



DOLGEVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Sending Students into the World Well Prepared

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Hello Dolgeville CSD parents and guardians,

We hope that you are enjoying some summer fun with your children! We know that everyone is anxiously awaiting information regarding school reopening in September. Last week, we finally received guidance from the NYS Department of Health and the NYS State Education Department regarding the regulations we must follow to return safely to school.

We, your principals and supervisors in transportation, facilities and food service are working this week to form plans for all aspects of returning to school using the guidance received and we will be publishing those plans as soon as we can.

We have been instructed to plan for three different instructional scenarios: full time return to in-school instruction, full time virtual instruction and a hybrid model which utilizes both in-school instruction and virtual instruction.

The type of instructional model we use will be dictated by the county COVID 19 infection rate. As of today, the plan is to return to school using some sort of hybrid model. We want our students back in the classroom with us, but the current requirements issued by the Department of Health will not allow for us to return 100% to in-school.

Here is what some of the NYS Guidance tells us which, at this time, will help you with some planning:

- **Parents are required to ensure their children have masks to wear on the bus and at school**
 - Students will be required to wear masks on the school bus; boarding, riding and exiting.
 - Students will be required to wear masks in the school building common areas, hallways and offices. Masks will be required in the classroom when entering, exiting, moving about the classroom and any time it is impossible to maintain social distancing. At this point—we are contemplating reducing class sizes to ensure that social distancing in classrooms can occur during the day—allowing for students to remove masks while social distancing.
- **All students and staff must have temperatures checked and answer screening questions daily, prior to entering school**
 - At this point we are deciding by who, when and how that screening (temperatures and questions) will be done.
 - If a student or staff member has a temperature above 100 degrees, they will not be allowed to remain at school

Keep in mind that we are working to make a plan based on what is best for different age groups, childcare situations for parents to return to work and for students who require different services to learn as best as they can.

We know you have **MANY more questions and concerns** about what the reopening of school will look like. We are working on those plans this week and will be inviting parents and others to join a stakeholder's committee which will be meeting during the week beginning July 27th to formalize our reopening plans. If you are interested in being on the stakeholder's committee, please contact Mrs. Sandy Allen at 315-429-3155 x3501 or SAllen@dolgeville.org

Stay safe and healthy and be assured that we are all excited to see your children in school—no matter which scenario we are required to follow!

Sincerely,

Lynn K. Rhone, Superintendent

