



# Hancock Central School District

**The Wildcat Pledge:** We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

**Our Vision:** Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

**Core Beliefs:**

- **Our mindset:** We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- **Collaboration:** We work better together, always.
- **Innovation:** We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- **Integrity:** We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- **Learning environment:** Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- **Student centered:** We put students first.

## PROTECT . . . RECOVER . . . ADVANCE Wildcat Reset: Plan for Safely Reopening School in 2020-2021

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Parents, students and staff of the greater Hancock community are ready for schools to open in September. The big question is, how? Schools find themselves balancing the need to open with the need to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff by complying with all health, safety and state requirements. The Wildcat Reset Task Force has been working at solving this complex puzzle for two months. This Plan for Safely Reopening School is the result. Please understand that this plan must be flexible to meet the ever changing dynamics of the Coronavirus and the government/medical responses related to this public health crisis.

The Plan for Safely Reopening School outlines how the Hancock Central School District will safely teach, feed, transport and care for all students while school is in session during the COVID-19 public health crisis. The plan also explains how HCSD will communicate updates with students, staff, parents and other community members in a transparent and timely fashion.

### SCHOOL REOPENING SCENARIOS

- **In-Person**  
All students return to school for in-building instruction.
- **Remote**  
All students stay home for digital/virtual instruction.
- **Hybrid**  
Combination of In-Person and Remote instruction.
- **In-Person with Disruption**  
Circumstances prompt change from In-Person to Remote or Hybrid instruction.

*Note: Each scenario must align with state learning standards and follow all COVID-19 health/safety guidelines.*

### Issues Addressed in the Plan

- **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** In classes, halls, buses, arrival/departure periods, cafeteria, restrooms, fire drills, and large group spaces.
- **FACIAL COVERINGS:** All requirements.
- **HAND WASHING:** Training and accessibility to sinks/hand sanitizer.
- **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS:** Students and staff checked for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving at school.
- **ISOLATION PROCESS:** For students or staff members who show COVID-19 symptoms once at school.
- **CHILD CARE:** All options.
- **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES:** Daily screenings at home and caring for children with COVID-19 symptoms.
- **COMMUNICATION:** Clear and timely communication between school and home.
- **CLEANING/SANITIZING:** Training staff to ensure the safest possible school environment for all.
- **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** To support teachers with remote-learning strategies.
- **HELPING STUDENTS READJUST:** To returning to school after a long period of time away (5½ months).

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### More Information

For more information about the Wildcat Reset, visit HCSD's School Reopening page online at <https://www.hancock.stier.org/SchoolReopening.aspx>.