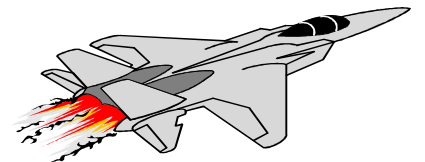




MSD of Warren County School Corporation

COVID-19 Fall 2021 Re-Entry Plan



Health Protocol

MSD of Warren County will begin school on the scheduled date of August 11, 2021 in a traditional Monday-Friday format. We strongly believe that the most effective instruction for children is with direct contact with our highly qualified staff within the classroom.

Alternative education options are not a consideration for the 2021-2022 school year. Medical conditions that prevent attendance will be reviewed with a formal diagnosis from a physician. Case by case reviews will be conducted as they have been in the past for severe medical situations.

MSD of Warren County will exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or could potentially transmit the disease after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). The Fountain-Warren County Health Department also has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6) if a contagious disease is contracted or could possibly spread.

Positive Cases

In an effort to be cognizant of positive cases of COVID-19 and to enact a response team, it will be mandatory for all teachers, administrators, staff and students (parents/guardians) to report any documented positive cases of COVID-19 in their school to the following:

During the school day, to building principal or assistant principal.

During evening or overnight hours, please leave a message at **(765)893-4445 ext. 163**. Additionally, an email may be sent to **mbillingsley@msdwarco.k12.in.us**.

Return to School After Exclusion

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the recommendations of the CDC. Currently those guidelines are:

Tested Positive- Symptomatic

Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- The individual has gone at least 24 hours without a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and

- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared of which the last three days must be free of fever without medication.

Tested Positive- Asymptomatic

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have gone 10 calendar days past their test without symptoms.

Quarantine of Close Contacts

Vaccinated close contacts do not have to quarantine, but should monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms develop.

Unvaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact must quarantine. Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with negative testing), day 11 (with precautions including a mask), or day 15 (without testing precautions).

Masks

The Indiana Department of Health recommends the use of masks as a precaution in all high traffic areas when social distancing may not be possible. Students and staff will be allowed to wear masks if the individual so desires.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requires that masks must be worn on all public transportation, which includes school buses. This requirement will be updated throughout the year following CDC direction.

Preventative Measures

The priority for preventing the spread of disease in the school setting is to strongly insist that sick employees and students stay home. Additionally, students and employees should remain home if someone in the household has COVID-19 symptoms or is being tested for COVID-19.

Handwashing and avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth are also important steps a person can take to avoid becoming sick or spreading germs to others. MSD of Warren County will encourage employees and students to wash their hands often. The Corporation will have hand sanitizer dispensers available for every classroom and areas that soap and water are not readily available. High touch areas will be sanitized daily.

Suggested times to consider hand washing include:

- Start and end of the school day
- When entering and leaving a room
- Before and after eating
- Before and after using the restroom
- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Before and after using shared equipment