 50% in-person reduction of students)

Transportation

Ed Ninestine, James Werner

- Maximum Capacity with distancing = 12
- Reducing the in-town pick up for older students will help distancing
- Alternating 6-12 schedule will help distancing
- Goal to remain on one run for AM/PM
- Maintain driver staff to accomplish

PPE, Disinfecting, Screening based on current CDC Guidance...

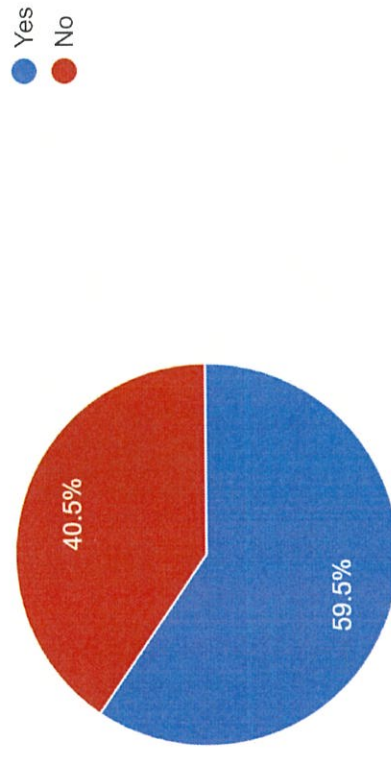
Ed Oldfield and Babette Bennett

- Masks must be worn when social distancing isn't occurring
- RCS must have available for employees
- Availability for students?
- Training on proper use, cleaning
- Gloves?
- Disinfecting of hands, high touch surfaces, rooms and common spaces

Mask Order
Screening | Training

Parent Survey Data

Social distancing, multiple runs, and disinfection between runs will most likely be required when school reopens. Regardless of whether you transpo...! you have your students ride to school on a bus?
116 responses



Parent Survey - sample responses...from 81 total

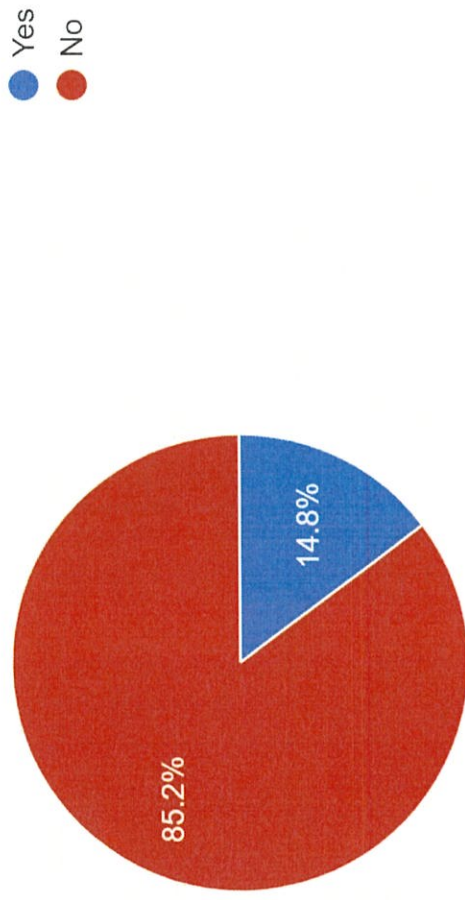
Social distancing, wearing a mask, and disinfection of high touch surfaces will most likely be required throughout the school day. Please share any concern for your student in light of these measures.

- I think social distancing among the young students will be extremely hard if possible at all.
- Will masks be provided? The reassurance that children will not swap masks.
- I don't think my kindergartner will want to wear a mask.
- The mask all day may be an issue for the 5th grader. No health issues though.
- I have two sons with sensory issues and the other is 5
- I'm not sure my son will wear a mask the whole day being he is only 6
- My question is: how will this be enforced?
- I don't see the masks as being overly useful - the younger kids will have difficulty keeping their hands off of it and (in my opinion) spread more germs to the face with it on.
- Breathing through a mask is hard enough for an hour shopping, let alone 6+ hours for school.
- I definitely do not agree with wearing masks. Social distancing along with wearing masks only suppresses their immune systems
- I can't imagine my child having to wear a mask while trying to learn. He has a hard enough time focusing. I imagine having to wear a mask while trying to learn will absolutely affect his ability to comprehend what he is being taught. I also had planned on enrolling my son in there 3 year program. I'm not sure that it would be the best idea for him as well. This all is so hard to grasp.
- I cannot see my child being able to focus with a mask on.
- Availability of mask and how are you going to keep the students apart?
- I believe this is a high stress situation for children, although they are adaptable. If you see grown adults not wearing masks and not doing social distancing and taking their masks off in stores.. I think the same would happen in school. They are uncomfortable and hot and muffle your speech.
- This is ridiculous and totally unnecessary. Totally disagree with this
- Wearing a mask in school, I worry that they will interfere with the children's learning and may be a bit of a distraction.
- It will be difficult all around for students, staff, as well as keeping the students to maintain the safety rules when they have difficulty following simple step rules now.
- Also a huge concern is parents sending their children when they are sick. How will we be sure a Child is well when they arrive?
- Even with effort on your part, it's kind of impossible to social distance in a school.

Parent Survey Data

Limited travel through the school day with altered class schedules, including limited menu meals served in classrooms will most likely occur when sc...t your decision to send your student(s) to school?

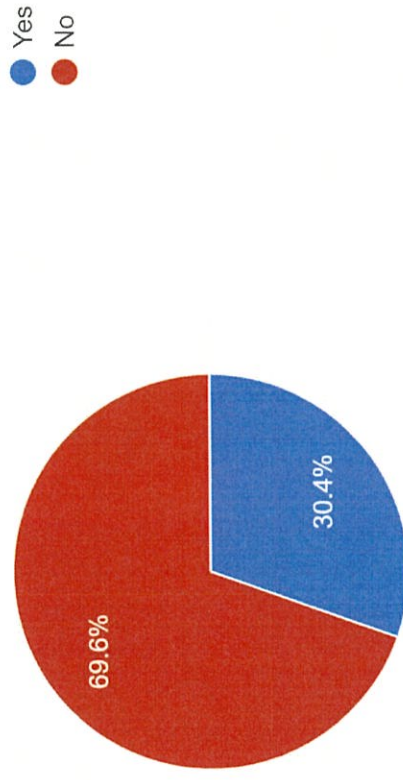
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Parent Survey Data

If continuing with remote learning instead of attending school in-person is an option for your student(s), will you prefer to have your student re...e during some or all of the 2020-2021 school year?

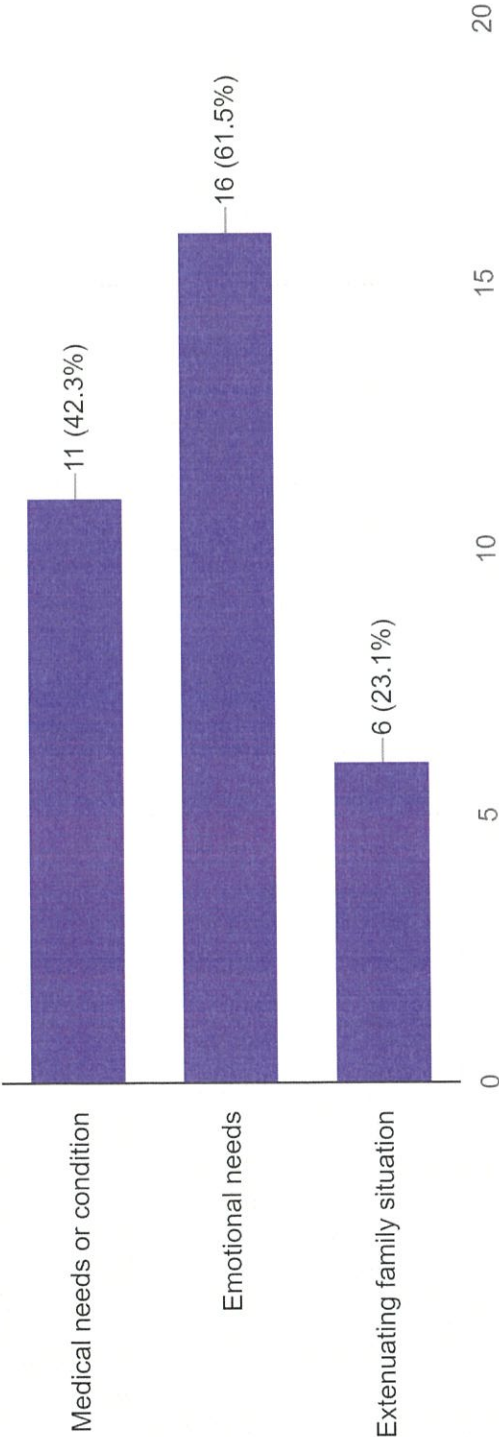
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Parent Survey Data

Please check any special needs for your student(s) which may affect their ability to attend school based on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis. You may check all that apply.

26 responses



Guidance as of today.....

Interim Guidance Document from CDC

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10MRQLXqICilJlji4ipO-pFHhZrJgaMNw/view?usp=sharing>

May 19th CDC Guidance

- Overall Guidance

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

- Reopening Decision Tool

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-decision-tool.html>

- CDC Signage

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

EPA Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-04/documents/316485-c_reopeningamerica_guidance_4.19_6pm.pdf

Potential Changes.....

What adjustments and changes do we make?

- Social Distancing in Schools (including buses)
- Screening for Sick Students & Staff
- Reduced access from visitors and travel outside of school
- Some Level of PPE for Everyone
- Altered Cleaning/Disinfecting Schedule
- Altered Instructional Schedule and Program
- Reassignment of Duties for Some Staff
- Revised Spending of Resources
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Working Together Towards Reopening

RCS still needs to be RCS

- Students love attending this school
- Staff miss being able to see & work with student and each other
- Our community trusts us and has great pride in the school

With all this - school operation will be different in light of the COVID-19 event. Leaders will need to be united and support each other to achieve the items above. With the current level of safety requirements, a “normal” school classroom, day, week schedule & operation will need to adjust. RCS can do this better than any other school in our region.

Additional Resources

CDC and EPA Joint Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes

Published April 29, 2020

This jointly developed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is intended for all Americans, whether you own a business, run a school, or want to ensure the cleanliness and safety of your home. This plan is part of the larger [United States Government plan](#) and focuses on cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools, and can also be applied to your home.

- [Cleaning and Disinfecting Decision Tool \(PDF\)](#)(2 pp, 424 K, April 29, 2020)

- [Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes \(PDF\)](#)(9 pp, 194 K, April 29, 2020)

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/guidance-cleaning-and-disinfecting-public-spaces-workplaces-businesses-schools-and-homes>

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Resources Continued...

New York State Disinfectant List

New York State Registered Disinfectants Based on EPA List

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

EPA Resources for COVID-19

<https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus>

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Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to COVID-19 – From CDC -March 25, 2020

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools-h.pdf>

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