



Hamilton Southeastern Schools Shift to a Virtual School Reopening with Buildings Closed until Labor Day

By Educator Barnes – July 17, 2020

Hamilton Southeastern Schools has reevaluated its reopening plans due to the uptick in coronavirus cases. Students will begin virtual instruction on August 6 and buildings will remain closed until at least Labor Day.

HSE parent, Alice Stockton, has mixed emotions. "I'm glad that my girls will be home because their father is currently working remotely, but he is scheduled to go back in September. What happens if this gets extended past Labor Day? I work in childcare, and I'm considered an essential worker. I feel like nobody really knows what to do."

HSE sent the following communication to families.

Dear HSE Families:

Hamilton Southeastern Schools will adopt a phased in Reopening Plan similar to the one implemented by the Governor for the State of Indiana. Based on our local health indicators that are showing an increase in infections in our community and current staffing projections, the first phase will begin with all students attending school virtually.

*Virtual instruction will now begin on **Thursday, August 6, 2020** and will continue through at least Labor Day. Conditions will be monitored carefully and the district will not move to the next phase until identified markers established in collaboration with the Fishers Health Department have been met. The complete Four Phase Reopening Plan will be made available to all families no later than Wednesday, July 22, 2020.*

Athletic programs and extracurricular activities for HSE Schools will remain status quo (Phase I). Students participating in these summer programs will receive additional information from their building-level administrators.

The district is also working with the YMCA to develop a plan to make childcare available for those families who may need that service. We understand this is a change to our original plan, but we value the health and safety of our students, staff and families, and believe this will better meet the needs of the school community. We greatly appreciate your patience and flexibility during this time.

Sincerely,

HSE Schools

This is the latest in school reopening plans being changed. Recently, Washington Township, Wayne Township, and Warren Township modified their reopening plans.

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