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WC Community-

I first want to apologize for the delay of this school update, but as you have probably seen in the news, there are several changes occurring at districts across the state and country as we continue to deal with the effects of COVID.

It truly has been great seeing students and families returning to school open houses and excited for the new school year to start. As we have learned from the 2020-21 school year, we will continue to make adjustments as we are presented with new information. The intent is to make this school year as normal and safe for our students and staff as possible. Below are the most recent updates as of August 26, 2021 that can answer some of the more frequently questions.

Masks: As per the District #10 Health Department, masks within the school buildings are strongly recommended but **NOT** mandated/required. As per Federal requirements however, masks **ARE** mandated/required on school buses.

Hand Sanitizer and Proper Handwashing: WCPS will continue to provide opportunities to hand sanitize and hand wash throughout the day.

Not Feeling Well: Just like the 2020-21 school year, if your student is not feeling well, they should not attend school. Please make sure to follow all proper communication with the school that the student will be out.

Close Contact and Quarantining: There is now a change in the quarantining of a student that is deemed to be in close contact based on three factors.

- Is the student vaccinated?
- Is the student non-vaccinated, but wearing a mask correctly where and when necessary, throughout the course of the school day?
- Is the student non-vaccinated, but choosing not to wear a mask correctly where and when necessary, throughout the course of the school day?

Dependent on the above status, will determine the quarantine period required by the health department for close contact exposure. WCPS will be sending out more information related to quarantine periods over the next coming days.

WCPS will continue to communicate and post updated information on our school website, Skyward messages, and social media.

Educationally,

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