



**Shelton Public Schools Operations Plan  
Due to COVID-19  
September 23, 2020**

**Adopted by the Shelton Board of Education on  
(September 23, 2020)**

**The *health and wellbeing*  
of our students, staff, parents  
and the community  
is and will remain  
our top priority.**

**The District will follow the **standard public health practices used to prevent the spread of diseases.** These practices include, but are not limited to:**

- **Cohorting**
- **Social Distancing**
- **Face Covering over the nose and mouth**
- **Hand hygiene**
- **Cleaning and Sanitizing**

**After careful consideration, at this time, we are recommending the following model:**

- **Continue with a Hybrid Model for grades 5 through 12 with an early release schedule**
- **Starting Tuesday, October 13, bring ALL Pre K through grade 4 students back to in building instruction Tuesday through Friday with an early release schedule if the health metrics continue to warrant it**

## Hybrid Model Grades 5 Through 12: Tuesday through Friday

- ***Students with last names A through L*** will report to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- ***Students with last names M through Z*** will report to school Wednesdays and Fridays.
- The building principals will be placing **children from the same household** in the same classes or in the same daily rotation.

## Hybrid Model: Student with Disabilities “Special Programs”

*Students with disabilities who participate in special programs offered by the District (Alternate Learning Center, Therapeutic Learning Center, Life Skills) will receive in-school instruction on an early release schedule Tuesdays through Fridays.*

# Distance Learning Plan

- **Distance Learning will continue to take place on Mondays** and days students are not in school.
- **Staff will report to work Monday through Friday.**
- **Half days will continue** to allow teachers time to work with Distance Learning students.

## **Three Reasons for This Recommendation:**

- **Health metrics warrant additional students returning to school**
- **Will still be able to implement mitigation strategies to the greatest extent possible**
- **Grades 5 through 12 will have 1:1 devices**



# Activities

- The District will ensure that schools minimize exposure to *playgrounds and equipment*.
- The District will **restrict, and possibly suspend activities**, including but not limited to, *field trips, physical education, physical activity (including recess), athletics, fine and performing arts and extracurricular activities*.

## Shelton Public Schools Opt Into Voluntary Full Distance Learning Due to COVID-19 Plan

- Parents have the right to opt into full voluntary Distance Learning
- Plan is posted on the **district website's COVID-19 Quick Link.**
- Parents must fill out the form and submit it to their child's building principal.

★ **Time Frame change - 3 days notice for return to school**

# Shelton Public Schools Opt Out of Bus Transportation

- Plan is posted on the **district website's COVID-19 Quick Link**.
- Parents must fill out the form and submit it to their child's building principal.
- ★ **Time Frame change - 3 days notice for return to school**

*Health data is  
changing every minute.*

**The District will be prepared to adjust our approaches due to shifting public health data or evolving understanding of COVID-19 disease, including transmission.**

# Staying At Home

- Parents and staff regarding performing a self-check for COVID symptoms, including taking one's temperature, each morning prior to leaving the house.
- Staff and students MUST STAY HOME when they are sick, especially if they have COVID-19 symptoms such as fever and cough.

(temperature threshold is 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit)

**With this proposed model and  
a positive COVID-19 case:**

- **Possible greater number of students (classes, buses, daycare, Boys and Girls Club, sports, community activities, etc.) who would need to quarantine**
- **Possible school building closure:**
  - **shorter period of time for contact tracing**
  - **longer period of time due to number of positive cases or number of people who have to quarantine**

## **COVID-19 QUICK LINK**

**(<http://www.sheltonpublicschools.org/covid19>)**

- **Shelton Public Schools Operations Plan**
- **Connecticut COVID-19 Response**
- **Opt Into Voluntary Full Distance Learning**
- **Opting Out of Bus Transportation**
- **Cleaning and Sanitizing Plan**
- **Shelton Public Schools Hybrid Frequently Asked Questions**
- **COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist**
- **Fall Athletics 2020 Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19**
- **SPSS Health Practices Protocols and Monitoring COVID-19**
- **Community Resource Guide**
- **Videos for students and parents**

## **Additional Parent Information:**

- **Thermometers** are available from the school nurse.
- **Free breakfast and lunch**, regardless of whether students receive in-building or distance learning, continues until either Dec. 31, 2020 or until the funding from CSDE runs out (whichever occurs first).
- **Food is available for pick up** in the Shelton High School bus loop:
  - Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
  - Tuesday and Thursday each week from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Shelton High School bus loop.



# Travel Information

- Shelton is still following the 14 day self-quarantine protocols.
- Parents are encouraged to visit the CT portal for information regarding their travel.  
(<https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/travel>)
- Nurses are not to accept results for negative tests as a return to school.
- If a student or staff member is traveling it is the responsibility of the traveler to follow the necessary steps to return to school.
- A Traveler is exempt from the self-quarantine requirement if the Affected Traveler (1) has had a test for COVID-19 in the seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival in Connecticut or at any time following arrival in Connecticut, (2) the result of such COVID-19 test is negative, and (3) he or she has provided written proof of such negative test result to the Commissioner of Public Health via email to: [DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.COVID-Travel@ct.gov) or via facsimile to: (860) 326-0529. If a test was obtained in the seventy-two (72) hours prior to arrival in Connecticut, or following arrival in Connecticut, and such Affected Traveler has not yet received his or her test results, such traveler shall remain in self-quarantine in Connecticut until a negative test result is submitted to the Commissioner of Public Health. If the test result is positive and the traveler is asymptomatic, he or she shall self-isolate for ten (10) days from the date of the test; if symptomatic, he or she should seek medical assistance. Travelers who test positive for COVID-19 prior to traveling to Connecticut should delay such travel and consult with a medical professional.
- Proof of clearance from the Commissioner of Public Health must be sent to;
  - Adrianna Collins, RN, COVID-19 Liaison: [covid19@sheltonpublicschools.org](mailto:covid19@sheltonpublicschools.org)

## **Next Steps:**

- **SBOE adopts recommendation**
- **Post on website (after adoption by BOE)**
- **Send out staff and parent communication (after adoption by BOE)**
- **Continue to monitor health metrics**
- **Re-evaluate plan the end of October/beginning of November**