

Delaware Valley School District

Transportation Plan Starting on Wednesday, December 8

As of right now, we have 16 bus drivers that are either COVID positive, symptomatic or a close contact. Since everyone who rides a bus must wear a mask per federal regulations, no one should need to be quarantined as a result. Our goal is to have all kids in school. If we can't have all kids in school, the next best thing is to have all elementary students in school. I say this for three reasons: 1) elementary students can't be left home alone so virtual learning for them creates a hardship for working parents, 2) the secondary students already have their Chromebooks to use and 3) it is lot easier to teach a high school class online than it is to teach a kindergarten class online.

With limited buses available, our plan for the rest of the week is to have the primary and elementary schools (grades preK-5) open for in-person learning. The middle and high schools (grades 6-12) will learn online via Zoom. We will have to monitor the situation daily to ensure we have enough buses to continue with this plan.

There will not be 4:30 late buses at DVMS/HS. There will be 5:00 late buses at DDMS and 6:00 late buses at DVMS/HS.

Delaware Valley Elementary School will NOT have any bus transportation to or from school. Almost half of its students are driven or walk to school. We are asking the rest of the DVES families to do their best to transport their children to school. We are also asking everyone to help out their friends and neighbors that might be in need during this unusual time. I know this isn't ideal but it was the best option to avoid having all students in grades K-12 learn online. Since DVES will have a much larger number of parents than usual picking up at dismissal time, please see the DVES website, Schoology or Class Dojo on Wednesday about a staggered dismissal at the end of the day so folks can get in and out expeditiously. Students who normally ride a bus should bring in a note stating who will be picking them up. Reminder that those picking students up should be prepared to show identification. I want to say thank you in advance for helping us make this plan work so all elementary students can be in school.

I know this plan isn't ideal but few things have been during the pandemic. I appreciate everyone's understanding and flexibility as we try to keep as many kids as possible learning in-person.

Sincerely,

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