

Washington Borough School District

DISTRICT PREPAREDNESS PLAN

March 2020

Memorial School
300 West Stewart Street
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Taylor Street School
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I. Continuity of Student Learning and Core Operations:

A. Potential impact of a pandemic on student learning (e.g., student and staff absences), school closings, and extracurricular activities based on having various levels of illness among students and staff

Student Absences:

1. If individual students or small numbers of students become ill due to a pandemic outbreak, the school will conduct business as usual with a greater awareness on hygiene so as not to expand the illness, while monitoring potential cases. This will be dependent upon the virulent strain.
2. If a substantial number of students become ill due to a pandemic, school may close. This decision will be determined by the Superintendent /designee based on guidance received from the Warren County Health Department.
3. All extracurricular activities would be postponed or cancelled as a result of a pandemic outbreak. This decision will be made by the Superintendent /designee.

B. Procedures to assure continuity of instruction (e.g., web-based distance instruction, mailed/provided lessons and assignments) in the event of district closures.

1. If a substantial number of students become ill forcing school closure or the district is directed to close by the Warren County Health Department, every attempt will be made to continue with the teaching/learning process through the school website, teacher web pages, phone calls made by the teachers, email, conventional mail, or all other methods of established communication.
2. Staff will attempt to obtain and acquire email addresses and other means of communication with students and parents in their classrooms to ensure continuity of operations and to establish a continued means of communicating with parents/families when the school is closed.
3. Equitable access to materials and resources will be provided for all students of the district. Students/families without access to wifi/internet connection will be provided hard copies of needed materials. ELL students will be provided appropriately modified assignments.

4. Special education modifications, including alternative assignments in varied format, will be provided as warranted. Compensatory services may be provided at a later date.
5. Nutritional services will be provided to students pre-qualified to receive free or reduced lunch accommodations. McKinney-Vento eligible students will receive nutritional services. Pick-up times and location will be communicated to eligible families.
6. Parents with questions and/or concerns should contact the district office at (908) 689-1810.