



Region 16:

Fall 2020 Reopening Plan Summary

<https://www.region16ct.org>

Task for Region 16

- Create a comprehensive reopening plan with requirements and guidance provided by the State of CT with the health and safety of our students, staff and community as our highest priority
- 4 Workstreams were established that included members from the community comprised of administrative staff, teachers, parents and members of the board of education
 1. Communications/Stakeholders
 2. Instructional Core/SEL
 3. Operations
 4. Resources



Workstreams

Each workstream worked both independently and collaboratively to include the State's requirements, the R16 survey responses (see below), community wants, and the CDC guidance and considerations that are necessary to reopen schools. The committee recognizes the greatest concerns are surrounding wearing masks, transportation, and class offerings.

- *72.7% of staff want to come back to an in person learning environment*
- *87.2% of parents/guardians want to come back to an in person learning environment*



Critical Actions within our Plan

- ✓ Wear a protective face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth when inside the school
- ✓ Provide social distancing between workstations
- ✓ Maximize the distance between teachers and students
 - (min. 3ft. when possible)



Critical Actions within the Plan

- ✓ Train all staff and students on the CDC recommendations
- ✓ Require that masks be worn on the bus
- ✓ Limit buses to no more than 70% capacity
- ✓ Group students by the same class/group so each team functions as independently as possible (this cohort will be used primarily for K-8)



Requirements from the State

1. Safeguard the health and safety of students and staff
2. Allow students to return to school full time in the fall
3. Monitor the schools, students and staff for potential school cancellation in the event of COVID-19 spread
4. Emphasize equity, access and support to the students and communities that are emerging from a historic disruption
5. Foster strong two-way communication between all stakeholders
6. Factor in decisions/challenges to the physical safety , social-emotional well-being and mental health needs of our students when they are not in school



Fall 2020 Models for Learning

*In Person Learning:

Region 16 is striving to begin the school year with this model

- Minimal/No Spread of Virus (or virus contained)
- Traditional schedule with health and safety expectations in place
- 100% student attendance in school every day

Hybrid Learning:

- Moderate spread of the virus
- Adjusted schedule for schools
- Reduced school populations (alternating 50% of students)

Distance Learning: (if absences reach 30% or higher)

- High spread of the virus
- Requires quarantine
(length of time depends on the situation)
- 0% student attendance → All distance learning



What happens if there's a confirmed case in a school building?

1. Assess risk with local health officials.
2. Plan for short (2-5) days or longer (10 days) closure to clean, disinfect, and contract trace in consultation with the Naugatuck Valley and/or Chesprocott Health Districts.

(See the flow chart on page 15 of the submitted state plan.)



Check the Checklist

Symptom Checker:

If you have any symptoms → Do Not Come to School:

- ✓ Fever 100 or greater without fever reducing medication such as Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or cold medication for at least 24 hours
- ✓ Cough and Sore throat
- ✓ Shortness of breath
- ✓ Difficulty breathing
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Changes in taste or smell
- ✓ Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea



New Rules for School

- Stay home if you are feeling ill
- Morning health check
- Visitors will be limited
- Face coverings or masks required
- Social distancing required
- Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizing expected
- Students may not change buses without prior authorization
- Food will be provided (see page 34 of the state plan)



Request Distance Learning form



Request for Distance Learning Form

In the event that you choose to have your child(ren) participate in distance learning due to COVID-19, please fill out this form and return it to your child's school by **August 14, 2020**.

With regard to Distance Learning, students, in a temporary situation, participate in their education remotely, and it is delivered by certified teachers utilizing an established curriculum. Students are expected to attend remote classes daily at a designated time (attendance will be taken) and complete required work and assessments just as if they were attending in person. They will be graded and must participate in our full academic program. Students cannot distance themselves from learning on some days and come to school in-person on other days. Students who opt to participate in distance learning will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities. As indicated in the Region 16 Reopening Plan, parents are required to provide **2 weeks notice** when making a change to their student's learning plan.

My student will temporarily participate in distance learning during the 2020-2021 school year. I understand I need to provide **2 weeks notice** to the school so arrangements for my child's re-entry into in-person learning can be made prior to returning to school.

Name of Student: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

School:

- Woodland Regional High School
- Long River Middle School
- Laurel Ledge Elementary School
- Prospect Elementary School

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____

Please mail/email this form to Robin Valente at Region 16 District Office

30 Coer Road Prospect CT 06712 rvalente@region16ct.org

- There is an opt-out for for parents that do not feel comfortable with sending their child(ren) to school.
- The Request for Distance Learning form will be available on the Region 16 website.
- The region must be notified by August 14th and/or 2 weeks prior to any required changes to the program.



Region 16-COVID Contacts

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Data Collection Liaisons:

Responsible for keeping the website updated and having the most recent, accurate CDC and SDE guidance for parents, staff and the community

- Michele LoRusso (mlorusso@region16ct.org)
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Helpful Links



CDC guidance:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/index.html>

State of CT Remote Learning Hub:

- <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Academic-Office/CT-Learning-Hub>

Family Support and Communication link:

- <https://www.region16ct.org/reopening-committee/superintendents-update>
- <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Resources-for-Families>

Data Collection Liaison link:

- <https://www.region16ct.org/reopening-committee/connecticut-state-department-of-education-information/articles>

Helpful Links

Support for our student's social and emotional health:

- https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/COVID-19/PSSF/040720_Social-Emotional-Family-Resources.pdf

Clubs and athletics:

- <https://ciacsports.com/site/>

Region 16 will also make available any local, State, or Federal information regarding child care assistance or additional provisions under the CARES Act or other legislative acts:

- <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>
- <https://www.211childcare.org/>

