

Dear Westbrook Families,

I have been working on making the best decision regarding how our students will return to school in September. After following the State guidance, speaking with our administrators, looking at the comments in the Google Form regarding reopening, and listening to the Governor's press conference Monday, Westbrook is well positioned for our students and staff to return to in-person learning.

Our incident rate of COVID-19 cases is very favorable compared to other areas of the state. Additionally, our in-person cohort sizes rival those of other districts going back to school in a hybrid plan. Our students have already been away from school for so long; the more we can "normalize" their experience, the better it will be for them.

While I understand that there is a good chance we will be in hybrid or distance learning later in the fall, I feel that teaching and learning in-person is the best decision for our children and families as we open our schools.

Should you decide that this update changes your decision about whether or not your child will return to school, please notify the building principal.

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Westbrook High School - Ms. Tara Winch, 860-399-6214

As a reminder, school starts on September 1st. Please be sure you avoid large crowds and parties as we head toward the end of the summer and Labor Day. Remember also to avoid traveling to any states that are on the Connecticut Travel Advisory list for having high COVID-19 infection rates. The link to the CT Travel Advisory page is <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Travel>. All affected travelers would need to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return to Connecticut. It will take everyone's effort to ensure a safe and successful opening.

I look forward to working with you in these very uncertain times to provide consistency and quality educational programs to your children.

Please stay safe,

Patricia Charles, Ed.D  
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