

Wyoming Valley West School District



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To parents/guardians of the Wyoming Valley West School District:

Over the past several months, Wyoming Valley West School District has begun to plan a safe reopening of our schools. As the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, these plans may change, depending on guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and other governmental agencies, but what will remain constant is our concern for the safety and welfare of all of our students and staff. Here is what you can expect regarding transportation when school begins, regardless of whether we open in the Green or Yellow phase:

- 1. Students using District transportation will be required to wear masks;
- 2. Buses will be thoroughly sanitized at least twice each day;
- 3. Assigned seats on buses will enforce distancing as much as possible;
- 4. Parents are encouraged, where possible, to self-transport students to school.

While our goal is to provide transportation in an environment that is as safe as possible, we cannot guarantee a germ-free environment at any stage of the transportation process, including at bus stops and on the buses themselves. Please remember that, while the District makes transportation available, the choice to use it is made by the parent/guardian, and <u>you assume responsibility for that choice.</u>

We ask that all parents visit the District website (www.wvwsd.org) as soon as possible and complete our bus survey regarding transportation plans for the 2020-21 school year. This will enable us to get an accurate picture of the number of students who will be using District transportation. Please note that, if you choose to use District transportation, it remains the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide your student with the required PPE.

Wyoming Valley West School District will continue to update the Health and Safety Plan that is posted on our website. Please review the plan to be informed about the role and responsibilities of parents/guardians in keeping our students and staff as safe as possible.

Thank you, Kim Alfano Transportation Director Wyoming Valley West School District