



Cornwall Central School District

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Dear CCSD Families and Staff,

As expected, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released updated guidance for in-person instruction on Friday night. Our team has been analyzing the document since its release. The good news is that the document explicitly states that its intention is to align with the most recent recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to prioritize safe in-person learning in schools while adhering to layered mitigation strategies.

The most important detail in the guidance is the fact that it supports a reduction of social distancing to 3 feet at the elementary level. **Depending on community rate of transmission**, this could hold true for middle and high schools as well, [with a target date of April 26th](#). With that being said, the Cornwall Central School District will proceed with our plan to pivot to 5 days of in-person instruction for elementary students on Monday, April 12th. While there are nuances that we must still work through, our advanced planning has allowed for us to proceed despite the late receipt of this guidance.

In order to provide our community and staff with the most current information from NYSDOH and our district, please go to our CCSD website. In the News & Announcements section you will find links to the updated guidance from NYSDOH and our revised CCSD Reopening Plan. Please note that an important component of reopening in the fall was feedback from our community and staff and this remains true. We have provided detailed updates since we administered a survey on February 25th for increasing in-person instruction. With over 1,200 responses, 82% for our community stated that this would be best for their child(ren), and all others have been given the option for full remote instruction. Additionally, principals have held building specific staff meetings to make sure our staff had an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. With all that said, please continue to send us any feedback as our community and staff have done all year long.

To help with the transition, please complete the SNAP health screener every day. If you forget, or have any trouble accessing the SNAP portal, please send a note in with your child stating that you have taken their temperature and it is not greater than 100 degrees. Also, maintain a positive mindset as we work through potential arrival and dismissal delays as this is like the first week of school all over again.

Our community has shown yet again, that if we all work together, we can make great things happen for our students. Thank you all for your continued partnership in a year that we will surely never forget.

Sincerely,

Terry, Megan and Harvey