

# Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you to those who attended our Special Board Meeting on Thursday, December 10th. As we presented our reopening plan, we asked that you post any questions in the chat box in order to streamline our levels of communication. As stated, we have worked collaboratively to hopefully answer those questions throughout the following document. In addition, we are including our past FAQs that were presented at previous board meetings.

We know that the decision your family faces is not an easy one. The processes and strategies created in our plan provides transparency, flexibility and guidance for our staff and students. The Wesley leadership team is committed to providing instructional continuity through different options while prioritizing the health and safety of all stakeholders.

As always, please reach out to a member of the Wesley Leadership Team with any questions.



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### **Can Administration tell us if our teacher will teach in person or virtually before we choose on the survey?**

Unfortunately, staffing announcements will be made on January 19th. We will not know teacher assignments until family intent to return data is collected.

### **Will hybrid determination be done by grade level for PYP based on teacher/family intent or will it be determined that all of the PYP will be hybrid based on intent?**

It is based on grade level and homeroom availability.

### **If we choose to stay home this round, when will we be able to review or change that decision? And the same for if we decide to attend now, when can we adjust or reevaluate that decision later?**

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### **If your learner goes back onsite and they are exposed (or just normal sick) and stays home, can they join the virtual instruction?**

It is our expectation that students adhere to their chosen instructional model. In the event your child has a prolonged absence, please reach out to your school level administrator to determine if other options may be available.

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### **Will there be drastically different sized classrooms in the same grade?**

If the class exceeds 50% (~11-12 students), then the class would have to implement our hybrid schedule. Parents should anticipate the likelihood of hybrid schedules for schools with a return for in-person capacity greater than 50% of homerooms available. We are going to try and balance our classes as much as possible to stay within our normal limits.

### **Will you stagger start times?**

To accommodate families with multiple siblings, we will not stagger start times. Start time and dismissal times will be the same for all students.

### **How will students be tested? Is that up to parents, then the parents must notify the school? The quarantine plans require knowledge that a student has tested positive...**

It will be up to the discretion of parents as to whether or not they have their child tested for Covid. We will not mandate that anyone get tested but will rather leave this to parents.

### **Is there a date by when all students have to return to in-person school?**

The virtual learning option will be available until the end of the school year.

### **Is this decision for the remainder of the school year?**

We will continue to monitor the situation and seek information from local officials. If there is any update to our plan, we will communicate with our stakeholders.

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### **Would the reopening dates be pushed back if the number of cases per 100,000 is not low enough?**

The CDC indicators are guideposts that we will use in our decision making. While we plan to provide parents with the choice of having their children return to in person learning, this choice remains contingent upon it being safe to do so. That said, the number of cases per 100,00 is just one of several indicators we will be using to guide our decision.

### **Will the face to face students be alternating weeks? On an A/B schedule?**

If the capacity of a homeroom exceeds 50%, we will implement our A/B week hybrid schedule.

### **Will students be bringing book bags and/or laptops to school?**

Students will need to bring their computers and book bags to school each day if they elect for in person learning.

### **Will students be required to wear school uniforms if returning for in person instruction?**

For in person learning, we have modified our uniform requirements. Students will be required to wear a Wesley top with any school appropriate bottoms and shoes. School appropriateness is defined as followed:

- No open-toed shoes
- No ripped, torn, or see through clothing
- No inappropriate language or images
- No midriff or backless tops
- No biker shorts or leggings as a stand-alone clothing item
- Fingertip length still applies

\*See final page for examples

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## Practicing Prevention

### **How will Wesley minimize the spread of Covid -19 inside the building? Will the building be cleaned at additional times given these circumstances?**

One of the main reasons why Wesley is ending its day earlier is to include additional time for cleaning and sanitizing. Our cleaning crew will come in two hours earlier to begin cleaning each night. This will include a wipe-down of all surfaces and student areas. On Thursday evening at the conclusion of students' school week, deep cleaning will ensue.

### **Will my child be required to wear a mask? Will masks be available if my child forgets his or her mask?**

Wearing a mask will be required. Students will need to supply their own masks as the school will only have a few extras on hand

### **Will teachers be required to wear masks?**

Teachers will be required to wear masks at all times in the building when they are in the presence of students and other teachers. Teachers will also be required to wear a face-shield which Wesley will provide.

### **Will there be designated times for students to wash their hands and/or apply hand sanitizer?**

Students will be reminded to apply hand sanitizer at designated times throughout the day. All classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitizer to facilitate routine disinfecting.

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## Practicing Prevention

### **How will classrooms be organized to maintain social distancing between students?**

Students will be seated at least 6 feet apart in all areas of the classroom when feasible. This includes times when students may be seated at a desk or on the carpet. When students are engaged in group work, social distancing guidelines will remain in place.

### **Will there be visual cues throughout the building to remind students and teachers of social distancing?**

Arrows will be pictured on the school floors to illustrate the flow of traffic. Most stairwells and hallways will be one way in order to maintain social distancing. In addition, Wesley will use tape to cordon off individual student areas. Multiple signage throughout the building will remind students to sanitize their hands, and maintain distance, as well.

### **Will my child be reminded of social distancing expectations each day? What if s/he forgets or does not follow these guidelines?**

Students will be reminded of expectations daily--both during the morning announcements and by their teachers. If a student forgets or does not follow such expectations, he or she will be gently redirected accordingly.

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## Communication

### **If I suspect my child may have Covid or if s/he is ill, whom should I speak with?**

If your child is absent due to illness, please email your child's homeroom teacher. S/he will forward your email to the appropriate academy-level administrator and the nurse who will then communicate with local health officials. Wesley will participate in contact-tracing activities to mitigate the spread of Covid within the Wesley community and beyond.

### **If there is a child in my child's class who is diagnosed with Covid or displaying symptoms, will I be notified.**

Parents will be notified of suspected cases but will not be given identifying information of the student with a confirmed or suspected case. Wesley will maintain the confidentiality of all students during this time.

### **If I am unsure as to whether my child is displaying symptoms, should I still communicate with the school?**

Yes, by all means please let your child's teacher know your concerns even if you are unsure. This will only benefit the greater community as we work to keep everyone safe and healthy.

### **I just received a call from the school stating that my child has a fever. Do I have to pick them up immediately?**

Yes. If you receive a call from the school requesting that you pick up your child you must do so immediately. We cannot have children who are sick or have symptoms in the building. In order to account for this scenario, sick children will be sequestered in a separate part of the building to mitigate the spread of germs.

### **How will I know if school will be closed after a child comes down with Covid?**

Once a decision has been made, Wesley will quickly disseminate this information to all parents via email blast, robo calls, and class dojo. In the event that the building must close, you will be notified of the anticipated reopening date as well.

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## Entering & Exiting School Buildings

### **How will social distancing be maintained upon entering and exiting the building?**

Students will enter the building through three locations and proceed directly to the classroom. Students in grades K-3 will enter the building through the cafeteria, students in grades 4-5 will enter the building through the gym and students in grades 6-8 will enter the building through the auditorium

### **How will you ensure that students who enter the building do not have a fever or other symptoms related to Covid-19?**

During carpool, all students will have their temperature taken by a staff member. Students whose temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees will not be allowed inside the building. In these situations, students will be required to go directly home.

### **Will my child leave his/her classroom during the day to attend specials, connections, etc?**

Given these uncertain times, all students will remain in the classroom for the duration of the entire day. For MYP students, teachers will transition to each homeroom for their designated subject time. No students will be transitioning from class to class at any point during the school day.

### **Will visitors be allowed in the school building? If so, how will Wesley ensure that they are not sick?**

Wesley will limit the number of visitors inside the building each day. All visitors will be subject to a temperature check upon arrival

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## Entering & Exiting School Buildings

### **Will parents be allowed to volunteer in the classroom?**

Parent will only be able to volunteer virtually. We encourage parents to reach out to their teachers to see how they can best volunteer virtually.

### **How will students be dismissed at the end of the day?**

Wesley will continue to use silent dismissal to facilitate dismissal. However, all students will be dismissed from the classroom instead of a central location. This will help ensure social distancing and limit the number of students in large spaces. Staff will be located throughout the building to assist with carpool and remind children of social distancing guidelines.

### **Will parents be allowed to walk their child to class or enter the building upon arrival?**

In order to minimize the amount of outside germs inside the building, parents will not be allowed to enter the building during drop off. Younger students and those new to Wesley will be escorted to their classroom by a staff member.

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## Serving Meals

### **Will my child still be able to receive lunch at school?**

Wesley will still have lunch available for purchase.

### **Will students be allowed to eat in the cafeteria and socialize with their friends?**

Students who chose to eat school lunch will have their lunch delivered to their classroom. All students will eat lunch in the classroom. Upon conclusion of lunch, custodial staff will come around to each classroom to collect trash and food waste.

### **How will Wesley ensure that students do not share food or come in close contact with others while eating?**

All students will eat lunch in the classroom and social distancing will be maintained at all times. Students will be prohibited from sharing food with one another under all circumstances.

### **Will I be allowed to drop off lunch for my child?**

If your child forgets his or her lunch, the parent will be permitted to drop it off in emergency situations only. Please make sure that this is something you do sparingly as we will not allow this to happen frequently. We will not allow deliveries such as uber eats due to the increased risk of transmission.

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## After School Activities

### **Will Wesley offer after-school activities?**

Wesley will not offer any after school activities due to the risk of spreading infection between student groups. This will allow us to begin the cleaning process earlier in the afternoon and ensure that multiple student groups do not use the same area.

### **Does this include sports? Will my child be able to participate on a team?**

Yes, this includes sports. At this point, Wesley will not offer any athletic programming.

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## Uniform Examples

