

August 30, 2021

Good Afternoon Families:

The district is excited to have our students get off the buses on Wednesday morning! This day is one that we have been working toward and looking forward to for a long time! As we prepare for this day, know that our staff is excited and are looking forward to having your child(ren) back on campus.

I would like to remind our families that the primary goal of the School District of West Salem is to keep our students in school and all of our programs running successfully all year long. In order to accomplish this, we need your help! As we move into this week and the school year, I want to provide a couple of reminders and requests as we try to accomplish this goal, especially with the current conditions around our community, county, and state.

- 1) If your child is sick or has symptoms of COVID-19, please keep your child home. If they have symptoms of COVID-19 seek out testing. Your child must stay home until test results are confirmed by a **PCR test** ([Please see quarantine guideline and definitions here](#)). This is by far the best mitigation measure that we all can agree upon.
- 2) The CDC, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, DPI, and local medical officials all strongly recommend the wearing of masks for everyone regardless of vaccination status. The District supports this recommendation and highly encourages universal masking while in our buildings. At this time, it is not mandatory for students, and we will honor the choices of our families, but this may be subject to change based upon conditions within our buildings.

Our team will be carefully monitoring positive cases or transmission within our buildings. If we need to move to a full extent of mitigation measures, including masking, we will do so to keep our students and staff in our buildings for face-to-face learning and keep our programs up and running.

Thank you and we are looking forward to having an outstanding year!

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Superintendent