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FAQ COVID-19 Protocols

My child is feeling sick, what should I do?

Please do not send your child to school. Communication is key! Please call your child's school and let a school staff member know that your child is not feeling well. Make sure that once your student is cleared to return to school, you send them in with a note. Attendance is critical to student success!

A person in my household is waiting for their COVID-19 test results. Can I send my child to school?

No, if someone in your household is waiting for results or is planning on getting tested for COVID-19, please call the school. School staff should know of this development before your child is at school. It is important that you speak with a staff member regarding next steps.

If the school is implementing the new CDC/DPH 5-day count rule for quarantine and isolation, when would the count start?

The count is based on when the school is notified. If your child starts exhibiting symptoms or receives a positive test, notify the school immediately. Once school officials are notified, we will begin the count.

I have a relative who has a child that goes to the same school as my child. Will the protocol being implemented be the same for all children?

No, many factors are considered when it comes to quarantine and isolation. Each case is mitigated individually and based on individual circumstances.

Will the school require a negative test before my child can return?

CDC/DPH guidance recommends testing, if possible, on day 5. If you are able to get tested, you can share that information with the school principal. This information will be kept confidential and private. Your student will be allowed to return back to school if their symptoms have improved, they have been fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and they follow all school safety protocols.

If my child rides the bus, do they still need to wear a mask?

Yes, your child will need to wear a mask while riding the bus. No changes have been made to this guidance.

Mission Statement: Washington County Public Schools- Expecting all children to Excel in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.



Do we still have the same mask wearing expectation while my child is at school?

Yes, if students cannot maintain physical distancing, they will be expected to wear a mask. Students will be expected to wear a mask during transition times (ex: changing from class to class). Students will not be expected to wear a mask during meal times, outside class time, or if they can maintain physical distancing.

My child is involved in extracurricular activities. If my child has completed the 5 days from quarantine or isolation, can they immediately return to practice or competition?

No, the student *may* return to observe practice and have limited participation. Administration and Coaches will determine what is appropriate.

If you are quarantining or in isolation you may test on day 5 (if possible). Upon receipt of negative test, administration will determine when student can participate in practice and competition. Students will be expected to adhere to school safety procedures.

Will the school continue to have in-person parent engagement activities?

Yes, with heightened caution. In light of the present surge, modifications will be made on attendance numbers. We will continue to maintain our present mitigation strategies to keep everyone safe.

What is the definition of a contact?

A contact is generally considered someone who has been within 3-6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more.

I have tried contacting my child's school, but cannot get through. What is another method I can use?

If you are unable to reach the schools after 2 attempts, please e-mail info@wacoschools.org.