



## **WSSS 2021 - 2022 Covid-19 Health & Safety Protocols**

- Masks will be worn on campus, inside and outside.
- Social distancing will be set at 6 feet this year.
- Mask breaks will take place outside 6ft. apart.
- Masks may be removed for eating and playing a wind instrument when students are at least 6 ft. apart.
- Students will ride our bus with their masks on and the windows open. Most trips will be with classes or cohorts. Parents will be informed if we are mixing groups for an extracurricular activity.
- Cohorts are as follows:
  - Forest pod (Manon Sabatier's class, Kristin Young's class, and Courtney Stanger's class)
  - Meadow pod (Susan Gilman's class and Jennifer Lutz's class)
  - Grades 1 - 3
  - Grades 4 - 8
  - Grades 9 - 12
- Classes or cohorts will be allowed to remove masks outside if they are alone as a group and 80% or more of the group (class or cohort) is vaccinated.
- A Health Screening form will be sent via text and email every morning as it was last year. Everyone is expected to fill it out every day whether or not they plan to be in school and no later than 7:30 a.m.
- We report testing, positive test results, and how many people are on campus every day to the NYSDOH.

- ***No one should come to school sick***, and any symptom will need to have a Covid test just like last school year. The test **MUST** be a PCR, not a rapid test. This applies to everyone (students, faculty and staff) whether or not you are vaccinated. Please have the results faxed or emailed to the school nurse before coming back to school.
- Quarantine rules are different for those who are vaccinated and those who are not. In the event of a positive case, we will work with the County Health Department and follow their lead. This may involve quarantine, contact tracing, and/or closing a classroom and moving to distance learning.
- Students in the same household as someone in quarantine may not come to school until the household quarantine period is over.
- Exemptions to this school rule where you *can* return to school as long as it is being held in person:
  - If someone in your household is vaccinated, that person can return to school as long as no symptoms develop.
  - If you have had Covid-19 and have recovered, you also do not need to quarantine or stay home unless symptoms develop.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door or upon arrival. It is important to arrive at school on time to accomplish this morning screening.
- The County is currently working to offer schools both screening testing for unvaccinated faculty, staff, and students and diagnostic testing for those with symptoms. The details will be coming soon. We will require any unvaccinated faculty or staff to be tested every week- no matter what the transmission level is. The test must be a PCR test. Currently we have 94% of our faculty and staff fully vaccinated. It will be optional for unvaccinated students to get this screening testing, but strongly encouraged if we move into the substantial transmission category. Testing will take place at school. (The transmission levels are low, moderate, substantial, and high.) This testing will most likely become available to us in the third week of school.
- Special trips will require protocols such as testing before and after the trip. Each trip will require review by Abigail (administrator) and Laura (school nurse) in consultation with the County Health Department.
- Extra-curricular activities will be limited this year and will run with prior approval and Covid protocols in place.
- Outdoor classrooms will be utilized at the teachers' discretion.

- Hand washing or hand sanitizing will continue as it was last year - before school, before and after snack, after recess, before and after lunch, after using the bathroom, and whenever needed.
- All of our classrooms have air purification units and will be on at all times. Windows will also be opened whenever possible.