

Dear WLCSC Families,

We know that the last few years have been unique, but we're excited to begin the 2022-2023 school year. We are committed to taking necessary precautions to help ensure a safe return to school.

Below are the guidelines related to COVID-19 protocol:

K – 12 Isolation Guidance (if a person tests positive)

- Stay home for 5 days from the onset of symptoms (if symptomatic) or the date of a positive test (if asymptomatic) and report the case to the school nurse.
- Return to school Day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving. Must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
- School medical staff retain the discretion to determine whether the resolution of symptoms is sufficient to warrant a return to school.
- Masks must be worn at all times upon return to school, including while on school buses and during extracurricular activities through day 10.

Prevention and Mitigation

- Prevention and mitigation measures such as regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and increased ventilation and air filtration shall continue.
- Students and staff are encouraged to practice good hand hygiene throughout the school day.
 - Masking by students or staff remains optional for anyone who chooses to do so. Masking will be required for those returning from COVID-19 positive infection through day 10 as noted above. Respectful behavior for anyone masking or not masking is an expectation of all.
- In following IDOH guidelines, WLCSC will seek guidance from the Local Health Department if we become aware of cluster cases within classrooms or groups, or if our rate of absenteeism reaches 10% for COVID-like illness.
- The Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) will continue to provide “return to play” guidelines for student-athletes in grades 6-12, and we will follow them.
- Administrators and Medical Staff will continue to monitor data and recommend adjustments to the plan, as needed.

Just to recap on ways to stay safe:

- Stay up-to-date on vaccinations
- Stay home when sick
- Wash hands frequently
- Clean and sanitize regularly
- Masking
- Testing

We are extremely grateful to our committed families and staff who continue to show great flexibility and resilience as we work together to contain the spread of the virus. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school nurse for assistance/guidance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Shawn Greiner, Superintendent
Dr. Chester Ho, School Physician
Dr. Anne Marie Bianculli, School Physician