

Delaware Valley School District

2021-22 Health and Safety Notes

We look forward to a successful 2021-22 school year despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Below, you will find information about our plan to start the school year. If we learned anything last year, it is that things are ever-changing. Like last year, we will need to monitor the situation closely and make modifications as needed.

1. Mask wearing in schools is optional and recommended by the CDC.
2. Mask wearing on buses is mandatory due to a federal mandate; bus seating will return to normal.
3. Vaccines are optional and recommended by the CDC.
4. Social distancing in classrooms will be to the greatest extent possible. We will once again spread the student desks out as much as possible and remove any ancillary furniture to create more space. The CDC recommendation is 3-6 feet.
5. Cafeteria seating will be every other seat with no one sitting directly across from another person. The goal is 3 feet or more and will vary somewhat based on table shapes and sizes. For example, some tables are 4' wide while others are 4.5' wide.
6. According to the Department of Health, a close contact is defined as a person that is within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes. A close contact does not have to quarantine if he or she:
 - is fully vaccinated
 - has tested positive for COVID-19 or antibodies in the past 90 days
 - was properly wearing a mask and so was the COVID-positive person
7. The quarantine period will be 10 calendar days without testing or 7 calendar days with a negative test on or after day 5.
8. Quarantined students will access assignments via Schoology and be supported by their teachers through email, telephone and/or video calls.
9. Thorough daily cleaning will continue to occur in all schools.
10. Disinfecting will continue on a regular basis in all schools and on a daily basis in key areas such as buses, cafeterias, locker rooms and weight rooms.
11. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system will continue to be serviced regularly as part of our preventative maintenance program which includes the regular changing of filters. Increased amounts of fresh air will continue to be added to the system.

12. We will continue to make our facilities available if the Department of Health (DOH) and/or Wayne Memorial Hospital (WMH) want to offer vaccination clinics.
13. We will continue to work closely with the DOH, WMH and other state agencies and associations.
14. Mental health services - an additional social worker has been hired to help us provide services to students in need in all 7 schools. Prior to this year, we only had social workers serving the three secondary schools. A combined 14 counselors, 4 psychologists and 3 social workers will work closely to provide these services.
15. Tutoring - a full schedule of tutoring will be available in all schools to help students who need assistance.
16. Software – many software programs are available to help students with any deficiencies or to enhance their learning. See our website’s parent page or consult your child’s teacher for recommended programs.
17. Orientations – new student orientations will be expanded to include not just the new grade moving into a school but also transfer students and students who might have changed schools last year but didn’t attend in-person. An example of this would be a rising seventh grader who was on Zoom last year as a sixth grader.
18. Co-curricular activities - a big push will be made to encourage students to join clubs and sports teams to develop a stronger sense of belonging and involvement in their school. These numbers were lower than normal last year and we hope to return the participation rates to pre-pandemic levels.
19. Other – the schools have many ideas to help to welcome the students back, keep them safe, and support them academically and emotionally as we try to return to some sense of normalcy.
20. Questions? - Please call the following offices to obtain more information:

DVHS	296-1850	Transportation	296-1883
DDMS	296-3140	Student Registration	296-1889
DVMS	296-1830	Special Education	296-1810
DVES	296-1820	Athletics	296-1859
DDPS	296-3130		
DDES	296-3120		
SES	296-3600		