

Pennsylvania
Department of Education

School District Enrollee Wellness Checks

Who?

Each student enrolled in the school district that receives academic instruction exclusively through the school district's virtual instruction program for the full school year

When?

At least once during any week consisting of at least three full or partial days of academic instruction

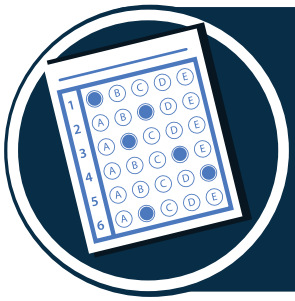
Why?

Ensure student is visibly seen and communicated with in real time by staff or other representative of the school district subject to 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 to **ensure the well-being** of the student and **verify participation** in the virtual program

This requirement may be satisfied by:



Student turning on a webcam and a teacher, administrator or other representative of the school district subject to 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 visibly seeing and communicating with the student during synchronous online instruction



Participation in virtual or face-to-face health screenings, standardized testing, advising and tutoring and in-person school sponsored activities chaperoned by a teacher, administrator or other representative of the school district subject to 23 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63

If any indication of abuse, neglect or harm to a child is observed, a school district administrator, employee or representative shall report the concerns in accordance with 23 PA.C.S. Ch.63.

*No later than **March 1** of each year for the following school year, each school district with virtual instruction program shall establish a wellness check policy and post the wellness check policy on its publicly accessible website.*

Why did the student miss the wellness check?

Excused Absence in accordance with 24 P.S. §13-1329

Next school day[1]: Conduct wellness check

Student missed wellness check

Documented power or internet outage

Next school day after outage has been resolved: Conduct wellness check

Student missed wellness check

Unexcused

Next school day:

- Send a written notice to the person in parental relation, in their preferred language, that the required wellness check has not been completed

AND

- Make documented ongoing efforts to complete the required wellness check using at least two different methods of communication

Within 3 school days of written notice:

- Schedule wellness review conference for next school day (if wellness check has not yet been completed)

Next school day:

- Hold wellness review conference with or without student and person in parental relation (if wellness check has not yet been completed)

Student missed wellness review conference

Within 24 hours: Conduct an in-person well visit (if wellness check has not yet been completed)

[1]*If the excused absence covers the entire instructional week, the student is exempt from the wellness check for the week.*

Pennsylvania Department of Education