## Wolcott Public Schools

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## COVID-19 Communications SCHOOL MEALS

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**Overview:** We remain committed to providing Wolcott's children with healthy and nutritious meals during the COVID-19 Pandemic. There are several strict guidelines on food service at this time and our schools will need to adapt our menus and school lunch protocols. Due to the variety of architectural layouts of our schools and the varying sizes of our school populations, each school will have a unique approach to serve school lunch safely. **District-wide Information for All Schools**:

- Each school will implement more than one but not all of the following safety measures. School-to-school differences require unique solutions at our five schools:
  - Increasing the number of lunch waves in order to reduce the number of students eating lunch at any one time
  - o Designating staggered seating at tables to increase distances
  - $\circ$  Using classroom desks in cafeterias for distanced seating
  - Using nearby spaces (such as gymnasiums) to increase available square footage for meals
  - Use clear plastic dividers on lunch tables where needed
- Menu choices for school meals will be reduced
- Clear plastic screens will be used throughout the kitchen and serving lines
- Students must wear their face coverings while in the serving line and making their way to and from their table. Students may remove their face coverings while eating and drinking.

## Specific Information for Tyrrell School:

- Students will remain in their lunch seat until called up to the serving area.
- Students must maintain 6 foot distance in the serving area.
- Students must ask permission to leave their seat to dispose of garbage or go to the lav.
- Students will be seated by the homeroom cohort and must wait until the teacher returns and walks them back to their classroom.
- Once the student is done eating they must put their facemask back on.
- Once seated after purchasing food students will not be allowed to return to the serving area.

For questions that cannot be answered by your school principal, please contact Central Office by emailing: <a href="mailto:reopen@wolcottps.org">reopen@wolcottps.org</a>

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