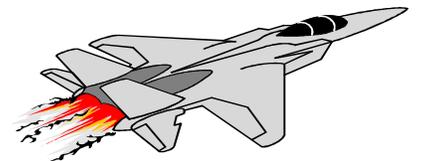




MSD of Warren County School Corporation

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.

COVID-19 Positives and Quarantines

Vaccinations are a family choice and are being offered at the Fountain & Warren County Health Department along with many other sites.

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**.

Symptomatic Students

When a student reports to school and develops symptoms, the student and any siblings within the district are sent home. A student sent home with symptoms might choose to receive a PCR. If negative, the student(s) may return as long as he/she has been fever free for 24 hours. With no test, the individual(s) may return on day 15.

Positive Family Member

A positive family member forces the quarantine of all family members. A quarantined student may choose to receive a PCR (given on days 5, 6 or 7) after exposure. If negative, the student(s) may return on day 8 but must mask through day 14. With no test, the individual(s) may return on day 15.

Positive Student Case

Student(s) that test positive initiate the quarantine of all family members. A quarantined family member may choose to receive a PCR (given on days 5, 6 or 7) after exposure. If negative, the family member(s) may return on day 8 but must mask through day 14. With no test, the individual(s) may return on day 15.

A positive student that has been symptomatic may return on day 10 with no symptoms over the previous 24 hours.

A positive student that has been asymptomatic may return 10 days from the date of the initial PCR.

Contact Tracing Groups - Identified Close Contact (3') of Positive Student(s)

A vaccinated student that does not exhibit symptoms is asked to self-monitor and has no masking requirement.

If an identified close contact has been masked and the student that tested positive was masked, the student self-monitors and has no masking requirement.

An identified close contact that is not vaccinated and not wearing a mask is quarantined. A quarantined student may choose to receive a PCR (given on days 5, 6 or 7) after exposure. If negative, the student(s) may return on day 8 but must mask through day 14. With no test, the individual(s) may return on day 11 but mask through day 14.

In addition, we are monitoring those not identified as close contact but potential exposures. These individuals are checked for symptoms, monitored, and requested to wear masks for a period of up to 14 days. This requires additional time and work but allows us to be cautious while still educating students.

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. We strongly encourage masking as a way to limit the spread among students and staff. The choice of masking may no longer be optional if mandated at the state level or locally if conditions do not improve.

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