



# WINTHROP SCHOOL

## FAMILY UPDATE #21 2020-2021

### MARCH 15 - MARCH 19

#### Return to Full In-Person Learning:

We continue to plan for full in-person learning for all hybrid and returning APL students beginning on Monday, April 5th. If you haven't already done so, please complete the [HWRSD Learning Mode Commitment Survey](#) by Tuesday, 3/16, to allow us to thoughtfully plan our classroom spaces. If you do not complete the survey, we will assume you are choosing to remain with your child's current learning mode. If Winthrop parents/guardians have any questions/concerns specific to your child related to full-return to school, please contact Carolyn Shediak [c.shediak@hwschools.net](mailto:c.shediak@hwschools.net).

#### Important Calendar Changes:

**Thursday, April 1st** will be a **no school day** for all students, allowing teachers the time to prepare their classrooms to welcome back all hybrid students on Monday, April 5th. We anticipate that there will be **no school** on **Monday, April 12th**, for HW staff to recover from their 2nd vaccine dose on Sunday, April 11th. Confirmation coming soon.

#### "HW Jump in the Pool" Pooled Testing Program:

We will be launching COVID-19 Pooled Testing Surveillance Testing Program at the Elementary Schools on Monday, March 22. This effort will be most effective with full participation. In order to be eligible to participate in testing next week, parents/guardians must submit a [consent](#) form for each child by Thursday, March 18 at 4pm. If you need more time to think about it, consents will be accepted on a rolling basis. Should you decide to "jump in the pool" at a later date, consent forms must be submitted by 4pm on Thursday for the following week's test. If at any time you wish to withdraw consent, please reach out to Jess Baker [j.baker@hwschools.net](mailto:j.baker@hwschools.net). Consent forms and additional information can be found on our [HWRSD COVID-19 Pooled Surveillance Testing Program website](#).

#### Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration for 2021-2022 School year is now open. Current HW Integrated Preschool Students heading to kindergarten next year do not need to re-register. Registration instruction and information can be found on the [district website](#).

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, March 15**

*2021-2022 On-Line Kindergarten Registration Begins*

**Thursday, March 18**

*Make Up Day - School Photos*

**Thursday, March 18**

*Pooled Testing Consent due by 4pm for Monday's Test*

**Friday, March 19**

*FOW Virtual Movie Night*

**Monday, March 22**

*Pooled Testing begins @ Winthrop*

**Tuesday, March 23**

*Winthrop Webinar Return to Full in Person*

**Thursday, April 1**

*No School*

**Friday, April 2**

*No School*

**Monday, April 5**

*Return to Full In-Person Learning*

**Monday, April 12**

*Anticipated - No School*

**Mon. Apr 19 - Fri. Apr 23**

*Vacation Week*

**Monday, May 31**

*No School*

**Wednesday, June 16th**

*Last Day of School*

**School Picture Makeup Day:**

On Thursday, March 18th, O'Connor Studios will be at Winthrop School from 10a-noon to take photos for students who were absent or need a retake. Students in Cohort A or Remote who need a photo can contact Donna Brockenbrough [d.brockenbrough@hwschools.net](mailto:d.brockenbrough@hwschools.net) to schedule a time to come to Winthrop for the photo. An order form will be necessary for all photos that *are not retakes*, so please contact Donna if you need a form sent home, or if you have any questions.

**Bus Transportation:**

As we plan to bring all students back on Monday, April 5th, we anticipate additional traffic congestion at arrival and dismissal. If you are interested in having your child ride the bus, please fill out the [HW Transportation Registration](#) form.

**Community House After School Care:**

The Community House is now open for after school care, as well as full day care options for your child's at home learning days. See the [Community House](#) website for details.

**FOW Virtual Movie Night:**

Your child will bring home a flyer with details about the FOW Virtual Movie Night on Friday, March 19th. The FOW has arranged for a "meal deal" with 5 Sons Pizza and Hamilton House of Pizza, and you will have a choice of 5 different movies to choose from. Watch for the flyer in your child's backpack!

**Out of State Travel Reminder:**

For travel plans that include out-of-state travel, you will need to seek [COVID-19 PCR](#) testing and upload the negative results to the SNAP portal prior to your child returning to school. For instructions on how to upload to the health portal, see our [how-to video](#). If you have any difficulty, you can email a copy to Mrs. Baker. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep our school community safe!

**Daily Symptoms Checker:**

Reminder to complete the [Daily Symptoms Checker](#) before sending your child to school.

**Important COVID links and travel information:**

[Massachusetts Travel Orders](#)  
[Stop the Spread Testing Sites](#)

**Safe Arrival Line/Dismissal Changes**

In person days, please call the safe arrival line 978-468-5344 to report your child absent or tardy. Please call the front office @ 978-468-5340 for dismissal changes.