

West Buffalo Charter School

Remote Instruction Policy

The West Buffalo Charter School Board of Trustees, Administration, and Faculty hopes and expects that all WBCS students will return to **full-time in-person** learning for the 2021-2022 school year. However, we know there are students who have a documented medical condition that may require him/her to continue virtual learning.

To support these students, WBCS will offer virtual instruction for a limited number of students who meet medical eligibility requirements. The virtual learning model option will also be extended to students when placed in COVID-19 related quarantine and/or have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Virtual learning as a result of a documented medical need will be available across all grades (K-8) for the 2021-2022 school year. At this time, the need for virtual instruction will be reviewed and evaluated at the end of each quarter (i.e. October, January, and April).

Each student in a household that is requesting virtual learning due to a documented medical condition must have the child's medical provider complete and sign the **COVID-19 Medical Consent and Certification for Virtual Learning (see attached)**.

Once completed by the medical provider, please submit the form to Mrs. Andrea Todoro, West Buffalo Charter School Leader. Forms may be emailed to atodoro@westbuffalocharter.org, dropped off at the school, or mailed.

How to Request Virtual Instruction:

Consistent with West Buffalo Charter School's policy (see above), students who need virtual learning **must provide a medical consent form** signed by a physician or nurse practitioner that explains why the student requires this option (i.e. a documented medical need as determined by a medical professional).

If your child(ren) has a medical need for virtual instruction, please follow the steps below:

Families MUST complete the virtual learning request process by September 1st, 2021.

1. Print/Copy the **COVID-19 Medical Consent and Certification for Virtual Learning** or pick up a copy from the school.

2. Contact your child's medical provider so they can complete and sign the medical consent form for virtual learning. Forms **must** be signed by a physician or nurse practitioner, or they **will not** be accepted.
3. Complete the virtual learning request process by submitting your child(ren)'s medical consent form signed by a medical professional by September 1st, 2021 to Mrs. Andrea Todoro, West Buffalo Charter School Leader. The forms can be emailed to atodoro@westbuffalocharter.org, scanned, or dropped off at the school's Main Office.
4. Each student in a household that has a medical need for virtual learning should complete their own medical consent form.
5. A West Buffalo Charter School representative will follow up with you if your form is incomplete, or to notify you if your form has been accepted.

Contact West Buffalo Charter School at (716) 923-1534 if you have any questions.

Virtual Learning FAQ

Are all students eligible for virtual learning?

Yes. All WBCS students in grades K-8 who have a medical need and provide a [medical consent form](#) signed by their doctor/nurse practitioner will be eligible for virtual learning. Students with medical needs unrelated to COVID-19 should contact Administration and/or the Committee on Special Education.

What if my child does not have a medical need for virtual instruction, but I prefer to keep them in remote learning?

WBCS believes that the best place for a student to learn is in the classroom and that is why we will fully reopen for every student Monday through Friday with their teachers and classmates for the 2021-2022 school year. The virtual learning model for the 2021-2022 school year is limited to students with medical needs requiring such. All other students are expected to attend school in-person.

My child does not have a medical need, but their sibling/parent/caregiver does. Can I still register my child for virtual?

The virtual learning model for the 2021-2022 school year is limited to individual students with medical needs as documented by their physician or nurse practitioner.

What if I request virtual learning, but then I change my mind?

Registering for virtual learning is a quarterly commitment. If your child's medical needs change and you no longer require virtual learning, you are not guaranteed the opportunity to return to in-person learning until the start of the next quarter.

I can't get a doctor's appointment in time to meet the September 1st deadline. What do I do?

To support school planning we are asking families to complete their virtual learning medical eligibility form by September 1st. If you know you are unable to obtain a physician note by that date, please complete the forms and submit them when they are fully signed, but note that student scheduling may be impacted.

What medical conditions qualify for virtual learning?

Medical eligibility is determined by each child's healthcare professional.

Can my child attend in-person part of the time, and virtual part of the time?

WBCS believes that the best place for a student to learn is in the classroom and that is why we will fully reopen for every student Monday through Friday with their teachers and classmates for the 2021-2022 school year. A hybrid learning model **will not** be available for the 2021-2022 school year.

What is the attendance policy for virtual students?

More details about the attendance policy will be shared in the coming weeks. Virtual students will be expected to attend live instruction.

What if I want to register for virtual, but I do not have a device or internet for my child at home?

We are committed to providing all students enrolled in virtual learning with the tools to participate fully, including a technology device or internet access support.

What will instruction look like for virtual students?

Students will livestream all classes throughout the school day. Virtual instruction will take place from 7:30AM until 3:00PM Monday through Friday.

PLEASE CONTACT WEST BUFFALO CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION at (716) 923-1534.