The health and safety of our school community remain the top priority.

Westbury Union Free School District continues to follow the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), New York State Education Department (NYSED), Nassau County Department of Health (NCDoH), and our district medical professional. Our school district, in accordance with the aforementioned guidance, will implement health and safety protocols that include multiple strategies to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and protect members of our school community. Please note, all guidance, recommendations, and regulations are subject to change. Therefore, this plan will be updated, as necessary. Please review this 2021 Back-to-School Plan Overview.

01. Instruction
All students will return to in-person daily instruction beginning September 1, 2021. Should there be a resurgence of COVID-19 and we are forced to close our schools, the Westbury School District is poised to transition to remote teaching and learning. All instruction will continue to be aligned to the New York State Learning Standards. We will follow the attendance policy set by the Board.

02. Technology
The Westbury Technology Department has prepared devices for our students entering 1st Grade, new entrants to the district, and those who require a loaner device while waiting for repaired or damaged devices to be returned. Students in need of a device will receive one within the first full week of school. Moreover, there will be ongoing technical support for all students and parents throughout the district. Technical support will be available in multiple languages. All students will continue to have access to Wi-Fi through our partnerships with T-Mobile and Altice.

03. Masks/Face Coverings
Regardless of vaccination status, all Westbury students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear a well-fitted face covering in school building hallways, classrooms, while on the bus, and in offices. Face covering must be worn where three (3) feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Masks/Face covering breaks will be provided for students. Approved types of masks/face coverings include disposable masks, cloth mask coverings.

04. Physical Distancing
As recommended by CDC, AAP, NYSED, NCDoH, and district physician. Westbury School District will implement three (3) feet of physical distancing, wherever possible. Desk barriers will also be used as a mitigating factor to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
05. Hand and Respiratory Hygiene
Regular handwashing will be encouraged whenever students are in school buildings. Hand sanitizer will be provided to students and staff, with sanitizing stations placed throughout the building. Students and staff will be encouraged to exercise simple respiratory hygiene by coughing/sneezing in their sleeves or tissue.

06. Cleaning
Westbury School District custodial staff will continue to regularly clean and disinfect all high-touch areas throughout the district. Special attention will be given to door handles, light switches, sink handles, and other surfaces that are touched frequently. Restrooms in common areas are cleaned and disinfected more frequently throughout the day. All cleaning protocols are in accordance with New York State Department of Health guidance.

07. Transportation
All bus occupants will be required to wear masks/face coverings. Students are encouraged to wash their hands prior to boarding the bus. Each bus will have PPE supplies available. When possible, bus windows will remain open. Buses will be loaded back to front. Buses will be sanitized each day.

08. Social Emotional Support
The social emotional well-being of our students, staff, and families during these challenging times is critically important. Westbury School District will provide resources and make referrals to address the mental health, behavioral and emotional needs of students, staff, and families.

09. Daily Health Screenings
Daily health checks will be required for all students and staff. Parents will be asked to check their child for COVID-19 symptoms each day and submit the daily health screener, Take Action.

10. Food Services
Westbury School District is committed to meeting our requirement to provide all enrolled students with access to school meals each day. When possible, lunches can be delivered to classrooms and the district will consider other areas where students can eat their lunch.

11. Triage and Isolation Rooms
All schools will have a designated isolation and triage area for students who develop COVID-19 symptoms while at school. Our school-based health professional will conduct an appropriate determination of the student’s condition based on their symptoms.

12. Athletics, Extra Curricular, and Activities
Westbury School District will maintain its athletics program. Students will continue to participate in clubs and must adhere to all health and safety protocols while doing so.

The Westbury School District has identified Dr. Roger Bloom, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, as the COVID-19 Coordinator. Dr. Bloom can be reached via email at rbloom@westburyschools.org.