

March 18, 2022

Good Afternoon West Salem Families and Staff:

We hope this letter finds you all well! It has been a wonderful time for our district over the past couple of months and we are looking at finishing the school year strong.

As a district we will be making some final adjustments with our health protocols to finish off our school year:

- Beginning immediately, we will be discontinuing our Covid-19 Dashboard by removing this from our district website, and we will no longer be tracking absences for Covid reasons.
- On Monday, March 21st, we will no longer be offering on site testing for Covid, along with NOT requiring a Covid test for symptomatic individuals. If a family or staff member makes the choice to test for COVID, they can either use an at home test or seek out testing with one of our medical care facilities.
 - If the choice is made to test for Covid-19 and the test returns positive, the individual must stay home for 5 days from when symptoms began and is suggested to wear a mask for the following 5 days after returning to school and activities.
 - Day symptoms began = day 0
 - Isolation days 1-5
 - Suggested return with a mask day 6 through day 10
 - The WIAA requires a medical clearance [form](#) be completed for those participating in WIAA sponsored activities, or who will be within the next 6 months, that test positive for COVID-19. This must be completed before returning to play.
- Online learning for students will only occur once a positive Covid-19 test has been provided. Until a positive test result is provided, the student will be considered sick and will make arrangements to get any missed work upon their return to school.

We will be returning to our pre-COVID procedures as far as student/staff health is concerned. The individual is welcome to be at school unless they have one of the following:

- A temperature over 100.0
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Individuals may return to school when they are free from the above symptoms for 24 hours, without medication. Again, if your child or staff member does not feel well enough to be at school, please stay home.

We are looking forward to an outstanding end of the school year and wish you and your families the best!

Thank you, be well, and take care!

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Superintendent

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District Doctor

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