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REOPENING PLAN

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Dear members of our Arch Bridge School community,

Although last year was challenging, thanks to our parents, teachers, staff, and board of directors, we worked collaboratively with families, districts, and students to provide the highest level of education possible during an uncertain time. We are looking forward to the new academic year at Arch Bridge School, and anticipate that many of your questions will be answered in the pages to follow.

Our Reopening Committee worked to develop the attached plan and protocols to ensure the safety of students, staff, and families. Using Adapt, Advance, Achieve; Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together as a framework along with guidelines from both the CDC and the American Pediatric Association.

Wellspring and the Arch Bridge School will continue to face the myriad of challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic with creativity, integrity, and care.

You can continue to expect frequent communication and updates as we receive them.

Dan Murray, PsyD
Wellspring’s Chief Executive Officer
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Student and Staff Expectations

Stay home if feeling ill.
Students and staff must stay home if they are feeling sick, have any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.

Morning health checks required.
In order to prevent transmission among the school population, parents are instructed to screen students before leaving for school (staff are required to self-screen before arriving on campus). Check to ensure temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and observe for symptoms associated with COVID-19. Temperatures of day students will be taken by an administrator upon arriving to school. The school nurse will take temperatures of residential students daily before school.

Face coverings or masks required.
Students and staff must wear face coverings or masks that completely cover the nose and mouth while inside school buildings, with exceptions only for those students for whom it is not safe to do so due to medical conditions. “Mask Breaks” will be provided during the day. Parents will be responsible for providing students with face coverings or masks. Arch Bridge School will have backup disposable masks available for students who forget them.

Staff and teachers will be allowed to remove masks during direct instruction with permission and greater social distancing. Arch Bridge School will have backup disposable masks available for teachers and staff.

Social distancing required.
Students must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible. Students are expected to practice social distancing when entering and exiting the buildings, in classrooms, and moving throughout the campus. Sharing of school supplies and materials will not be allowed. Teachers and staff must maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible.

Frequent hand washing or hand sanitizing expected.
Students and staff must engage in frequent hand washing or sanitizing upon arrival, before and after meals, after bathroom use, and after coughing or sneezing.
### Re-Opening Model

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<td>• Daily attendance rates monitored</td>
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<td>• Attendance for remote learning is monitored based on participation</td>
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<td>• Communication to home on healthy hygiene practices</td>
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<td>• Strict prevention measures in place for essential personnel</td>
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<td>• Heightened social distancing in place with limitations in activities/events</td>
<td>• Quarantine measures in place</td>
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<td>• Group gathering/events limited; all events require approval</td>
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<td>• Remain prepared for remote learning while learning is in-person at school</td>
<td>• Active preparation for remote learning and/or short-term school dismissals resulting in possible remote learning for two-week periods</td>
<td>• Continued engagement in remote learning during extended school dismissals and/or closures for long periods</td>
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Models for Learning

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<tr>
<td>• Arch Bridge School reopening at 100% capacity</td>
<td>• In-person instruction provided to all residential students and day-students from districts where in-person learning is taking place</td>
<td>• 100% remote learning provided to residents and day students</td>
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<td>• Daily temperature checks of staff and students</td>
<td>• Remote learning provided to day students from districts that are closed and providing distance learning</td>
<td>• Residential students coursework proctored by milieu staff and behavior specialists</td>
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<td>• Face coverings/masks for all students and staff while inside school buildings</td>
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Academic Supports

Family Communication Plan

Each student of Arch Bridge School will be supported via personal relationships with Wellspring and Arch Bridge School Staff.

Parents and Guardians will be notified at the beginning of the academic year their assigned contact for academic support and consultation. Each family will have a designated member of Arch Bridge School’s team for ongoing communication and support.

Surveys will be sent to both students and their families periodically for feedback.

Communication of Model Changes

In recognition of uncertainty Arch Bridge School is prepared for different scenarios. The school will contact families via both email and phone when a need arises to adjust the model of instruction being provided.

Arch Bridge School has the ability to provide remote blended-learning opportunities immediately should in-school learning need to be cancelled for any reason.

The school will continue to monitor Connecticut Public Health indicators and Executive Orders when considering decisions regarding in-person learning.

Arch Bridge School will also consult and notify the Connecticut State Department of Education immediately if contemplating the cancellation of in-school instruction.

The plans drafted have been developed in accordance with state guidelines and timelines for closure and re-opening. This includes both hybrid and full remote closure plans.
Remote Learning Considerations

All current Arch Bridge School students have IEP’s and will have the same access to inclusion, equality, and access to education as their peers. Arch Bridge School will work pro-actively with a student’s LEA as needs arise or as a survey response indicates, to obtain the necessary technology to support remote learning opportunities.

The proper materials for the continuity of learning, digital or paper, will be made available to all students.

Surveys will be sent to both students and their families to determine the availability and access to the proper technology required to be successful in remote learning.

Technology

Tech Packs
Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School has invested in Chromebooks for every student in our academic programming this fall. (No shared devices). Each student will be assigned a Tech Pack that contains:

- Chromebook Computer
- Mouse
- Headphones
- Carrying Case

Google Suite
Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School is launching full utilization of the Google Suite, including Google Classrooms, for the 2020/2021 academic year.

Khan Academy
The online Khan Academy will be utilized for mathematics coursework and assignments throughout the academic year.

Video Conferencing and Live Streaming
Wellspring’s HIPAA compliant streaming platforms: Zoom and Google Meet will be utilized for streaming both classes and support throughout the academic day.
Social and Emotional Learning and Mental Health

Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School Staff will remain in close contact with families throughout the academic year. A member of the school’s professional staff will be assigned to each student and family as a liaison to disseminate information and address concerns.

The school’s team of administrators, behavioral specialists, and therapists will work closely with any disengaged students towards reintegration.
Considerations for Remote Learning

Temporarily Choosing Not to Participate

Families may temporarily choose to not have their child participate in the Arch Bridge School’s in-school instruction and may opt to distance learn (receive assignments and instruction remotely).

This decision will need to be supported with a PPT (Planning and Placement Team meeting) and will be re-determined prior to each marking period. Students will not be penalized for attendance under these circumstances.

If this model of instruction is determined for a student Arch Bridge School staff will work with the family and the school district to maintain IEP compliance and assist in transitioning the student back to in-person instruction as needed.

Special Education in Remote Learning

If closed, Arch Bridge School will provide FAPE (Free Appropriate Public Education) consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students as well as those providing instruction, teachers and related service providers. All attempts will be made to provide services as closely as possible to full in-person learning.

All currently enrolled Arch Bridge School students have a current IEP, so for our students, re-integration plans will take their social emotional needs into consideration and will be closely monitored.
Health Practices and Protocols

No Touch Person-to-Person Interaction

Wellspring will maintain a NO TOUCH environment for all staff and students. The only exception to this NO TOUCH policy will be if there is a safety issue.

Facemasks

Facemasks will be worn at all times by staff and students (even when maintaining social distancing).

- Short outdoor mask breaks are allowed while maintaining social distance of at least 6 feet.
- Masks will be provided for staff and students that need them.
- Educators that are maintaining a minimum of six-foot distance with students, who determine that removing the facemask is critical for instruction, may remove their face covering for brief periods.
- Staff who are in an office alone with the door closed may take off their mask.
- Exceptions include safety protocols, physician’s order, when in a single stall bathroom, and during meal times with spacing and/or proper barriers.

Social Distancing

Social Distancing will be defined as a minimum of six feet separation from others. Six foot social distancing is our school standard.

- Space between desks has been increased to meet this standard.
- Desks will face all in the same direction.
- Arrival and dismissal times will be staggered to minimize social distance issues.

Field Trips

Field Trips are not permitted, until Connecticut guidance allows.
Staff/Student Health Screenings

Staff/Student Health Screenings will include temperature screenings.

- Residential student’s temperatures will be taken by the school nurse before coming to school.
- Day student’s parents/guardians will be asked to take their child’s temperature before leaving home. Day student temperatures will also be taken by a school administrator when the student arrives on campus.
  - The administrator will have the appropriate PPE—face mask and shield; and will have received training on the correct usage of these items.
- Staff will self-screen and record their temperature on a staff screening form before arriving on campus. These forms are submitted to the Director of Nursing weekly.
- Any student or staff with a temperature over 100.4 degrees or experiencing any symptoms which are consistent with an infectious illness, will not be allowed on campus.
- Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - Recent loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Day students with a temperature will be asked to stay home.
- Residential students will stay in the residential program and the resident’s parent/guardian will be called to bring them home.
- The Infirmary is the identified isolation room for day students to wait until a parent/guardian can pick them up.

Respiratory Hygiene

Good Respiratory Hygiene will be encouraged.

- All staff and students will be trained to practice responsible respiratory hygiene by covering coughs and sneezes with the crook of their elbow, or a tissue and immediately placing it in a wastebasket.
- Posters will be utilized as visual reminders for both staff and students.
Good Hand Washing will be promoted across campus.

- Hand washing training will be provided by both Arch Bridge School and Nursing staff.
- Wellspring will encourage frequent hand washing and/or hand sanitizing.
- Hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, including the back of hands and in-between the fingers.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
- Bathrooms will contain no-touch waste cans and soap dispensers.

Visitors will not be permitted into school facilities unless required by law or otherwise required by a student’s individualized educational plan.
Pandemic Response

Confirmed Diagnosis of COVID-19

If a student or staff member who has been present in school has a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, the Director of Nursing and Directors of Education will be contacted. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Nursing will be notified by school personnel that a student is suspected of being sick, maintaining confidentiality in accordance with FERPA, privacy expectations, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Director of Nursing will notify the local health officials (Torrington Area Health Department) immediately.

The Torrington Area Health Department will assess risk of further transmission in the school.

Decisions will be made concerning:

- Contact tracing
- Closure
- Cleaning
- Continuity of education
- Reopening of school

The decision to suspend or close Arch Bridge School will be made by the Chief Executive Officer or designee based on information and recommendation from local health officials (Torrington Area Health Department).

Arch Bridge School will likely implement a short-term closure (2-5 days) or longer regardless of community spread if an infected person has been in a school building. The CDC recommends dismissal of students and most staff for 2-5 days. This initial short-term dismissal allows time for the local health officials to gain a better understanding of the COVID-19 situation’s impact on the school. This also allows the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the local health officials, to determine appropriate next steps, including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19.

All communications to the school community including staff and families are made through the Arch Bridge School Offices.
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Containment Plan

The Director of Nursing in partnership with Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School COVID-19 Response Team* and Wellspring’s Medical Director will implement Wellspring’s Containment Plan outlined below.

Suspected COVID-19 Illness (or symptoms)
- The Infirmary will serve as Arch Bridge School’s isolation room for any student exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 until a parent/guardian arrives to bring the student home.

Confirmed COVID-19 Illness (or symptoms)
- Ill staff or student is directed to go and/or stay home, per CDC isolation guidance. Parent/guardian of student will be contacted for immediate pick-up.
- The Torrington Area Health Department will be immediately contacted if a staff or student has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Their advice or directives will be followed.

COVID-19 Illness Prolonged (or Family) Exposure
- Staff or students with close prolonged exposure to an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 (without masks and any social distancing) are instructed to go and/or stay home for 14 days and monitor symptoms. Parent/guardian will be contacted for immediate pick-up.

From CDC Notes: Factors to consider when defining close contact include proximity, the duration of exposure (e.g., longer exposure time likely increases exposure risk), whether the individual has symptoms (e.g., coughing likely increases exposure risk) and whether the individual was wearing a facemask (which can efficiently block respiratory secretions from contaminating others and the environment). Data are insufficient to precisely define the duration of time that constitutes a prolonged exposure. “Recommendations vary on the length of time of exposure but 15 min of close exposure can be used as an operational definition.” CDC, CT.Gov & Department of Public Health policies

COVID-19 Exposure without Close Prolonged Exposure
- Continue to attend school, monitor temperatures & symptoms at least two times a day for 14 days.

Travel Guidelines
- If staff or students travel to states listed by CT.GOV as having high infection rates, they must quarantine for 14 days.

The Torrington Area Health Department will be immediately contacted if a staff or student has a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Their advice or directives will be followed.

*Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School COVID-19 Response Team: Director of Nursing and Accountability, Director of Education, Incoming Director of Education, and Environmental Manager.
Trainings

Staff Trainings

All staff will participate in an interactive presentation on their first day of professional development before the academic year begins, prior to student’s first day of class. This presentation will be provided in partnership between both Arch Bridge School’s School Nurse and Environmental Manager. Wellspring’s Director of Nursing will oversee the training.

This training will include:

- Proper Use of Masks and Face Coverings
- Social Distancing of 6 Feet Minimum
- Hand Washing
- Respiratory Hygiene (Sneeze and Cough Protocols)
- Cleaning Procedures

Posters, handouts, and PPE equipment will be utilized to enhance the training and answer any questions staff (and students/families) might have.

Follow up training days will be based on needs or protocol changes and have been planned to take place during staff meetings every two weeks or as-needed after re-opening.

Trainings throughout the year will continue to focus on public health protocols, proper hygiene, PPE, reporting illnesses, and how Wellspring and the Arch Bridge School can support the social-emotional wellbeing of our students.

All staff have completed the DCF mandated reporter training for Abuse and Neglect. Abuse and Neglect within the context of the pandemic will be addressed with staff as part of our professional development trainings.

All staff, students, and families will be provided copies of the Arch Bridge School’s COVID-19 guidelines.
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Student Trainings

Students and staff will participate in an interactive presentation on their first day of school. This presentation will be provided in partnership between both the Arch Bridge School’s academic staff, School Nurse, and Environmental Manager. Wellspring’s Director of Nursing will oversee the training.

This training will include:

- Proper Use of Masks and Face Coverings
- Social Distancing of 6 Feet Minimum
- Hand Washing
- Respiratory Hygiene (Sneeze and Cough Protocols)
- Cleaning Procedures

Posters, handouts, and PPE equipment will be utilized to enhance the training and answer any questions students might have. This training may be repeated as state guidance dictates.

Ongoing training will take place throughout the year.

All staff, students, and families will be provided copies of the Arch Bridge School’s COVID-19 guidelines.
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Operations and Facilities

Cleaning

Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School is working in partnership with the Director of Nursing, School Nurse and Environmental Manager to ensure that cleaning and hygiene protocols, as recommended by the Connecticut State Department of Education and the CDC, are being met.

Cleaning Protocols

- Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School has contracted with professional cleaning services who will clean and sanitize the school prior to opening each morning.
- Wellspring’s environmental staff will clean and sanitize again late in the morning each day and as needed.
- All staff and students will be trained to clean and sanitize surfaces that they have touched with supplies provided by Wellspring and the school.

High Touch Surfaces

- High touch surfaces such at door handles and railings will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Desks and classroom equipment that have to be shared will be cleaned in between each use.
- All water fountains are out of service, water bottles will be filled under supervision.
- Arch Bridge School is incorporating no-touch equipment such as trashcans and bathroom fixtures.

Bathrooms

- Bathrooms will be assigned to classrooms, to avoid the mixing of students and will be cleaned twice daily.
- Arch Bridge School will keep cleaning logs for bathrooms.
- Air hand dryers will be turned off to address ventilation considerations.
- Arch Bridge School is incorporating no-touch equipment such as trashcans and bathroom fixtures.
Classrooms

Wellspring’s Arch Bridge School is able to meet the varied needs and abilities of students inside our ten classrooms, which allows us to safely offer a dynamic education environment for students during this uncertain time.

Class Sizes and Social Distancing

Our class sizes range from 6 to 10 students. Given our small class sizes, Arch Bridge School is able to design classroom layouts to provide social distancing of six feet minimum between students with room to spare.

Cohorts will rarely, if ever, be utilized due to our small number of students.

Alternate Classroom Spaces

Wellspring has created multiple spaces on our campus to offer alternate classroom experiences.

- Outdoor Classroom Spaces include a large 10’x 20’ tent along with outdoor spaces adjacent to academic buildings.
- The gymnasium in the Dodds Family Center for Arts and Athletics.
- Conference Rooms in both the Dodds Family Center and Arch Bridge School buildings.

These larger spaces will allow for larger gatherings and experiences for students and staff to safely social distance while learning.

Teachers

Teachers will maintain a minimum of six feet of distance while delivering instruction as feasible. The use of face shields and/or Plexiglas barriers on teacher’s desks are options available to reduce droplet spread.

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COVID-19 Signage

Arch Bridge School has posted signs and messages throughout all buildings to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, which are accessible to all students in their dominant language.

Social Distancing

Visuals will be placed on floors to assist the understanding of maintaining a six-foot distance.

Meals and Snacks

Residents of Wellspring’s residential treatment programs will return to their program for lunch. Day students will eat in the Dodds Family Center conference room.

Students and staff will remove their masks for snacks and meals.

Snacks and lunch will take place where social distancing and good air circulation can occur.

Staggered Arrival and Departure Times

Day student and residential student arrivals and departures will be staggered at the beginning and end of the day to minimize congestion.
Supplemental Information, Documents and Resources

Connecticut State Department of Education

Click here to download the Connecticut State Department of Education’s Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together

CDC Checklist Planning for In-Person Classes

Click here to download the CDC Checklist: Planning for In-Person Classes.

Going back to school this fall will require schools and families to work together even more than before. Schools will be making changes to their policies and operations with several goals: supporting learning; providing important services, such as school meals, extended daycare, extracurricular activities, and social services; and limiting the transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Teachers and staff can teach and encourage preventive behaviors at school. Likewise, it will be important for families to emphasize and model healthy behaviors at home and to talk to your children about changes to expect this school year. Even if your child will attend school in-person, it is important to prepare for the possibility of virtual learning if school closes or if your child becomes exposed to COVID-19 and needs to stay home.
Frequently Asked Questions

Face Masks

Who is supplying the face masks for students?
Students and their families are supplying face masks and cloth face coverings. Arch Bridge School will have backup disposable masks for students who forget them.

Are face shields acceptable without masks?
No, face shields are not acceptable in place of a mask.

Will there be mask breaks?
Yes! We will have scheduled mask breaks throughout the day.

When can a student remove their mask?
During scheduled mask breaks, meal and snack times, and when using a single stall bathroom masks can be removed. Masks can also be removed when outdoors and social distancing.

Do students need to wear a mask when outside and closer than six feet?
Yes.

Are clear face masks acceptable?
We would need to look at the specific mask to evaluate it. Feel free to contact the school nurse if you would like your mask assessed.

What are the allowable exceptions to wearing a mask?
If you have trouble breathing; if you have trouble removing the face mask if you were to experience distress; and any other medical reason that would make wearing the mask unsafe.

Reopening Models

What model will Arch Bridge School be reopening with?
We plan to reopen on August 27, 2020 with in-person learning.

How will we learn if the model switches to hybrid or remote learning?
If the learning model changes, school administration will communicate in writing, email, and/or phone to notify parents/guardians of the change. This includes moving from in-person to remote or hybrid models, or from those models back to in-person learning.
Visitors

**Are you allowing visitors to the school?**
No. We are limiting access to our school to staff and students. If there is a need to see a student during the school day we will establish protocols for this to be done safely. For example: Zoom in a Behavioral Specialist’s office.

**What about PPT meetings?**
These meetings will continue to take place virtually.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

**How often will the school be sanitized?**
Arch Bridge School will be sanitized each morning by an outside cleaning service and disinfected at regular intervals throughout the day by our environmental service team.

**What kind of training will take place?**
We plan to train staff and students at the start of the academic year on the enhanced health and hygiene protocols related to COVID-19. These trainings will also take place throughout the year and will cover topics like; handwashing, respiratory hygiene, and other ways to mitigate the spread of illness.

Ventilation and Air Conditioning

**Will air conditioning be used?**
Yes. Our new Dodds Family Center utilizes outside air exchange in the HVAC system, which allows us to provide fresh air for heating and cooling in the classrooms, gymnasium and conference room in that building. In other school buildings adjustments have been made to the HVAC system to utilize outside air and maximize air flow.


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Reporting Absence and Illness

Who should a parent call to report a student’s absence or illness?  
Parents and Guardians should report a student absence to the school secretary at 203-266-8034.  

If the absence is due to an illness parents/guardians can also call the school nurse to report symptoms at 203-266-8056.  

Who should a parent call to report a student’s exposure to COVID-19?  
Parents and guardians should call the school nurse to report student/family exposure to COVID-19 at 203-266-8056.
Social Distancing

How will classrooms be set up?
Our classrooms will be set up with individual desks facing in the same direction. The desks will be a MINIMUM of 6 feet apart from each other. With a maximum of 51 students spread across ten classrooms, we are able to social distance with integrity.

Will outdoor spaces be utilized as classrooms?
Wellspring has created multiple outdoor spaces on our campus to offer alternate classroom experiences. Outdoor Classroom Spaces include a large 10’x 20’ tent along with outdoor spaces adjacent to academic buildings and throughout campus.

Does Arch Bridge School have any larger sized classrooms?
Wellspring’s Dodds Center for Arts and Athletics houses both a gymnasium and multi-use conference space that will allow for larger gatherings and experiences for students and staff to safely social distance.
Screening

Will there be screening protocols for staff?
Yes, we are requiring staff to self-screen before arriving on campus. Check to ensure temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and observe for symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Will there be screening protocols for students?
Yes, we are requiring parents to screen students before leaving for school. Check to ensure temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and observe for symptoms associated with COVID-19.

Materials

Will students share materials?
No. Students will not share materials.

Food

How will students safely eat lunch and snacks?
Residents of Wellspring’s residential treatment programs will return to their program for lunch. Day students will eat in the Dodds Family Center conference room.

Will masks be removed for meals?
Students and staff will remove their masks for snacks and meals.
Please note that all plans and items included in this document are subject to change based on requirements and/or advice from the Governor of Connecticut, the Connecticut State Department of Education, and local health departments.

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