



October 16, 2020

# Focus...

## A Family-Friendly Weekly Update

*To provide additional communication for families, this short newsletter will be available each week.*

### Notes from Dr. Graczyk:

- Due to Election Day, Nov 3 will be a virtual/remote day of staff and students
- Information on the proposed phase reopening:
  - Factors that could prohibit moving to a traditional phase -AND -**
  - Factors that could initiate moving back into a virtual phase**
  - COVID-19 cases among students and staff
  - Additional teacher shortages
  - Inability to hire custodians
  - Increase in COVID-19 cases in Allegheny County
  - Guidance from the ACHD

**Phased Reopening Proposal: Acmetonia Elementary**  
*4-days a week in person "Traditional Phase" starting OCTOBER 26, 2020*

<b>Monday</b>	in person "Traditional Phase"
<b>Tuesday</b>	in person "Traditional Phase"
<b>Wednesday</b>	Asynchronous Assignments, in person, virtual, student remediation, Additional cleaning and disinfecting
<b>Thursday</b>	in person "Traditional Phase"
<b>Friday</b>	in person "Traditional Phase"

**Phased Reopening Proposal: Jr-Sr High School**  
*Restructured Hybrid Model starting ASAP*

<b>Monday</b>	Hybrid Phase (Restructured)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hybrid Phase (Restructured)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Asynchronous Assignments, in person and student remediation, & Additional cleaning and Disinfecting
<b>Thursday</b>	Hybrid Phase (Restructured)
<b>Friday</b>	Hybrid Phase (Restructured)

Best,  
 Dr. G

**Committee Reports:**

**Reopening of School**

Information for parents continues to be distributed as it comes available.

Parents/guardians are reminded to see the District web site for Reopening of Schools information.

**Health & Safety**

The committee continues to meet and review safety measures for students and staff.

Nurses are also working with staff to answer questions and establish best practices for when students enter the buildings

# Focus on: Updates

## Health & Safety:

As we move forward through the beginning months of school, the District continues to learn and revise its health practices and protocols to provide the safest environment possible for students and staff. With that in mind, Allegheny Valley has modified its Health & Safety Plan to incorporate more stringent guidelines for face coverings. All students must wear face masks to cover their nose and mouth while in the school building/grounds. Students **should not** wear a face shield or a gaiter. The only exceptions would be in circumstances where a face mask is not possible due to an underlying medical or mental health condition or disability. Therefore, parents should be aware that there could be some students who are unable to use a face mask while in school and traveling on a school bus. Please note, if a face covering is not possible for your child/teen to wear, please notify your child's school principal or school nurse for informational purposes only.

Please see the attached links regarding face masks:

General Schools/Child Care: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

Masks: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/cloth-face-cover.html>

How to Wear a Mask: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>

How to Select, Wear, and Clean Your Mask: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>

# Focus On: Important Dates:

- Oct. 16 Homecoming
- Oct. 20 School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Monthly meeting of the Board.
- Nov. 3 Election Day - Virtual/remote day - staff and students

**Follow the Allegheny Valley School District on Facebook and Instagram!!**



Allegheny Valley School District  
*Together We Can*

*Focus* is a publication of the Allegheny Valley School District. All questions concerning the newsletter or information contained in the newsletter should be sent to: [pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us).

## Contact Information:

### *Nurse Hotline*

A resource for parents/guardians to ask medical questions.

cell 724-900-5443  
office 724-274-2911

### *Food Service Department*

A resource for questions about the Free Meals Program.

[meals@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:meals@avsd.k12.pa.us)

### *Technology Assistance*

Help and information on iPads and Chromebooks

[TechSupport@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:TechSupport@avsd.k12.pa.us)

### *Dynamo Virtual Academy*

Elementary:

Jennifer Vecchio

[jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:jvecchio@avsd.k12.pa.us)

Secondary:

Andrew Leviski

[aleviski@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:aleviski@avsd.k12.pa.us)

*Questions & comments should be emailed to:*  
[pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:pgraczyk@avsd.k12.pa.us)