

YORKTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Yorktown Community Schools
Revised Reopening Plan
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Introduction

Yorktown Community Schools issued a preliminary reopening plan more than one month ago, on June 23, 2020. This plan was based on the Back-on-Track Plan promulgated by Governor Holcomb. Subsequent to that time, additional data, guidance, and information have been received. This revision provides updated guidance and new information.

Use of Face Coverings

- Yorktown Community Schools will comply with the [Governor's Executive Order 20-37](#) regarding face coverings in school and on buses. This order is effective on Monday, July 27 and remains in effect until rescinded or modified by the Governor.
- Yorktown Community Schools will provide at least two (2) cloth facemasks to all students and will provide a cloth facemask to every employee. Each school building will communicate with parents regarding opportunities for curbside pickup of school-provided face coverings prior to the start of school.

Virtual Options

While in-person instruction is preferred, virtual instruction is being made available by choice to students in all grades. An election for virtual instruction must be made prior to the start of the school year. Due to state requirements, parents and students who choose virtual instruction should expect it to be more rigorous in the 2020-21 school year than that provided in the spring of 2020. Yorktown's virtual program has been developed in response to COVID-19. Virtual offerings beyond the first semester will be determined based on the size of the demand. Virtual students will be required to be physically present in school buildings for any required state assessments.

Virtual-Elementary Grades

Yorktown Community Schools will offer virtual instruction in grades K-5. One licensed teacher per grade level has been assigned and will use Yorktown-created content, compliant with Yorktown and state standards. Transitions back to in-person instruction will generally be limited to the end of grading periods.

Virtual-Secondary Grades

Virtual instruction in grades 6-12 will be via Odysseyware and will be supervised by a Yorktown certified teacher. In addition, the district has selected Yorktown teachers who are licensed in mathematics, science, social studies, and language arts to provide asynchronous support via e-mail and other virtual means. Transitions back to in-person instruction will be limited to the end of semesters.

*This document is based upon the most current guidance from state and local officials and will be updated as new information is available.

Other Precautions

The following safety precautions have been implemented for 2020-21:

- In addition to routine cleaning, electrostatic cleaning systems will be used daily in each building and every classroom, as well as on every school bus after each route. The cleaning products to be used have been approved by the Maintenance Director and School Nurse.
- Classrooms will be provided with disinfectant cleaner approved by the Maintenance Director and School Nurse for additional cleaning.
- While six feet of social distancing is not possible in many classrooms, assigned seats will be used, and all seating will be facing in the same direction based on guidance from the State Health Commissioner.
- Designated spaces for symptomatic students and staff, separate from the regular clinics, have been identified in each school.
- The school nurse has developed procedures for handling symptomatic students and staff members, planning for quick separation from the general population, and for monitoring requirements for return-to-school.
- Schedules have been adjusted for lunches in each building to reduce waiting in line.
- Additional lunch tables have been purchased for satellite locations for student dining (gymnasium at Pleasant View, auxiliary gym at Yorktown High School, hallway/surge space at Yorktown Middle School). Staggered arrival times and classroom lunch will be used at Yorktown Elementary School until new gymnasium space is available.
- Seats will be assigned in all cafeterias.
- All schools have developed plans/schedules for dining in classrooms, if necessary.
- Touchless bottle filler fountains are available in all schools due to the temporary state restrictions on traditional drinking fountains.
- Student desks have been purchased to replace tables in most elementary classrooms. This will increase social distancing and comply with guidance from the Indiana State Health Commissioner.
- Schedules have been adjusted and staffing adjusted to eliminate morning assembly times in all schools.
- Seats will be assigned on all school buses. Bus routes have been added or adjusted to reduce crowding. In keeping with the Governor's Order, face coverings will be required on all buses.
- Plexi-glass panels have been installed in school offices and lunch serving lines.
- Yorktown High School and Yorktown Middle School will begin the school year on a homeroom schedule to reduce traffic in hallways and large group interactions. Expect additional communication from these schools regarding this plan.

Moving to Virtual or Hybrid Models

Yorktown Community Schools will continue to review state guidance. Should the state or Delaware County be moved backward into Stage 4, Yorktown's reopening task force will convene immediately to determine if moving to total virtual instruction or a hybrid model is

needed. A hybrid model, used at Yorktown Middle School and Yorktown High School, would consist of all employees reporting regularly every day, while students will be divided into two groups to attend half of the time. The hybrid model is designed to increase social distancing within the buildings.

Intermittent Closures

In the event of positive cases of COVID within the school population, the district will make immediate contact with the Delaware County Health Department. The Delaware County Health Department will determine scope and duration of school closures.

All students should take their school-issued instructional devices (iPad or MacBook) home each day. Teachers will be prepared to move to virtual instruction for the duration of any health department-ordered closure.

Whom do I contact for more information?

For building-level questions, including virtual learning options, contact your school’s principal:

Pleasant View Elementary School, Mrs. Kathy Ray, kray@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown Elementary School, Mr. Wes Thornburgh, wthornburgh@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown Middle School, Mr. Heath Dudley, hdudley@yorktown.k12.in.us
Yorktown High School, Ms. Stacey Brewer, sbrewer@yorktown.k12.in.us

For high school athletic questions, contact the athletic director:

Mr. Paul Heidenreich, pheidenreich@yorktown.k12.in.us

For health-related reentry questions, including reports of symptoms or positive cases, contact the corporation nurse:

Brooke Wagner, R.N., bwagner@yorktown.k12.in.us

For employment questions, contact the corporation deputy treasurer:

Brooke Crowder, bcrowder@yorktown.k12.in.us