

## Brooklyn Public Schools' Reopening Update

October 5, 2020

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Good afternoon! I am excited to remind you that we will be moving to the next phase of full in person learning. Please be sure to check your cohort AND your grade level.

**Our plan to return to full in-person learning is as follows:**

**Phase 2 October 7th:** A and B cohort students in grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 return five days/week.

**Phase 3 October 13th:** A and B cohort students in grades PK, K, 4, 7, 8 will return five days/week.

**Phase 4 October 19th:** Students in the full distance learning from all grades who wish to return can start as long as we know you have confirmed this with us by October 8th.

**Buses:** [New bus routes](#) will be added to the website tonight or tomorrow! Please note the new pick up times for some students due to the changes. The bus list is the list which will include ALL students returning on 10/13.

**Families can still choose to participate in full distance learning.**

**Meals:** As previously announced, we are operating under the federally funded SSO meal program. SSO provides breakfast and lunch at NO Cost for all children 18 and younger, seven days a week. This federally mandated benefit will be in effect until December 31st, 2020, unless funds are exhausted sooner by the United States Department of Agriculture. For those schools that operate with students five days a week and as others begin to return to an All-In Model, we have included a **two-day option for weekend meals only** for children 18 and under. Please note that the [on-line meal survey](#) (follow this link) has been updated to include this meal pick up option. Full remote learners can still pick up meals for 7 days.

**\*Fridays for two days of meals for those children attending school five days a week.**

Children are eligible to receive **one** breakfast and **one** lunch daily, so please order accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Plourde at 860-455-1552 or [hplourde@eastconn.org](mailto:hplourde@eastconn.org).

**Please continue to be vigilant about staying healthy! Please remember to wear masks, wash hands, stay home if you are sick, call us and let us know if you are sick! We want to keep our school community healthy and your children in school! Don't let "COVID fatigue" impact you!** There is a slight uptick and we want to be sure it does not continue! We need everyone to continue to follow all of the measures we know have kept us healthy so far!

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In closing I also want to alert you to the possibility that there may be a “snow day” type of call when a classroom or grade level may be asked to stay home and have a remote instruction day. We have very limited substitute teachers available and if we have staff out and are unable to cover the classroom, which is very likely, it is possible that you will receive a call that your child will have a **remote learning day**.

**Please be prepared with backup childcare options. We will only do this if it is absolutely necessary or if your child is asked to quarantine.** This is why we will be sending home Chromebooks.

I want to share a note about pre recorded videos. This was part of our conversation at the last Board of Education meeting. We are providing significantly more live instruction to the students in class, however we will still be using snippets from recorded lessons. There are some issues with live streaming in some locations of the buildings and the live streaming can be clunky. We know that our students need live instruction and they are getting it, but watching first hand some of the snippets of instruction, I would like to thank our teachers who are working so hard to meet the needs during this challenging time.

**Remember, if your child is sick they should stay home. Please call the nurse’s office to report the illness and guidance about when they can return to school.** If your child is healthy enough to log in and complete their work, we can count them as present. If you are looking for a [COVID Testing site](#) you can follow this link. Be well!

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Buell  
Superintendent

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