

# Wyoming City Schools COVID-19 Plan Updates for Second Semester

This plan includes minimal updates from the current plan with the biggest change being to the hybrid plan schedule for in-school, when possible, learners. All updates are shared below. Families are asked to familiarize themselves with the updates to the plan and [use this form](#) if you'll be changing your child's learning option (**All-Online** or **In-School, When Possible**) for the second semester. If you'd like to make a change, please complete and submit the form by **this Sunday, Dec. 13**. If you are not making a change for second semester, there is no need to submit a form.

It is important to note that this plan is subject to change based on evolving conditions, status of the pandemic, and recommendations and guidance from public health authorities and the scientific community. If changes to the plan are necessary, they will be communicated as soon as possible.

## Learning Options: All-Online or In-School, When Possible



Families continue to have the choice of in-school learning, when possible, or an all-online option.

*When learning remotely, it is strongly recommended that students participate in their classes synchronously. Additionally, we see greater student engagement and more effective learning take place when student cameras remain on during Zoom sessions. When the camera is off, the teacher loses the ability to respond to visual cues, such as a student's head nods or shakes, visible confusion, or interest in contributing to the discussion. Having cameras on during class helps teachers adapt instruction and provide the most appropriate and immediate assistance and feedback. Please support your child to engage in remote learning synchronously with their camera on, when at all possible. If asynchronous learning and/or keeping the camera off is necessary for your child, students or parents are asked to please communicate this to your child's teacher(s).*

### **\*UPDATE: Monthly Commitment to All-Online Learning Option\***

**For the second semester, All-Online Learning will include a month-to-month commitment.** (At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, we asked families choosing All-Online Learning to commit to that choice for the entire first semester.) During the second semester, if a family would like to move from All-Online Learning to In-School Learning, they are asked to submit a request to their child's principal by the monthly deadline. All requests will be considered and students will be welcomed into their buildings on the following Monday, when at all possible. Monthly deadlines are:

**Friday, January 29**

**Friday, February 26**

**Friday, March 19**

**Friday, April 30**

Students can continue to move from In-School, When Possible, Learning to All-Online Learning at any time with a notice sent to the principal.

### **All-Online Learning Option:**

The All-Online Learning Option continues in its current form with teachers utilizing Zoom live streaming, while providing instruction to students in the classroom. This option shares the same instructional focus as, and is paced to, the in-school learning option. Extracurricular participation is available for all-online learners (eligibility requirements remain in place).

## In-School, When Possible, Learning Option:

Decisions about weekly learning mode (in-person, hybrid, or all-online) will continue to be made using the [Wyoming City Schools Learning Mode Decision Matrix](#) and input from the [Wyoming City Schools Science Advisory Team](#). [More information about this process is available here](#).

### \*UPDATE: Hybrid Schedule\*

When on the Hybrid Schedule, Wednesdays will no longer be a remote day for both cohorts. On the Hybrid Schedule, we will run a two-week rotation, as follows:

Blue Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person	Online	Online
Cohort B	Online	Online	Online	In-Person	In-Person
White Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A	In-Person	In-Person	Online	Online	Online
Cohort B	Online	Online	In-Person	In-Person	In-Person

**Kindergarten & First Grade Families:** We continue to work to have our in-person K-1 students in their classrooms five days each week, even when the rest of the district is on the hybrid schedule. Because the average class size at these grade levels is smaller than in other grades, we may be able to have all in-person K-1 students in their classrooms five days each week while continuing to implement all elements of our infection mitigation strategies, including 6-feet of social distance between all individuals. After we receive all requested changes from families on Sunday, Dec. 13, we will look at total in-person numbers and determine if we can take next steps to have all in-person K-1 students in their classrooms five days a week.

### \*UPDATE: Calendar Adjustment\*

**K-12 Independent Learning Days: Fridays, January 15, February 12 & March 19: Regardless of current learning mode, no in-person instruction will take place on these Fridays.** All students will be provided with instructional material for independent learning and will learn remotely on these days and teachers will be available to provide direct assistance to students via Zoom 1:30-2:30 p.m. for office hours.

## Health & Safety: Multiple Layers of Protection



In our first semester, we learned that school protective protocols could be strictly implemented in Wyoming City Schools. We will continue all elements of our protective bundle, including the use of home-based daily health screenings, face coverings, social distancing of at least three feet, barriers,

hand hygiene, and cleaning practices. Personal barriers at the high school and middle school will be replaced, as needed. We will continue to work closely with Hamilton County Public Health and continue our current practices for COVID-19 diagnosis and communication.

## Building Operations & Transportation



We will continue all current building operations, including hallway traffic patterns, non-use of drinking fountains, and practices around lockers, lunch, recess, playgrounds, school clinics, and visitors.

### **\*UPDATE: Busing\***

**Though our goal is to have no more than two students per bus seat, we cannot guarantee that for the second semester.** We will continue to have consistent, reserved seating, and our other safety protocols but, should it become necessary, a third student may be assigned to a seat.

### **\*UPDATE: Field Trips\***

**No field trips will take place during the third quarter.** All 4th quarter trips will be determined on an individual basis.

## Equity & Access



We will continue all current practices around devices, individualized needs, internet connectivity, and student nutrition.

## Social & Emotional Health



We will continue all wellness support services and will continue to have a designated staff member assigned and responsible for checking in with students participating in all-online learning.

### **\*UPDATE: Well-Being Team\***

**We will be forming a team tasked with proposing and planning student and staff wellness activities.**

*[The Wyoming City Schools 2020-2021 First Semester Plan for Return is viewable in its entirety here.](#)*

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