



# REOPENING REVISIONS

## Neshannock Junior-Senior High School

### IN-PERSON SCHEDULE

Effective November 2, 2020

**Grades 7-12 Attend Daily**

9:53 am - 2:53 pm

### VIRTUAL STUDENTS

Virtual students may remain virtual or return to the in-person setting on November 2. Virtual students wishing to remain virtual do not need to contact the school.

### LIVE VIRTUAL MEETINGS

10th Period - Daily  
2:57 - 3:25pm

*Both virtual and in-person students may participate in live, virtual sessions during 10th Period -- details forthcoming.*

**INTERESTED IN TRANSITIONING FROM  
VIRTUAL TO IN-PERSON LEARNING?**

**Contact Mrs. DeVincentis by October 23**

### BOARD-APPROVED REOPENING REVISIONS

*Effective November 2, 2020 Until Further Notice*

Three focus groups - comprised of administrators, teachers, medical professionals, and parents - were dedicated to creating the safe reopening plan for Neshannock Township School District. Health and safety guidelines provided by the CDC, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and Pennsylvania Department of Education guided all decisions for the initial reopening plans. In addition to preparing the physical space, a virtual learning environment was prepared for our learners who were not comfortable returning to the brick and mortar setting.

The months of planning, preparing, and analyzing proved to be time well spent as we were able to safely welcome our students, faculty, and staff back to the building for the first time since March. In addition, the virtual setting has proven to be a safe haven for students wishing to continue their academic advancement with NTSD from the privacy and comfort of their own homes.

Taking into account the wants and needs of all stakeholders in addition to health and safety guidelines, District officials have revisited the learning options and are pleased to announce the plans in effect until further notice. **Our hybrid learners will be scheduled back to the building -- five days a week -- effective November 2 until further notice.** The hybrid, every-other-day schedule will come to an end on Friday, October 30. Virtual students may remain virtual, or they may return to the building.

**Hybrid students will be automatically transitioned to the in-person learning option.** There is no need for parents/guardians to contact the school. On the other hand, parents/guardians of virtual students wishing to transition to the in-person setting, or in-person students wishing to transition to virtual, will need to contact Mrs. Brenda DeVincentis by Friday, October 23. **Virtual students will automatically remain in the virtual setting unless the school is notified otherwise by a parent/guardian.**

The Schoology online learning platform will continue to be an essential component of our school day at the Jr./Sr. High School. Teachers will utilize preparatory time to continue to make instructional videos, materials, and assignments accessible to students on Schoology. In response to COVID-19, students are encouraged stay home from school when feeling unwell. Students unable to attend in-person will be able to utilize the virtual classroom extension in order to stay current with all coursework.

# NESHANNOCK JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL

# GENERAL PROCEDURES

## Health and Safety Procedures for the First Quarter of In-Person Instruction

- **Student Arrival:**
  - Bus riders will enter the building at the Central Office rear entrance.
  - Student drivers and drop-offs will enter the building at the high school lobby entrance.
  - All students (and staff) will walk through the touch-free temperature scan systems upon entry. Students with a temperature above 100.4 will report to a specified isolation area and immediately be evaluated by the nurse. Faculty and staff with a temperature above 100.4 will leave campus immediately.
  - Although students do not need to be present until 9:53am, students may arrive as early as 8:00am if needed. Early students will report to a supervised study hall until it is time to report to first period.
- **Student Dismissal:**
  - Students will be released from Period 9 in stages to avoid locker congestion.
  - Bus riders will be released immediately. Student drivers and riders will be released after busses are loaded.
  - Jr./Sr. High students will be able to stay for Period 10 as needed; however, they will be responsible for their own transportation home from school.
- **District Transportation:**
  - Students will be given assigned seats and spaced accordingly. Masks are required on all busses. Per your responses (due by August 12), the District will follow your transportation requests; however, alternative arrangements may be accommodated with a minimum of 24-hour notice.
  - Students will receive their bus assignments in the mail closer to the start of school.
  - Transportation Department: 724-654-2650
- **School Visitors:**
  - No visitors will be permitted in the building unless scheduled for an appointment.
  - Visitors will be required to wear a mask, to take temperature, and to sign the register.
- **Classroom Layouts:**
  - Classrooms will be filled at 50% capacity.
  - Desks will be facing the same direction and spaced accordingly.
- **Lunch:**
  - Students who are eating a school lunch will eat in the cafeteria. Students will be physically spaced accordingly.
  - Students who are bringing a packed lunch will eat in the gymnasium. Seating will be provided and spaced accordingly.
  - Both locations will be appropriately monitored. No food or drink is to be shared.
- **Common Areas and Hallways:**
  - Students will utilize one staircase for going upstairs only and another staircase for going downstairs only.
  - Students will walk on the right side of the hallway. Hallways will be directional where possible. Signage will be on display.
  - Students will wear masks in common areas, hallways, and any areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting Enhancements:**
  - Additional custodians have been added to the maintenance department. In addition to previous cleaning/sanitizing routines, one custodian will be solely dedicated to maintaining the cleanliness and supplies in all restrooms.
  - High-traffic areas will be continually monitored and sanitized throughout the school day, in addition to daily cleaning and sanitizing of the building interior.

# NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HEALTH ROOM PROCEDURES

## School Nurses

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Grades 7-12

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**WE ARE ENCOURAGING PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS, NOW MORE THAN EVER, TO KEEP STUDENTS HOME WHO ARE NOT FEELING WELL. THERE WILL BE A VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION EXTENSION FOR STUDENTS IN ALL GRADE LEVELS. ABSENT STUDENTS MAY LOG IN AND ACCESS THE LESSONS AND MATERIALS EACH DAY THEY ARE OUT OF THE BUILDING.**

## General Procedures:

- Teachers will be given items such as sanitizer and first-aid supplies to manage small needs within the classroom.
- In order to reduce congestion and to promote social distancing in the health room, teachers will call before sending students to the health room.
- When a student is presenting suspected COVID-19 symptoms in the classroom, the following protocol will be followed:
  - The teacher will call the school nurse.
  - The student will be instructed to wear a mask and to bring all belongings to the health room.
  - The nurse will bring the student directly to the isolation room. The nurse will perform appropriate health history, physical assessment, and documentation.
  - The nurse will notify the parent/ guardian to pick up the student.
  - The parent/ guardian will be instructed to follow up with the appropriate healthcare provider for evaluation.

**Quarantine:** Neshannock Township School District will follow the recommendations provided by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health.

When a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student will quarantine at home until all of the following criteria are met:

At least 10 days from the onset of symptoms AND

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of anti-fever medications AND

Symptoms are improving

- When a student has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to COVID-19, the school nurse will contact the student's parents/ guardians with specific directions and guidance.

**Contact Tracing:** In the event that students have been exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case, NTSD will cooperate and work with the PA Department of Health as contact tracing procedures are conducted. Parents/guardians of individuals with confirmed exposure to COVID-19 will be contacted by the PA Department of Health as soon as possible.



## **At-Home Health Screening Tool for Students**

Parents/Guardians: More than ever, it is important to keep your child home when he/she does not feel well. Please review this screening tool before school every morning for each school-aged child residing in your home. If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms or you answer yes to any of the following questions, please keep your child home.

### **Is your child experiencing any of the following?**

- Temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of headache, especially with a fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Runny nose and/or congestion
- Fever-like symptoms such as body aches, chills, and/or sweating
- Any complaint of feeling unwell
- Has your child taken any cold/cough medicines and/or fever reducers (such as Tylenol or ibuprofen) today?

### **Has your child had a recent, potential exposure?**

- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19?
- Traveled by air or traveled out of the state in the past 14 days?
- If yes, please contact the school before returning to the school campus.

**If students are experiencing sudden or severe symptoms, please seek immediate medical attention.**



# NESHANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## CONTACT INFORMATION



### MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADES K-6

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