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8/5/2021 20:26:13	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Masks should be required	Required		Regular cleaning of shared areas	Needs to be worked on with most students	If necessary	If necessary			Masks and proper hygiene
8/5/2021 20:36:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian										
8/5/2021 20:53:45	No	District Staff	As someone who has worked with students all summer while masks have been optional and have witnessed great success with this process, I believe that optional masking is a good plan moving forward	This can be done in some scenarios, but in others like classrooms, this isn't totally realistic	While producing more work for staff, if someone tests positive, this will need to be done	I think this would help all sicknesses so I believe these are good practices		The back and forth like we had last year created a lot of work and made the learning process harder than needed. Avoid sudden switches in learning platforms		These have been successful all summer so continuing seems logical		
8/5/2021 21:13:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	choice	As can best, partner/small group/meeting time needs to be allowed, lunch in lunchroom, recess outdoors (classes mixed)	Yes if positive/close contact (especially at ES as these students are not able to get the vaccine).	Daily	Washing hands on transitions (enter/exit)	Students need to all be in person or all be out (4K-12).	Consistency between buildings (if ES is in person so is MS/HS), all on nothing, no alternating 1/2 class hybrid stuff, teachers can't be expected to Zoom for quarantined students and teach in person, if students sign up for Online learning it needs to be for the semester/no switching back and forth	Same rules as school	Needs to occur if classmates test positive.	
8/5/2021 21:16:19	No	District Staff					My only concern is the wording here - it is going to available. If the mitigation strategies we used in the spring worked, shouldn't we continue to do what we did then? Just stating they are available is not reassuring that everyone will be using them as we were before.					Just an overall thank you for the clear communication and monitoring. I appreciate that we are following guidance from professionals and are willing to change if what we are doing is not working.
8/5/2021 21:19:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Optional masking would be nice for the students and teachers who have been vaccinated!		The time frame of quarantines seemed very long last year and often unnecessary. It would be great if those with Covid could quarantine until it was safe for their return, but too many kids were quarantined that didn't need to be in my opinion.	It's important that things are cleaned well. Sanitizer should be available and provided for all.		I pray and hope that we stay open all year long. Quarantine kids who need it, and the rest of us can continue on in school.		On unless too many kids are out and it can't be run in person! Masks optional.	Keep doing what you are doing. Keep everyone in the loop and explain your thought process.	
8/5/2021 21:24:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Whatever the district decides to allow in person learning.	Whatever the district decides to allow in person learning.	Whatever the district decides to allow in person learning.	Whatever the district decides to allow in person learning.	Whatever the district decides to allow in person learning.	If I have to go to zoom to teach, I will go to zoom and teach.	If I have to go to zoom to teach, I will go to zoom and teach.	Whatever the district decides to allow students to have athletic season.	There cannot be too much communication. Communication with maximum transparency.	Adapt and overcome the obstacles. Maximum Flexibility
8/5/2021 21:56:17	No	District Staff	Would like to see masking encouraged rather than optional.									Thank you for all of the work that has been put in to keeping us safe and in school.
8/5/2021 22:12:24	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Masks should remain optional.	If social distancing is going to be enforced, it should begin in our classrooms & class sizes should be lowered to allow for proper distancing. If they cannot be distanced in the classrooms, then students should be allowed to utilize the lunchrooms & playground areas without restrictions.	Students that are sick should be required to stay home until they have been symptom free for 24 hours.	Proper cleaning supplies should be provided & utilized within the classrooms & common areas of the buildings.	Washing your hands & self care are a common responsibility & have always been taught & encouraged to students.	Schools should only be closed if there is a high number of positive cases in a building.	Continued use of learning platforms used last year.	If school is not in session, neither should be extracurricular activities.	Current communication practices are adequate.	

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8/5/2021 22:19:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Recent studies show they don't work, will cause more harm than benefits. Masks interfere with students' ability to learn and concentrate especially at the elementary level.		Detrimental to students mental health! Not needed. Obviously if someone is ill they should stay home but otherwise they should be in school.	I feel the school does an excellent job with both.	Should continue as it has.	Should not be an option, students need to be IN school. The negatives FAR outnumber the positives: mental health is a far greater concern than Covid.	Should not be an option. Learning needs to be in person, 100%.	Need to go on as planned, the students need to participate in all of their activities.	Has been excellent thus far!	We absolutely cannot put our students through anything like they went through during the 2020-2021 school year. They deserve better & we can do better. Common sense and research tells us that Covid is not the grave threat we once thought it was. Unfortunately many people blindly follow the media and that is not where medical information should be obtained. We cannot make such life altering decisions based in fear. We need to be 100% in person with our students!
8/5/2021 22:45:17	No	District Staff	Individual choice, but not mandated	Grade level yes, class cohort no	Individual/class as needed	Keep the same as last year	Keep the same (should always practice good personal hygiene)	Class to class as needed (how we did it in the spring) not whole building or district, unless there is a massive school wide break out of positive cases. Students need to be in person as much as possible.	Only if absolutely necessary. Absolute last resort. Students need to be in person.	Follow safety measures, but let the students have their sports and activities		
8/5/2021 22:50:58	No	District Staff	I have concerns about students who choose not to wear masks bullying students who choose to wear masks. This needs to be addressed by administration on day 1.	This is difficult to define and to enforce, especially in different locations. Will there be consequences for not social distancing? If so, what will they be?	Will Zooming be required for live instruction?	There needs to be consistency amongst all staff.						I am in favor of a vaccination requirement for all staff.
8/5/2021 22:57:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Recent studies show they don't work, will cause more harm than benefits. Masks interfere with students' ability to learn and concentrate especially at the elementary level.		Detrimental to students mental health! Not needed. Obviously if someone is ill they should stay home but otherwise they should be in school.	I feel the school does an excellent job with both.	Should continue as it has.	Should not be an option, students need to be IN school. The negatives FAR outnumber the positives: mental health is a far greater concern than Covid.	Should not be an option. Learning needs to be in person, 100%.	Need to go on as planned, the students need to participate in all of their activities.	Has been excellent thus far!	We absolutely cannot put our students through anything like they went through during the 2020-2021 school year. They deserve better & we can do better. Common sense and research tells us that Covid is not the grave threat we once thought it was. Unfortunately many people blindly follow the media and that is not where medical information should be obtained. We cannot make such life altering decisions based in fear. We need to be 100% in person with our students!
8/5/2021 22:59:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Recent studies show they don't work, will cause more harm than benefits. Masks interfere with students' ability to learn and concentrate especially at the elementary level.		Detrimental to students mental health! Not needed. Obviously if someone is ill they should stay home but otherwise they should be in school.	I feel the school does an excellent job with both.	Should continue as it has.	Should not be an option, students need to be IN school. The negatives FAR outnumber the positives: mental health is a far greater concern than Covid.	Should not be an option. Learning needs to be in person, 100%.	Need to go on as planned, the students need to participate in all of their activities.	Has been excellent thus far!	We absolutely cannot put our students through anything like they went through during the 2020-2021 school year. They deserve better & we can do better. Common sense and research tells us that Covid is not the grave threat we once thought it was. Unfortunately many people blindly follow the media and that is not where medical information should be obtained. We cannot make such life altering decisions based in fear. We need to be 100% in person with our students!
8/6/2021 5:57:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	I believe this should be optional so each family can make their own personal decision.									
8/6/2021 5:59:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	If needed - unvaccinated?	As best as possible when inside.	If needed - close contacts, whatever helps stop the spread.	Yes - this is a must.		If it happens; have a plan what the day will look like for students - keep it consistent.	Have a plan and keep it consistent	Should go on as long as no out break.	Week - have a set day of the week the info will come out.	

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8/6/2021 6:19:33	No	District Staff	Considering the easiest thing we can do as a society to help our community not spread the virus is to wear a mask, I feel we should request wearing a mask so that we can maintain face to face instruction through the year.			The sanitizing of the facilities should not only be on the custodians shoulders, all staff and faculty should be held accountable for sanitizing multiple times through out the day.						The process of relaying information after a positive case has been reported should be re-evaluated, people are not being informed any more. The custodians aren't even being informed any more and they are the ones you expect to go in the room and use the sanitizing gun after a positive case, they cant do their job if they aren't informed.
8/6/2021 6:34:50	No	District Staff	Should be optional	I think social distancing is good	no	Yes, the implementation of things last school year seemed quite effective		Not if at all possible	Not if at all possible			
8/6/2021 7:20:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Yes. It is recommended by cdc. Kids under 12 can't get vaccinated. Such a small thing to do to keep children healthy and in school, and parents at work instead of quarantine. As a teacher, I only struggled with a couple students with masking, and those kids were only repeating the things they heard from home. Kids really don't have an issue with masking unless an adult has said something about it at home. They don't love wearing a mask, but understand that they are staying safe and helping keep others safe. What a good lesson for kids in selflessness.	Yes. The more we can utilize tools that work, the less likely we will have a surge in illnesses. Last year, we didn't have strep, stomach bugs, etc running through school. In any year, it may be a good decision to have a little space between kids so they stay healthy and in school.								Until our little ones have a chance to be vaccinated, we should take precautions to keep them safe. Once they have had opportunity to get vaccinated, then remove masks and people can live with their own choices. Each new variant that develops puts children more at risk, as well as others in the community. Let's do our small part to stop the development of new variants until kids have had the opportunity for vaccinations by masking up.
8/6/2021 7:48:44	No	District Staff	Whatever is best to keep kids in school	Whatever is best to keep kids in school								
8/6/2021 7:49:31	No	District Staff	Should be a personal choice. There are many reports available that they are ineffective.	Should be whatever makes a person comfortable. I don't like my personal space invaded even without the risk of Covid.	Not necessary. I tested positive for Covid and not a single family member I live with got it.	Important regardless.	Something everyone should be doing anyway.	Only if there is an entire classroom that becomes ill.	Only for families that feel more comfortable with it.	Continue as before with masking optional.	Inform them as much as possible.	Thank you for giving people the opportunity to give their input.
8/6/2021 8:17:01	No	District Staff	Universal masking indoors until all students are eligible to receive the Covid vaccine and if case numbers allow.	Distance indoors where we can.	Quarantine all close contacts unless vaccinated for the medically recommend time duration.	Our cleaning protocols from last year seemed to work well. Bring as much fresh air inside as we can.	Hand sanitizer should be readily available.	Last resort. I think we need to keep the other mitigation efforts in place so this hopefully doesn't have to happen.	Should be an available option for families who do not feel comfortable sending their children in person.	Continue as usual as much as possible.		I think we know what works. It's easy to get complacent and we all want this pandemic to be over with. But with a highly contagious variant spreading, I think it makes zero sense to pretend like it won't happen here and do away with mitigation efforts. Masks help but only if we are all wearing them. To me, that seems like the easiest and least restrictive step we can take to keep kids in our buildings full time.
8/6/2021 8:30:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I like the mask optional as long as our numbers in the schools and community are low. I think the next step would be require 4K-6 as those students until those students have to opportunity to vaccinate.	This is tough to do. I think more emphasis should be on masking than social distancing.	I think if you are unvaccinated and deemed a close contact then you quarantine. Quarantines should get tested at day 6 or 7 and return to school if negative and no symptoms. Anyone vaccinated only quarantines if they show symptoms.	I appreciate all of your efforts.	Continue to have lots of hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies readily available.	Only when necessary as stated in your plan	Only when necessary and for quarantines	Try to have of at all possible. Follow the same model as mode of instruction.	Please continue to update the dashboard	You are doing great. I like that you are stressing in person learning is the most important and all mitigation strategies are to help us to continue to reach that goal.
8/6/2021 8:40:42	No	District Staff	I prefer not to wear a mask and believe the claims supporting positive effects of mask wearing are ambiguous.	Social distancing seems reasonable.	If you are sick stay home.	Proper cleaning and ventilation is foundational to maintaining a healthy environment, irregardless of COVID.	I believe proper hygiene is important, especially washing hands frequently.	I think students learn more when they are in school, however, if it is deemed unsafe to attend school then learning from home is important.	Distance learning seems to be the only alternative to in-person learning. However, in addition to my previous response on "pauses to in-person learning", I believe that distance learning puts a lot of extra stress on the parents.	I am not sure how I feel about this topic.	I think communication to families is probably important.	

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8/6/2021 8:42:52	No	District Staff	Optional. I'll be wearing one if numbers increase. I will also wear one if I have a cold.	I support research, science and experts.	I support research, science and experts.	Not an expert.	I support research, science and experts.	Not a fan, but we've proven it can be done. Please do everything possible to keep us here.	Great option for families.	I support what experts recommend. I hope we are able to have all activities.	Communication is key to success.	Thank you for all you do with keeping us safe and trying to appease all.
8/6/2021 8:52:46	Yes	District Staff	I agree with the optional masking at this point and trust changes the district makes as the data changes.	I am not sure how much is needed. Honestly, it did not seem that realistic at the elementary level given the sizes of classrooms and limited configuration options.		Lots of cleaning and hopefully our ventilation system is keeping the air clean		If needed due to data and recommendations of experts, I think pauses would be the best choice for all.	I don't love it, but realize it could be needed at some point given the Delta variant		Keep it transparent	I appreciate the hard work the teams who work together to make decisions and keep informed on the pandemic situation. I hope the dashboard data is clear and honest with no loopholes or creative use to make the data appear less daunting than it is.
8/6/2021 9:06:35	No	District Staff	As much as I don't like wearing the masks, student safety must come first. Even though I'm vaccinated, we need to protect those who can't get a vaccination yet. If the science says, mask protect them, then we should wear a mask.	Follow CDC guidelines	Follow CDC guidelines	Clean desks, when students switch classes. Nightly each room should be sprayed with disinfectant. Monitor ventilation weekly and areas of poor ventilation need a portable ventilation system.	Hand wash and an emphasis to parents to continually have clean masks.	Unless there's an outbreak at our school, then learning should be in-person.	For older grades 5-12, have kids zoom in if they're in quarantine (Not sure about 3 and 4th grade). For the littles, just send work home instead of having them Zoom in.	I believe these can be safely done and there can be an audience that follows whatever school guidelines have been put in place.	Be up front, honest, and science based	We had major issues last year with the same students not being at school and in quarantine. (These students I believe are coming in to the new year without the benefit of last year's curriculum.) I believe some of these situations were preventable or parent manipulated. Anyway, those kids and their parents that continue to miss school and do no work, need to have more accountability. I don't have that answer, but a clear plan set up before the school year and communicated to families (the district can look at look at attendance from last year and send an extra reminder to the chronic quarantiners) may help prevent as much absenteeism. So much wasted time last year was used by district staff (teachers, nurses, secretaries, counselors, and principals) trying to track down these families. An effective plan could hopefully put our staff's time to more productive uses and get kids to school to learn.
8/6/2021 9:14:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I believe it should continue to be optional for all staff and students regardless of community illness and vaccine status. If you feel masking works/helps, you can have the option to wear one. Personally, masking was very hard for me and my physical and mental health, resulting in trouble breathing, headaches and panic attacks.		Please do not use this as a way to discriminate against those who are not vaccinated. Quarantining is not necessary. We need to get away from assuming just bc you had contact you will get sick.					We need to get away from quarantining. Just bc you had contact does not mean you will get sick. Kids need these activities as a way to stay active and involved.		I feel that it is irresponsible to suggest to staff and families to make the medical decision of getting a vaccine that is not FDA approved and has many adverse reactions. This is a personal choice and should not be 'encouraged' by our district.
8/6/2021 10:23:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Masking should be required for students under 12 until a vaccine is available. The under 12 student population needs protection.									
8/6/2021 12:56:54	No	District Staff	We may want to consider masking at least at the elementary and MS levels since students of this age are unable to be vaccinated.									
8/6/2021 13:10:09	No	District Staff	Should be at your own choice									
8/6/2021 14:18:49	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Please keep optional. So much better to see and read each other's faces.	Not really necessary.	Please no! I believe there were very few positives that came from school close contacts being quarantined.	Keep doing what you're doing. It works!	Encourage hand washing	Please no- stay in person	Please no- stay in person	These have to happen without interruption. The kids deserve it. They all put in a lot of hard work and are looking forward to this "normal" year. You can't keep taking things away from kids and expecting them to remain positive.	You are doing great!	Thank you for getting kids in school. Thank you for making masks optional. Thank you for doing what's best for kids! Families in other districts are jealous of the opportunities we are giving to our students. Keep up the good work.

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8/6/2021 15:04:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Absolutely NOT	Dumb and no	Stop quarantining healthy kids	Yes	Of course	No!	No!	Yes!	Yes!	
8/6/2021 15:05:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	3ft	Only if positive or household member positive			No	No			
8/6/2021 15:05:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	If need to	Hopefully not	Yes safely	Emails	
8/6/2021 15:07:02	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Meh	Meh	Yes as needed	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Keep up the great work
8/6/2021 15:08:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
8/6/2021 15:08:11	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Totally optional	None	Stay home if your sick	Normal	Normal	None	None	Normal	As is	
8/6/2021 15:10:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
8/6/2021 15:11:32	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should be optional but not required		Not required unless positive			Absolutely no pauses to in-person learning. These children need in person learning.	Definitely not. Last years plan was pointless. The high school should be in person full time, as were the other two schools. Hybrid learning should not be considered.	If sports are allowed without restrictions, then school should be without restrictions.		
8/6/2021 15:11:43	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes please when indoors	Indoors as possible!	Yes						I prefer a lot of communication to not enough.	I would love to be cautious this next year, not knowing where it will take us. I feel like it needs to be taken seriously because it is not over, and our elementary children could be at risk because they are unable to be vaccinated
8/6/2021 15:12:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should remain optional		Not necessary							
8/6/2021 15:12:30	Yes	Parent/Guardian	This should remain optional. Parents should be able to decide based on their child's best interests	Based on the lack of child to child spread this should be a non issue, or up to each child's comfort	This should become optional. Parents should be able to learn to start based on their child's exposure and history	Continue to clean as already doing	Hand washing as normal	Parents should be able to decide based on their child's best interests, no need to stop in person schooling	Should only be an option for people choosing to quarantine their child	Continue as normal with no restrictions, personal choice	Emails, texts, facebook	Ultimately everything that has to do with our children should be up to the parents. Vaccines, masks, quarantines. This should not be a school or government mandate. No one knows these children as well as their own parents!
8/6/2021 15:12:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Your choice	3-6 feet	Follow guidelines	Implement same as last year	Encourage better care of person health and cleanliness	If needed to keep everyone safe		Allowed children need to live their lives	Keep open and up to date communication	
8/6/2021 15:13:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian		Kids WILL NOT social distance unless they are forced to.								
8/6/2021 15:13:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Weekly	Daily	Never	Never	Always	Over communicate	These kids cannot be home with distant learning.
8/6/2021 15:14:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Don't want it to happen period. Don't feel it works or benefits our kids. In fact find it to be counter productive.	View covid as similar to the flu and we need to start living the same as we do with all other illnesses.	No because I view Covid to be like the flu. We need to learn to start living with it the same.	Good to have for all sorts of viruses and bacterial	Good to have proper hygiene for overall wellness	NOOOOOOOOOO NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!	NOOOOOOOO!!!!!!!	Carry on like pre covid	As needed like all other things related to school	As mentioned above start living normal and treating it like every other communicable disease and stop living in an environment that breeds fear. If someone has a health condition, they should get vaccinated and take precautions like they would with any virus or bacteria. Not everyone should be forced to mask and live in fear.
8/6/2021 15:15:21	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I agree with the Districts policy on optional masks and I feel that masks should remain optional	Common sense distancing should always be in place during and outside of an pandemic								I strongly appreciate all the leadership within West Salem school district and feel you will have our children's best interest at heart at all times. Strong leaders make strong students.
8/6/2021 15:15:46	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Never needed if vaccinated.	Do your best, but unrealistic in school building.								
8/6/2021 15:16:23	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I support optional masking only	Most social distancing for kids is unrealistic and over the top	I am against quarantining healthy kids	Additional cleaning and proper ventilation/being outdoors is one of the best ways to help combat viruses	Keep teaching and preaching the importance of hand washing	Kids need in person learning no matter what	Available upon request/special approval and for sick kids needing to quarantine that feel physically well enough to attend school		What the district has been providing in regard to communication has been just right	
8/6/2021 15:17:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I would prefer the school to remain optional masking the entire year.	I have no concern with close interaction with both of my sons with other students without masks.	I agree with the quarantine guidelines outlined.	The school has done great with cleaning and I am confident they will continue to do so.	I agree with the guidelines outlined.	I would prefer not to have the kids go into online learning.	Nope.	I would prefer extra curricular activities remain optional masking and follow quarantine guidelines outlined.	I would prefer to only receive communication if my child was a close contact.	
8/6/2021 15:18:13	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks should remain optional		Thank you for not making asymptotic kids stay home!							

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8/6/2021 15:18:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Please keep optional on the bus	Within reason	Limit	Keep up, specifically ventilation	Hand hygiene is a must!	Limit as much as possible, would wear a mask over going to virtual learning	Avoid		Limited via email/skyward messaging	Thank you!
8/6/2021 15:19:30	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think that children who are not old enough to get vaccinated or choose not to should wear masks. In addition, I think all teachers and staff who are unvaccinated should be required to wear masks.					If there are increased cases to warrant the decision	If necessary			
8/6/2021 15:19:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No thank you	Yes I'm some instances	If they have covid 19 yes	Definitely a priority in any instance	Yes as kids learn this from everyone around them	No as my children are too young to understand at home learning	If they require it	If they decide they would like to	Important to understand everything that is going on at school	No thank you
8/6/2021 15:22:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian										Since the recent variant is similar to a cold and symptoms can be gone within a 48 hour period, is the school requiring students who are out sick to show proof of a negative covid test before returning? Our recent experience would have put two positive cases back on the bus and in summer school within 48 hours of having symptoms as they were similar to a cold, if we as parents, didn't make the right decision. We chose to get our children tested before returning to school but will others do the same? I am ok with optional masking but want to ensure children are getting tested to properly report the true spread and keep children safe
8/6/2021 15:22:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Keep it optional	encourage social distancing, but don't require.	Only those tested positive or immediate family of those tested positive	Clean and sanitize frequently used surfaces daily	Encourage hand washing	Only when high case count within the schools	As an option for students home not feeling well or on quarantine.	Pause practices and games if high case counts in the school	continue to email	I like the plan as proposed.
8/6/2021 15:23:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I like the idea of making it optional, but with the rise again due to the Delta variant, it might be better to require them again until numbers go down. Only indoors and when kids are close together. If they are spaced three feet apart or more at desks, take them off.	I would limit the social distancing - let kids be kids.	Follow CDC guidelines. Don't require COVID tests for every sniffle or cough though - if we aren't requiring masks, we will likely see an uptick in colds and the flu.	Provide hand sanitizer and encourage kids to use it. Have the kids learn to clean what they touch with wipes? Get them outside as much as possible, or keep windows open for additional ventilation.		I would keep the kids in the classroom - no virtual learning.	I think its good to have an option for parents with high-risk children or just prefer to keep their kids at home.	Move ahead as normal	Continue what you are doing - great communication!	I sincerely appreciate all you are doing to keep our kids safe and IN school! Thank you!
8/6/2021 15:23:45	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Optional	If it is preventing a full shut down, yes.	Absolutely, should be the new norm anyways.	Every person should take pride in this and for those unaware other measures of sanitizing should be provided just to make sure.	No	No	Sports and activity is needed for our youth. This shouldn't be masked and they are healthy individuals.	West Salem always does great with this, please continue.	
8/6/2021 15:24:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I feel that kids learn better without masks and we should try that until it becomes a problem. Use masking only if there's an increase in Covid-19 in the district.	Let kids be kids and enjoy their school experience until there's a problem. If parents want their kids to mask, they have that option. Also they do have the option to home school. Social distance within reason.	Only when necessary	Same as what's being done. If it's not covid, there's other illness and diseases.	Encourage handwashing as it's always important. Cover coughs and sneezes. Sanitizer before entering and when leaving rooms.	Should be the absolute LAST option. Kids learn better with socialization and in person.	For snow days or quarantine. It's too hard for kids to concentrate with outside distractions (pets, other family members, etc) at home.	Need to happen. Kids and the community need this. It is important for socialization and normalcy.	Emails or texting important information	Kids and families need school, friends, socialization and activities. During quarantine, people especially kids (including 3/5 of my own) have higher rates of depression and anxiety. Kids need exercise to help with depression naturally. We need school sports, homecoming, proms, and graduations as celebrations in life. We need these things for kids to learn, grow, and have fun.
8/6/2021 15:24:19	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	The best would be to keep the kids in person with optional masking.
8/6/2021 15:25:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Not required/optional	Encouraged but not strictly (for early elementary)	Continued as usual							
8/6/2021 15:25:48	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	

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8/6/2021 15:31:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I work at a local hospital and I believe it is the best option to keep them in school	Should be done as much as possible	If COVID positive and also go wait for a COVID test result	As needed and recommended	Yes	Only as a last resort	Only as a last resort	Yes	Continue as has been done	I feel that the school district is taking the past of least resistance and it too concerned about making parents upset about masking. I was so proud of the school district last year for how they took care of things but I am disappointed this year so far. Masking is a simple thing to do as well keeping students home if they are waiting for a positive test. I work in medical research at Gundersen Health System and the actions of the school district at this time go against what is currently recommended for young students that cannot receive a vaccine. The district is putting our students at risk.
8/6/2021 15:32:15	Yes	District Staff	Masking children is worse the actual virus.	It's not needed	Should not happen, unless someone is actually sick. People who may or may not have come into contact should not have to quarantine if they are not showing signs or symptoms.	Great! Clean away.	Should be Happening	Better not happen.	Better not happen.	Must go on the without masks or social distancing.	Sound good	
8/6/2021 15:35:40	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe all(vaccinated or not) should return in person with masks unless there is a reason one can't wear a mask. Masks can be removed for outdoor activities, eating and when able to socially distance from peers.	If masked, I feel like they should be able to have close contact. No masks, they need to be socially distanced	Agree with quarantine, however if we are allowing close contacts to stay in school they should be mandated to mask for the 14 days or 7 days with a negative Covid test			It's impossible for my family to work through distance learning if not in quarantine due to me being a healthcare worker and my husband being a police officer	It's impossible for my family to work through distance learning if not in quarantine due to me being a healthcare worker and my husband being a police officer			
8/6/2021 15:36:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should always remain optional everyone is aware of the risks and we believe that should be left up to parents or guardian.	Not sure it's necessary.	If someone is showing symptoms stay home and rest up.	This should always have been top priority.	Is important and teach my kids importance of it but doesn't mean that's everyone's top priority.	Don't think it's necessary.	Optional for those who may not feel comfortable sending kids personally don't feel my kids got the best out of distance learning.	Yes all for it!		We appreciate the navigation through the hard times this past year. We know it's not easy. It is important to look at our community and make decisions based on the children's greater good. At this point families understand the risks and we feel all voices should be heard. There have been frustrating times when there were cries from parents that seemed to go unheard. I know some parents have been faced with if they should even send their kids back this fall or if they should find an alternative, which in my wildest dreams never thought it would get to this place. We must ask ourselves how did we get here? I feel this could be resolved with open communication, truly hearing one another and leaving options open. Thank you for all you do for our kids and let's keep making them our number one priority.
8/6/2021 15:37:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking optional	Not required	Only those who have tested positive, not those within close contact			Do not do- in-person learning throughout the school year	Optional	Return to normal, no masking required for players or fans		
8/6/2021 15:37:42	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No						Back to normal	For everything	
8/6/2021 15:41:33	No	District Staff	My feelings about masking depend on the percentage of students that I have who are vaccinated. If that is a low percent, then I will probably want to mask.	I totally plan to distance myself from students and to distance my students as much as possible depending on class sizes. Last year was hard because I had such a large number of students in each class.	I think this seems reasonable. I plan to set up my classroom the same way as last year so that kids can continue to keep up whether they are here in my room or not.	I plan to continue to clean as I did last school year. I think this is very important. I hope we will be given enough cleaning supplies.	Yes - wash hands, etc...	I hope we can stay in person the whole year.	I hated teaching through Zoom - I hope that does not need to happen.	I am glad kids will get to have some normalcy back. I think these activities are so very important.	This seems fine to me.	I hope we stay vigilant and have a better year overall than last year.
8/6/2021 15:44:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks destroy children's ability to see and express emotion. Would rather my 1st grader never need to wear one again.	Let kids play.	Once fever breaks and are outside of infection window I'm down for them coming back. If sick stay home. It's been this way forever.	Keep cleaning, dislike the idea of windows open in the middle of winter. It's distracting but would rather that than kids be home.	This should be nothing new, wash hands, sneeze into elbow. COVID has reminded us of the stuff we should be doing.	Give as much time as possible. I work from home so it's easier to adjust but presents challenges.	Not a fan, not an alternative to in person.	Let them play.		Kids need to be in school. We have never been this concerned over flu, chicken pox, etc. the only way we get past this is to hit it head on vs run from it. Just prolongs everything.

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8/6/2021 15:45:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Up to parents, but not mandatory	No, kids need to be able to play with other kids	No, unless unvaccinated comes in contact without mask around unvaccinated	Yes always	Yes always should happen	No kids need to be in school	No, unless parents decide	Yes please allow	Yes always	I think masking and quarantine should be up to parents
8/6/2021 15:46:28	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Prefer that staff and students mask, no matter vaccination status. At this time, many fully vaccinated are becoming COVID positive in our area; unfortunately, no one is off the hook at this point.	Preferred, to an extent. Masks helping to reduce the extreme circumstances.	Per protocol.	Extra is better.	Wash upon arrival for sure.				As was.	Our teachers did an excellent job last year; thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.
8/6/2021 15:46:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	up to each person	up to each person	if exposed, yes need to quarantine	school should be deep cleaned nightly..	staff and students should make sure they are washing and sanitizing hands throughout the day.	stinks, but can do it again if needed.	stinks, but can do it again if needed.	should be allowed. If public not allowed parents of the players should at least be allowed to watch.	should get communication email weekly	
8/6/2021 15:47:24	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	Should be optional based on family comfort and preferences.	Should depend on community infection rates and only pertain to inside the classroom.	Those who exhibit symptoms should stay home until symptoms are gone.		Staff should regularly wash their hands and sanitize, students should learn to wash regularly.	Should be as limited as possible.		Is a huge detriment to some students, especially those in the younger age group. Very difficult for some parents to accommodate.	Should continue as usual. Very important for children's mental, emotional and physical health.	
8/6/2021 15:50:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian										Can you add clear cut rules for when a Covid test is needed for the return to school, with or without exposure.
8/6/2021 15:51:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should remain optional for students and staff. The vaccine has been readily available for a long time now. Staff and families that haven't by now most likely will not do so.	As best they can but again many people are vaccinated now	Positive students only	Covid was a reminder that high touch areas should be cleaned several times a day anyway. Keep up the good job	Keep plenty of hand sanitizer stations around for kids.	Not a good option again as many parents have returned to work. Unless the country shuts down work again this wont work well for many families	Kids were not a fan	Keep them open. These kids have suffered enough of us changing their childhoods up.	Email	The vaccine has been readily available and distributed amongst our community its time to move on. Covid is statistically very survivable for children and healthy people even without looking at vaccination status. We should hold flu vaccine clinic and push that to help mitigate influenza as they share many of the same symptoms and could possible cause more kids to be quarantined.
8/6/2021 15:51:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Disagree with the wording that the district "will follow any legally issued orders" for mask mandates. There have been very few legal orders that have stood during this entire pandemic, but for much of that time, masks were necessary. I would like the district to require masks if the CDC is recommending it, which they are now. People say that masks are a personal choice, but the mask protects others, not the individual. I would like to see my children kept safe if masks are recommended.	Would like to see willingness to move to social distancing measures that were followed last year if necessary, such as staggered lunches, assigned playgrounds, and cohorts of students.	Looks good	Looks good						Overall, the plan looks good! Hope you'll reconsider the stance on masks.
8/6/2021 15:51:26	No	District Staff	If faculty is vaccinated, they should not need to wear masks, unless (or until) the numbers say otherwise.	I do not believe this is something that we need to worry about anymore.	I do believe that adults and children should be quarantined if a family member tests positive.	I do not want spray in my classroom.	???	Fingers crossed we can stay at school.	This is difficult for both teachers and students.	N/A	You have been doing a fantastic job informing families. Keep it up!	
8/6/2021 15:52:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I like the option of optional masks if students or parents feel better with their student wearing a mask. I don't like the idea of mandating masks again.	Social distancing when students can is a good idea but it shouldn't be enforced. Students need to feel close with their teachers and friends. It's an important part of childhood.	If there is a need to quarantine I think it's okay.	Very important!	Very important.	In person learning should not be paused. My kids suffered so much - academically, socially, emotionally, etc. when they had to stay home. Kids should be learning in person at all costs.		This should continue as normal!		
8/6/2021 15:53:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No		Disinfect surfaces during lunch and after school	Hand washing times	No	Only if a absolutely needed	Yes		

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8/6/2021 15:55:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Not necessary at this point	Not necessary at this point	Not sure	Required to maintain proper sanitization	Required. Made available for students at school who dont have the means to shower	Hard on students and parents.	A choice	Run normally	Texts emails	
8/6/2021 15:57:02	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional for students please!	I feel social distancing is not beneficial in schools. Students will continue to get together outside of school with friends and classmates, eat at lunch together, and be in close contact with each other which defeats this purpose in the classroom.	Only qarantine if positive for covid. Close contacts- monitor for symptoms but keep them in school.	Agree with all the proposed items		Keep the kids in school. Virus will most likely not go away- treat same as the flu.	This is very difficult for parents who work full time. I feel students are not engaged when they are in a home setting with many distractions present and it is very difficult to expect daycares to provide this distance learning to our students. Children need social interactions with others in a setting outside their home.	Children need these activities. Keep them available and fun for our students		I pray this school year can be "normal" for our students. This virus does not affect most children so let's keep masks optional and our kids face to face all year!
8/6/2021 15:57:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I don't like the idea of young children like mine ages 7 and 9 to have to wear masks. These ages don't transmit the disease as the numbers in research has proven. I do understand the difficult place the school is put in, but our young people aren't not being adversely affected by Covid-19 and we're lucky for that.	I think social interaction and learning to read people socially in school is of massive importance. Making it normal for kids to not be near each other will only separate an already fractured society. Let the children play! They do it all the time in their neighborhoods and at home.	We'll abide by the guidelines put in place in the event anyone contracts the disease.	Hopefully you're up to code, but we trust West Salem will do what it takes to keep it clean. The community will help if needed as well.	Very important for each child as well as adults practice good hygiene practices.	We need to stop these pauses, because our children will be left behind in a way that we can't appreciate right now I'm afraid. My son age 9 isn't the fastest or most efficient learner and he was really hurt by virtual learning. We made sure all of his work was done and spent extra time with him, but it isn't the same and he was hurt from 2020. Unless this strain starts blowing up and killing people in mass we need to be a little tough and figure out how to make it work. I had to work with people the entire time and couldn't understand for the life of me why other adults and schools more importantly couldn't have figured it out. Stop making excuses and make it work. I'm for the rights of people to choose, but if you're vaccinated your survival rate is 99+% according to research. Please like everyone was screaming last year follow the science and don't lead from fear. Lead by standing up for FACTS	Don't believe in this, but I appreciate the hard work of the people involved in trying to make it work.	Get them going full speed, with it available for everyone to attend. We're all adults and if you're vaccinated you're chances of surviving covid are 99+% according to the Associated press and multiple reputable news outlets. If you choose not to be vaccinated that is your right, and you carry the risk of having a more severe reaction. AGAIN we're all adults and can make adult decisions and live with them.	Be transparent in your message to everyone and that is all that can be expected.	We moved to West Salem from La Crosse, because this community at least tried to make school work. You got shut down and paused a few times but you made a real effort. I applauded effort and GRIT! You gained a citizen because of the schools effort to try and make things work. Keep that up!
8/6/2021 15:57:37	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	Masks should be mandatory inside the buildings	Should be done as much as possible	If someone is a close contact of unmasked individuals, they should be required to quarantine. I feel the reason none of the close contacts became positive last year was due in part to the masking requirements. The current circulating variants will most likely result in positive close contacts especially with the lack of masking indoors.	It seems as good as it can get.						Please consider masking mandatory for everyone indoors regardless of vaccination status.
8/6/2021 15:59:38	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe its a good idea. It helps.	Yes, as best you can.	If positive yes.				Not something that I think is good but its better than nothing		The school district has done a great job	

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8/6/2021 16:06:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe masking should remain optional. The research shows that masking may help mitigate spread of someone with an active infection that has a runny nose and/or cough if PPE is worn appropriately. This would mean masks need to be fitted and changed each time removed or touched. Additionally, the wearer is at greater risk for bacteria infection as well as increase Carbon dioxide intake when wearing a mask. This only covers the physical, not emotional/social aspects, of masking.	This section is extremely vague. What are the teachers being instructed on for distancing? I assume reading this that we are returning to normal spacing in classroom, lunchroom, playground, etc. Is that true or otherwise?	Please tell me more about why those vaccinated have special exceptions with quarantine.	I appreciate proper ventilation for several reasons. I ask that the school also consider the health effects linked to cleaning products used. Could you please provide the ingredients used in the disinfectant?	Washing hands and practicing proper hygiene is THE best way to stop the spread of many viruses/bacteria. Let's lead that example and focus here. I'd love to see an emphasis on this rather than pushing the vaccination.	Please provide more information on what measures will be considered when making choices about a pause to in-person learning. What statistics exactly? What is the criteria?	Appreciated.	The district should consider activities relevant to the district rather than a blanket recommendation by a state organization. We know West Salem WI is a different scenario than inner city Milwaukee.	I appreciate open and direct communication, always.	I am frustrated to see that the vaccination is being pushed by the school. It is not the best mitigation strategy as is seen by the variants now popping up. Natural herd immunity and the medicines that are available with over an 80% success rate should be considered long before the vaccination and promoted more so. If the teachers in the district are going to be teaching about vaccination in the classrooms I will assume that they have extra training in the field and are presenting all view points.
8/6/2021 16:08:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I and my children are willing to trust the school and CDC choices, and wear a mask if needed.		I am hoping those who are vaccinated would not have to quarantine if they are not experiencing any symptoms.			I hope that we will remain in-person learning, but if a time arises in which we cannot safely, I would like teachers and students to be knowledgeable on how online learning will occur.		I would like students to have these opportunities this year.		Thank you for asking for input and the work you are doing to keep kids in school and safe.
8/6/2021 16:08:20	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If my children need to wear masks for their safety, and the safety of others, then we shall do so. I hope this isn't the case, but the health of the community is most important.	All of these kids need to socialize. Following recommendations of the CDC is best, however, they are kids. You can only do so much.	Absolutely necessary.	Extremely important!	If a child cannot be clean, then the school should intervene.	Any socialization campuses to last year is needed. I would rather get a notification saying we have to temporarily pause from time to time.	I have 1 kid who does really really well worth this, but I have another who struggled immensely. I'll now have a kindergarten student that will not benefit at all from this.	As long as precautions are taken, this is a needed activity.		
8/6/2021 16:08:23	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Recent studies show they don't work, will cause more harm than benefits. Masks interfere with students' ability to learn and concentrate especially at the elementary level.		Detrimental to students mental health! Not needed. Obviously if someone is ill they should stay home but otherwise they should be in school.	I feel the school does an excellent job with both.	Should continue as it has.	Should not be an option, students need to be IN school. The negatives FAR outnumber the positives: mental health is a far greater concern than Covid.	Should not be an option. Learning needs to be in person, 100%.	Need to go on as planned, the students need to participate in all of their activities.	Has been excellent thus far!	We absolutely cannot put our students through anything like they went through during the 2020-2021 school year. They deserve better & we can do better. Common sense and research tells us that Covid is not the grave threat we once thought it was. Unfortunately many people blindly follow the media and that is not where medical information should be obtained. We cannot make such life altering decisions based in fear. We need to be 100% in person with our students!
8/6/2021 16:12:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes, please!!!	Yes, please	Yes, please	Yes, please	Yes, please	Prefer semester option to choose but once choice made, applies to entire semester	If necessary.	Depends	As much as possible	
8/6/2021 16:12:58	No	District Staff	Absolutely not	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
8/6/2021 16:13:09	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Optional masking would nice for the students and teachers who have been vaccinated!!		The time frame of quarantines seemed very long last year and often unnecessary. It would be great if those with Covid could quarantine until it was safe for their return, but too many kids were quarantined that didn't need to be in my opinion.	It's important that things are cleaned well. Sanitizer should be available and provided for all.		I pray and hope that we stay open all year long. Quarantine kids who need it, and the rest of us can continue on in school.		On unless too many kids are out and it can't be run in person! Masks optional.	Keep doing what you are doing. Keep everyone in the loop and explain your thought process.	
8/6/2021 16:19:43	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No if vaccinated	When able to			Hand washing is need	Not good for students	Is not effective			

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8/6/2021 17:03:37	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No mask mandate. Please do not consider requiring masks for unvaccinated. Masks may be worn by anyone who feels more protected by wearing one							No capacity limits at sporting events		
8/6/2021 17:04:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Do not require	Do not require	Do not require	Within reason	Appropriate standard hand washing routines	Not necessary. Kids need to be in person for both academic and social development	Does not work well for children development	Continue as normal	Continue as you have been	Love the efforts to keep kids in school
8/6/2021 17:05:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Glad it's optional. The kids have had enough. At this point their mental health is a more pressing concern then Covid.									It looks like common sense has prevailed. Great job.
8/6/2021 17:16:10	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Ok with optional masks now since numbers are low, but if things start to get bad, would prefer masks.	Yes! If numbers start to get out of hand.	yes	Would prefer to have more cleaning done on high traffic areas.		Not a fan of online learning, but if numbers are high, would prefer kids to learn at home.		Let kids participate that want to participate.	I liked that the numbers were posted online so we knew how things were going in each building.	
8/6/2021 17:18:06	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No-what are the long term affects? No studies?	On the fence	Like other sicknesses? Should quarantine	Of course...common sense	Common sense	Negative	Only last resort			
8/6/2021 17:19:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Would like to follow CDC guidelines and mask indoors regardless of vaccination status when numbers are still high. Would especially like to see our children who are not vaccinated stay masked.	Still smart						Supportive around traditional holidays to avoid possibility of children being infected and interacting with extended families during Thanksgiving/Christmas.	Should still mask when unable to be outside and/or distance, especially if not vaccinated.	
8/6/2021 17:19:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	The ultimate goal for my family and I believe many families is to have WSSD children in the classroom with our excellent teachers in front of them. No doubt children have better educational outcomes when they are in the classroom. I believe we should use every mitigation strategy at our fingertips to maintain an in person environment. Masking is one of those strategies. Studies are showing the viral load of both vaccinated and unvaccinated are similar. While we know vaccinated people have better outcomes if infected, requiring masks reduces transmission. If community spread is threatening in person school, I would fully agree with mandatory masking.	Social distance as much as possible while maintaining an in person environment for every student.	Tough one. Prior to recent data coming out about the viral load of vaccinated individuals I would have said vaccinated students/staff need not quarantine. In an effort to reduce community spread I do understand the need to quarantine exposed people. I would be a definite advocate of reduced quarantine to a negative test on day 5 return on day 6 and monitor for symptoms.	Continue status quo	If the schools needs to go to mandatory masking I would suggest using funds to provide students with a mask every other day. This will help alleviate the concern that a cloth mask is less protective or harboring of bacteria. A mask (surgical) IS medical grade PPE.	LAST RESORT! It is important to our students and their future that they have access to educators in the in person environment. This should be a last resort after all mitigation strategies have been implemented and have proven to fail in reducing spread.	LAST RESORT! It is important to our students and their future that they have access to educators in the in person environment. This should be a last resort after all mitigation strategies have been implemented and have proven to fail in reducing spread.	We know the mental health of our students was severely affected by the Covid pause. Keep all cocurricular and extracurricular activities running as long as there is not significant spread. If there is spread in a identified group mitigation strategies should be implemented in that group including a pause in activity if needed.	Weekly updates on mode of learning. Continue the Covid dashboard for daily updates. Seeing a rise in activity allows families to prepare and make decisions for optional masking.	This has been a tough year. I am very proud of how WSSD has handled Covid. It is balancing act of safety, health and education with little answers or guidance to rely on. Our school is as divided as our nation but when the students education is at the top of the pyramid all other strategies are put in place to support that. People who chose to not attend the school because of those strategies absolutely should be supported in their decision for their family. Every family has a different threshold, but the strategies do not change when the goal is to reduce transmission and achieve the ultimate goal of keeping WSSD in the in-person environment.

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8/6/2021 17:20:14	Yes	Parent/Guardian	My high school student is vaccinated. I would prefer masking to be optional at this level. The tension between the "maskers" and "anti-maskers" (classmates) last school year created another level of stress for him in his daily life. Please be sure to consider the social/emotional toll when implementing masking as a requirement.					The hybrid solution was much better than completely virtual.	Did not work well for my children.		Only when something changes, no need for weekly updates.	Thank you for doing all you are to keep the schools open. We love this school district!
8/6/2021 17:20:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	Not concerned	If your sick stay home, have online schooling option for those at home sick	Yes	Common sense	No	Optional	No masks these poor kids trying to breathe	Yes	I feel like common sense has gone out window...
8/6/2021 17:25:33	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Keep with your plan of optional masking. Let The parents decide what is right for their families.	Less social distancing. Let the students return to a normal school setting where they do not have to be paranoid to be close to another person.	Your quarantine proposal looks great. Only quarantine those who test positive or members of that household. Monitor those who were close contacts.			Hoping it does not come to this. Keep them in the building.	It was so hard. Let's avoid this at all costs.	Resume these as normal. No masks. Let the kids engage in their sports and other activities. It is an important aspect of school.	Keep it up. You're doing a great job!	
8/6/2021 17:39:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Absolutely the kids are at risk	Absolutely	Yes	Absolutely	Absolutely	To save lives yes	Yes	No	Talk to us	Don't sugar coat and downplay if our kids are in danger with a increase in our area of covid
8/6/2021 17:47:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Great, keep it optional!	Good idea to try to keep distancing where possible.	Agree with strategy	Agree	Keep handwashing important	Keep in person learning as long as possible	Last resort	Agree	Agree	We appreciate all of the strategies and not closing schools up!
8/6/2021 17:49:42	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think masks are important because they help. I am immune compromised.					Very important.	One child doesn't do well with this.		I think that is done well.	
8/6/2021 17:57:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Discretion of parents	I would like my daughters first year of school to be as normal as safely possible	With positive test result or related symptoms pending test result			Critical for social development of elementary school students	I don't feel a kindergartener will get much out of this	Important to form and continue developing interests	Vital	
8/6/2021 18:14:28	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking	Common sense distancing	No quarantine	Increase cleaning	Teach children hygiene and healthy eating to help their immunity					
8/6/2021 18:15:20	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I like the mask optional as long as our numbers in the schools and community are low. I think the next step would be require 4K-6 as those students until those students have to opportunity to vaccinate.	This is tough to do. I think more emphasis should be on masking than social distancing.	I think if you are unvaccinated and deemed a close contact then you quarantine. Quarantines should get tested at day 6 or 7 and return to school if negative and no symptoms. Anyone vaccinated only quarantines if they show symptoms.	I appreciate all of your efforts.	Continue to have lots of hand sanitizer a d cleaning supplies readily available.	Only when necessary as stated in your plan	Only when necessary and for quarantines	Try to have of at all possible. Follow the same model as mode of instruction.	Please continue to update the dashboard	You are doing great. I like that you are stressing in person learning is the most important and all mitigation strategies are to help us to continue to reach that goal.
8/6/2021 18:21:47	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be required for unvaccinated individuals.	Social distancing should be required and enforced while there is community spread.	Plan outlined meets expectations	Plan outlined meets expectations.	Plan outlined meets expectations.	Pause criteria is too vague.	Plan meets expectations.	Plan meets expectations	More information on contact would be helpful in managing individual family risk.	
8/6/2021 18:24:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should be required for those without the vaccine	Should be required given the increased transmissibility of the latest virus strains.				Needs a more specific description				
8/6/2021 18:26:33	Yes	Parent/Guardian	optional	3-6 feet when able	only if positive test and not vaccinated	yes	yes	only when the school district is above an acceptable level	only when the school district is above an acceptable level	yes	email	
8/6/2021 18:33:51	Yes	Parent/Guardian										
8/6/2021 18:36:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No need for masks	No need for social distancing	Unless sick there is no need	Should be normal practice	Should be normal practice	Keep in person learning	Prefer not to distance learn			
8/6/2021 18:37:19	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional masking	No restrictions	Only child with positive result	Standard cleaning	Wash hands as expected	None. Keep kids in school	Last possible option	Full capacity	Stated changes with reasoning why	

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8/6/2021 18:39:09	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If parents want their child to mask then that is up to them. Stop making all students wear masks.	Nobody social distances when the flu runs through our schools. Dont need it now.	Once again no quarantine during the flu season why do it now.	That is up to the school.	We all teach our kids good hygiene I hope.	If you dont want your kid at school keep them home. Let the others go to school.	Ruining our children. We will see this in years to come.	Kids need sports in their lives.	Ip to the school.	You are going to have big problems in the community I feel if schools shut down. Starting to hear parents voicing their feelings. Stop pushing the vaccine on people. That will for sure keep people from getting it.
8/6/2021 18:41:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	In classrooms, not outside. I would really like mask wearing be mandatory in the classroom. There are so many colds and viruses circulating right now that wearing masks regardless of Covid is going to keep our kids in school longer. Especially when we have to stay out if we have more than one symptom waiting for a negative result.	Let grades play together at recess, be together at lunch.	If positive or waiting for results of test.	Keep doing what you have been doing		If West Salem becomes a hotbed.	If we must, but let's take the best measures to getting that far gone.	Fine if they can wear masks.		Ideally, we would come back to the same format that the school kids left for summer break. Grades could play together on the playground and see each other at lunch, although at different tables. But wearing masks indoors. That seemed to keep Covid under control while giving the kids as much as a normal experience as possible. I appreciate being able to voice my opinion on this matter. Thank you!
8/6/2021 18:48:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Up to the teacher and student's discretion. My kids won't wear them if it is optional. They have been by their friends all summer without them and haven't been sick. If you want to wear them, great. If you don't want to wear them great. It should be personal preference.	Kids have been together all summer and are doing good. I feel like the social distancing maybe helped while the kids are inside for school but not completely convinced.	Probably could be shorter if there are no symptoms.	It's always important. With these things in place, maybe we will have less germs passing through the kids.	Continue to wash hands and cover your mouth when you sneeze. Things we've been doing for years now.	It doesn't help the kids and seems to put them farther behind when they have to go back and forth. I feel like it stresses out the teachers more and the also the kids and then the kids regress. Not really beneficial.	My kids struggled. Both parents work and being on iPads all day and then us coming home and helping them with homework on their iPads caused a lot of unhappy, crabby kids. It's a lot of screen time going over everything twice. There isn't an adult that can be one on one with each of them throughout the day if they have problems or to keep them on task.	If sports are happening during the school year, then in person school should also be happening.	Communication was good last year.	The kids are finally getting back to some normal and are doing great. Keep moving forward!
8/6/2021 18:49:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking or make it optional	No	No, common sense is needed. If sick stay home.	Common sense- clean daily or when obvious cleaning is necessary.	Soap and water	No	No	Let the kids be kids! Mental health is of more risk to these kids. Common sense is needed. Example- band last year. Masks with slits and masks on the bell of the instruments was ridiculous. Obviously air passed through otherwise noise wouldn't have been made. What that resulted in was kids (my daughter) isn't in band anymore.	Email	Common sense is needed. They say follow the science. I suggest looking at the science of masks. They are not good for kids or anyone. Kids need to see facial expressions. They need to see smiles. If masking is mandatory we will not be sending our kids this year.
8/6/2021 19:15:17	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe masking should be a personal choice made by the individual.	I feel that social distancing is important during times of high spread but the distancing should not exceed 3 feet as that is what the science dictates.	I am only in favor of quarantine for those that have symptoms or test Covid positive.	I feel the current cleaning and ventilation levels are sufficient.	Continue to preach washing hands regularly.	There should be no pauses to learning.	I am not in favor of any distance learning.	They should all continue like normal seasons.		
8/6/2021 19:23:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Absolutely NOT necessary. Will refuse to send my child with a mask.	Absolutely NOT necessary.	Absolutely NOT necessary	General basic cleaning is acceptable	?	Absolutely NOT necessary	Absolutely NOT necessary. Cannot accommodate with two working parents	Strongly encourage continuing	Parents should be making the decisions that they feel are appropriate for their children. The school/government does not serve as a co-parent to us.	Vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals spread the virus. Masks have proven ineffective. Children need to learn and play and have human interaction. They do not need to see their teachers covered up with masks.

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8/6/2021 19:23:48	Yes	Parent/Guardian	My 17 year old has said he will drop out of school is he has to mask again. He just can't physically, mentally and emotionally do it. He struggles so much with school already and this would be the last straw for him to give up.	Maybe when numbers are exceptionally high. But these kids are desperate for physical, social interaction.	Never again. Our son was considering killing himself. With his disabilities he cannot do school online. Too many of his friends were also struggling and considering suicide.	The harsh chemicals used to clean were causing our son to break out, causing his asthma to flair up, and the smell gave him headaches. There must be something more natural and safe that can be used.	Good hand washing is always important but we don't want our son using so much hand sanitizer. It dried out his hands so much that they were red and painful.	Dear God, please no. Our son cannot do this again. Our family cannot handle the stress again. The stopping and starting was a major cause of several of us in our family having to go on anxiety and depression medication.	This absolutely did not work for our son. He nearly failed every class and learned nothing. His learning disabilities made it incredibly stressful and difficult. Once he was back in school for awhile he finished with nearly a B average. His poor grades and lack of learning affect the opportunities he will have after high school. Affecting the kind of choices he will have in life.	It is dangerous to our children to force them to mask when they are exerting themselves. It excludes those who cannot mask from participating. The kids need these activities for their mental emotional and physical health.	Please keep the lines of communication open and continue to be willing to hear and consider differing opinions. You have done a great job with that and asking for input from families. We all just want what is best for our kids.	Considering that our kids are at a very low risk of becoming seriously ill and spreading this, we need to keep their learning going, keep them connecting with their classmates, teachers and other adults that care for them. Many of our kids have had Covid and the antibodies last a long time. Our daughter and son-in-law are 9 months out from it and still have a strong antibody count (as of last week). Our other children had it more recently and have strong antibodies. We must not allow our differences to destroy our kids. Praying for wisdom for you. We truly appreciate that you are asking for and considering our input.
8/6/2021 19:27:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masks. As an adult I went through the stages of depression, when I stopped wearing a mask my depression got better. Kids don't need to have to go through this too.	Whether the students social distance at school or not, they aren't outside of school; activities, work, life in general	When needed	Important no matter what situation we are in	Important no matter what situation we are in	If needed	If needed. It doesn't work for everyone, but if it needed to happen the district could do it.	Needed. Kids need and outlet.	Absolutely necessary!	I think the district is on the right path. I think if we keep moving forward, be transparent, non judgmental, supportive and be smart about situations we will be ok. If the district (and hopefully it never comes to this) forces people to do things, like mandatory vaccinations or anything that goes against our personal rights as human beings, we will be ok...demands are what will hurt people and lose respect and trust of the people in this district.

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			<p>It's well documented that masks help stop the spread respiratory viruses - including RSV and Covid-19. Therefore, I would like to see all students and staff masked.</p> <p>As covid cases rise in Wisconsin, I do not want to be reactive. I do not want to wait to mandate masks until the outbreaks that are happening elsewhere come to West Salem. Because of the increased cases (including Wisconsin), the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the La Crosse County Health Department are advising that even vaccinated individuals should mask up indoors. It is reckless and irresponsible to ignore these guidelines. Universal masking would prevent inconsistent messaging and expectations to children and parents and would also prevent the added burden of keeping track of who is vaccinated and who isn't.</p> <p>What are the metrics to require masking in schools? Is there a game plan or are we just "seeing how it goes?" How long will it take to make the decision to mask back up or more rigorously enforce social distancing? I really want to keep my child in school and not run the risk of him getting sick or having to go to school virtually because we didn't plan appropriately from the beginning. Masks would help lower this risk.</p> <p>My son is in 4K. He cannot be vaccinated and neither can any of the elementary school students. Not using all the tools in the toolbox to protect our students in a building full of unvaccinated children is not being responsible and a recipe for disaster. As a parent, this makes me anxious for the health of my child.</p> <p>I recognize that some parents are against masking as well as vaccinations. If parents don't want to vaccinate themselves or their child, that is their decision. I would hope that parents would have enough compassion for the health of other students, especially immunocompromised students, to choose to mask their children so all children can be safe. My four-year-old child will wear a mask this fall</p>									<p>I really would like to see safety measures in place so there is no pause to in-person learning. To loosen precautions right now before fall/winter is a risky gamble. I don't want us to be reactive when an outbreak happens and then it's</p>

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8/6/2021 19:29:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Agree	Undecided	A must	Yes	No	No	Optional	Impotent	None
8/6/2021 19:38:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional especially for the vaccinated	Do it as much as possible	Only for the unvaccinated	As often as possible	Yes this is a must!	No	No	Should happen	Consistent and often	
8/6/2021 19:42:08	No	District Staff	This should always be a personal choice. There is evidence available that masks are not as effective as the "government" wants us to believe. We don't wear masks to keep from getting any other virus. We don't wear them to avoid getting colds or the flu. We need to practice other things like good hygiene and cleaning practices and not subject anyone to masks. They are uncomfortable, hot, and I've seen children be less social and outgoing because of them.	Everyone should always be mindful of keeping their distance from others. I don't like my personal space invaded even with no threat of illness.	I was diagnosed with Covid last year with what I would call cold-like symptoms. My husband and children never got it even though we live together, ate together, etc. My thought is that one should only be quarantined if they cannot distance themselves enough and/or are very ill.	Cleaning and good ventilation should be a daily process regardless of Covid.	This should be an everyday practice regardless of Covid. Everyone should be washing their hands, coughing and sneezing into their elbow, etc.	This should only be done if their is not enough staff.				
8/6/2021 19:46:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Personal preference	Personal preference	With a positive test	Continue	Continue hand washing	For those on quarantine	Option for families that want this.	Continue to have and allow spectators	Same as last year-worked well.	Thank you for having more in person learning than any other district in the area.
8/6/2021 19:47:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If the case numbers continue to rise in our area the way they have in other states and masking is recommended to mitigate the spread of Covid thereby potentially saving people from becoming hospitalized or dying I would support masking. I continue to wear a mask every day at the hospital and have not died yet.	I don't know how effective it is as these kids are hanging out when outside of school.	Only if a family member is positive and you live in the same household.	Please continue the wonderful job you did last year. Thank you.	What? The title is as it implies- personal.	No.	No.	Please give our children their full lives back. Let them have their sports, clubs, homecomings, etc. we can not shut this world down again. It will not fix the problem. As long as the vaccination percentage stays as low as it is more variants will continue to pop up. We have to learn to live inside these lines.	Please continue as you did last year. Thank you very much.	I wish you luck as you will be getting many opinions and you're probably only going to be able to please about 50% of us. The bottom line is doing what's best for the greatest number of children regardless of the histrionics that are likely to be displayed. It's very easy to sit back and tell administration and the school board to let every parent decide but what they refuse to understand is that you are the ones actually responsible for the students, all of them, not just their precious few.
8/6/2021 19:48:14	Yes	Parent/Guardian	This should be 100% optional. Local mandates need to be supported by data. By now we know there are no legitimate studies that prove non-N95 masks prevent transmission of the virus.		Agree.	Agree.	Just good common sense.					
8/6/2021 19:56:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	

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8/6/2021 19:57:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	For someone who has a child that was in speech last year, and has been doing it through west Salem for 3 years, it was a very difficult year for him with the masks. I understand wanting to keep them safe, but I also feel like it is more detrimental to social and academic aspect. I am 100% behind the option to mask people's children if they would like. But I personally will not allow my child to, and I hope that is respected, just as I respect other parents rights to have their children wear a mask. While I understand the district wants to try to gauge how people are feeling and support people on all sides, I truly feel we as parents can decide what is best for our children individually and not have other parents decide what is best for my child and like I mentioned above, I pray the school district can respect that.	The kids need interaction and play.	If necessary, I understand.		Continue to wash hands and allow hand sanitizer around buildings.	Cannot happen. Very detrimental. As an in home daycare provider, the kids being home was extremely taxing on the children but also the burden on parents to find care/ daycares taking in way more kids than they legally should have was beyond any stress I've ever felt.	Optional for people if they would like.	Kids needs them and they shouldn't be stripped away.	The school district has done a great job.	I greatly appreciate the work the school district has put in the last few years dealing with the changing guidelines! My child thrived once back in school last year!
8/6/2021 20:20:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No if vaccinated	Yes	7 days	Same as last year	Same as last year	No	Not in favor	Participate as normal	Continue as you are	
8/6/2021 20:21:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Not necessary.		Individual who tests positive should.			Not necessary.			Frequently.	
8/6/2021 20:29:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	NO masks	Hard to do with classes and sports	Only if you are diagnosed with Covid	Keep doors/windows open if possible. Clean daily	Hand washing measures like we would normally do	In person learning is critical. Not only for educational purposes but for mental health.	Kids need to stay in school for many reasons.	We need to keep these activities. This is huge for mental health. The kids NEED this.	Just like it has been in the past. But communication should be done in a timely matter not when they kid is already at a practice and gets pulled in front of everyone to quarantine. No more quarantine unless you are diagnosed with Covid. Other wise communication has been good.	Thank you for the great job the district does and thank you for keeping our kids in school. They need to stay in school for mental health and educational purposes. Keeping them out of the classroom does way more harm than good. Covid is real just like the flu is but we can't keep closing our school doors and keeping kids home. There will be more viruses in the future and we can't continue the back and forth. Keep the kids in school please! Thank you for all you do!!!!
8/6/2021 20:36:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian	As of right now I'm ok with masking being optional. I feel masks may need to be required again if cases continue to go up. We need to make sure we're protecting our children under 12 that aren't eligible for the vaccine yet.									I agree with the plan. But I'm concerned about the new variants spreading through the younger children that aren't vaccinated. If the school feels it's necessary for masks to be required again, I will fully support it.
8/6/2021 20:53:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking	No Social distancing	No quarantine	Great yes	Great yes	No pauses	No	Yes	Yes	Go back to normal
8/6/2021 21:04:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	As it has been proven beneficial I believe that all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, should be required to mask indoors. Let's be proactive rather than reactive							Emphasis needs to be placed on the health and well being of children and our first priority is to keep them in class. Extra curriculans and after school activities can be addressed when we can prove that we can remain in person for classes first	More communication and transparency	

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8/6/2021 21:15:43	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be required for several reasons: 1. The CDC has recommended masking for schools as a strategy to mitigate the spread of COVID. 2. Both of the hospitals in La Crosse require masking on their campuses for all patients and staff. 3. While the West Salem School District may be surpassing state averages for vaccination, the vast majority of WSSD students have not been vaccinated. Pre-K through 6th are at 0%. Grades 7 through 12 are likely similar to or lower than the residents of the West Salem School District. 4. The prevalent strain of COVID is much more transmissible than the strain that was present for the last school year. Now is not the time to experiment with the reduction of mitigation strategies. 5. There will be no state masking mandate in Wisconsin because the Supreme Court has ruled that the Wisconsin Governor cannot mandate masking. It is up to the school district to implement safe practices. 6. Children who prefer to mask will feel pressure not to mask if masking is not required. 7. Masking is a simple way to protect your neighbor.	Nothing has changed other than the currently prevalent strain is more transmissible. Distancing of at least 3 feet should be required.								
8/6/2021 21:19:33	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Make optional to all who want to. Including staff	Keep up the good work	Mandatory	Mandatory sl		Try anything possible to keep in person learning	Optional to all who want to	Open to all who want to	Please be straight forward as you already have been	We made last year work. Not sure how my employer will work with our family this year.
8/6/2021 21:24:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional masks. No singling out groups of people (unvaccinated vs vaccinated). If masks are going to be mandated, it's for all.	Not concerned about keeping social distancing	If children have to quarantine, they need access to Zoom live into classroom during their regular scheduled class times. How many instances has a child in quarantine actually tested positive during that time?	Not concerned. Don't feel the need to have my children cleaning their surfaces after every class. One of children had reactions to exposure to cleaning solution 6+ times a day	Not concerned. No forced use of hand sanitizer.	Don't think it's necessary. The changes are difficult for parents, children and staff and time in learning is lost.	According to my daughter "Boo" Kids don't like it and don't learn as well. Don't feel it should even be an option	Should be held as normal and no restrictions needed. Kids are less susceptible to COVID and they need the outlet	Very important. Felt last year was pretty good. We would rather have too much than not enough. Rumors can start flying when "official" word hasn't been sent out from the District.	CDC recently published the survival rate for COVID is 99.74%. We need to stop living in fear and instilling that fear in our children. Practice good hygiene, eat well, exercise and sleep. Teach our children healthy habits for a lifetime. The mental impact on all of society will take years to undo and we can stop further damage by not masking and separating our children.

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8/6/2021 21:25:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	There are plenty of studies proving they are ineffective and just as damaging to health. A piece of fabric over your face collecting germs is a false sense of security. No one has the right to tell another what to do with their own body, if someone feels better wearing a mask then they can (that's their right)... same as someone who believes it is better to not wear a mask (again their right). Mask are not 'science' especially since there are plenty of conflicting scientific studies on the effectiveness of mask.	If a person is more comfortable having personal space, to feel safe then that should be an option for them. But the kids in the community are not social distancing anyway so school and activities should not be being restricted.	From the overuse of quarantine last year and multiple times kids were quarantined from "close contact" only to have not gotten sick. Only proved more unnecessary disruption of their education. If you are sick and not feeling well stay home, as has always been the case.	Logical step that should always be a priority in any case. Possible ion filters/ air purifiers would make sense too.	Common sense. Obviously very important	Unacceptable.	Not a suitable substitute	Important for development and individual talent and achievements	Crucial... goes both ways and parents have the final say what is best for their children	We live in the USA, land of the free. Home of the brave. At some point we all need to be brave and get back to living. Where my child goes to learn reading, writing and arithmetic, should be a safe innocent place to be, not full of personal opinions or agendas. School is not where we will go for opinions as to what we will or will not allow to be injected into our bodies. Stop pushing what has been spoon fed down the chain. Will you be responsible when one of our West Salem students has an adverse reaction to this experimental shot? Let's leave each persons personal beliefs and freedoms alone. Many have given more than any of us ever will so we can have them.
8/6/2021 21:26:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe the school district should protect students at the elementary especially since the kids of these ages cannot be vaccinated yet. They should be required to wear masks to protect themselves.						Young kids in elementary struggled mightily last year in distance. I strongly advise to stay in person and practice all safety protocols and mitigation strategies in order to maximize the potential to stay in person learning.			
8/6/2021 21:49:02	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should be optional	Done when possible	Agree with district plan	Agree with district plan	Agree with district plan	Students need in person learning only	Not interested	Agree with district plan	Communication has been good	
8/6/2021 21:55:32	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Absolutely only when there is a large outbreak in our schools.	Not necessary	Not needed unless it is a family member.	Keep up the good cleaning practices and hand sanitizer	Still lots of hand sanitizer	Never. Way too much work for parents, teachers and students.	Too difficult for many families	Let's get back to more normal, kids need their activities to keep them both physically and mentally healthy.	Teachers being more open with students when a situation does occur.	Thank you for working hard this last year, you did a great job for a difficult and new situation.
8/6/2021 22:09:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes, required. Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Yes, required. Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Invest in supplies and ventilation. Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Establish consistent metrics that ensure public health safety. Communicate to parents. Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Establish consistent metrics that ensure public health safety. Communicate to parents. Follow cdc and public health guidelines.	Communicate openly and honestly to families. Share dashboards.	Be honest, consistent, and safe for all our children. They deserve your best decision making, learning experience, and leadership to grow in a safe and successful manner.
8/6/2021 22:14:32	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	We would prefer and fully support full masking in schools as the WI DPI and HHS is currently recommending. If this is not acceptable to the majority, we would prefer there be a published rate of community transmission where full masking be implemented (say, over a community rate of X/100K everyone will mask, under that rate masking will be optional, etc). We would far prefer that everyone mask in order to keep the schools open as much as possible.	Will last years 'generally 3 foot distance' still be in place? Spaced out lunchrooms, etc. or will everyone be back to prepandemic class sizes and large groups?	In determining quarantine, will the WSSD be utilizing the in-school covid testing offered by the state (that has been written about in the paper and on WPR)? Or will parents be responsible for obtaining PCR tests at the local health care centers? Will the same testing thresholds be in place (antigen tests being unacceptable for readmission to school)? Does having vaccinated teenagers allow them to stay in school more? Is their threshold for being sent home higher or do they get to return faster? If a household has a mix of vaccinated and unvaccinated school age children, do the vaccinated teenagers have to stay home if their unvaccinated elementary age sibling has any cold symptom (sniffles, runny nose, etc)?				Will teachers still be using Google Classroom and Schoology all year - across all methods of school delivery?	Please enforce proper (covered mouth and nose) mask wearing for all sports/PE/physical-exertion activities. Will sports be carried out in a similar manner so far as limited spectators?	Can you make a sort of "green/yellow/red" system for each school such that parents can monitor and know if things are going well (green), starting to be a concern that we should prepare for a disruption to in person schooling (yellow) and red (in person learning pause imminent in place)? Or publish thresholds of case numbers so we can be aware?	Thank you so much for all your hard work and preparation. We've been praying for you all, often.

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8/6/2021 22:15:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think masks should be optional.	I don't think it is necessary.	I think it should go back to if a kid is sick go home until they feel better.	I am ok with the cleaning that was being done before.	Nothing wrong with hand washing.	I don't like pauses.	Distance learning works for some kids but not all.	I think it is time to return back to full extracurricular activity.	I would like transparency in the curriculum.	I appreciate West Salem School District's willingness to listen to the parents and I really hope that continues in the future.
8/6/2021 22:18:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	With the recent increase in local cases, I would prefer that masking was required of all students and staff who are not vaccinated. I appreciate that the district will be following any legally issued orders regarding masking.	I support this.	I support this.	I support this.	I support this	I support this.	I support this.	I support this.	I support this.	NA
8/6/2021 22:22:38	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	yes	yes	increase	yes	if necessary based on the LOCAL data	last resort	YES	Ryan, you have done a GREAT job communicating to your stakeholders, stay the course your doing great work!	
8/6/2021 22:22:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Make it optional	Promote six feet apart bit don't limit student interaction	Only if test positive for covid	Continue but so not close school to do so	Continue	I do not support	I do not support	Yes	Yes	Promote getting vaccinated
8/6/2021 22:54:45	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Think it's best to keep this optional.	I guess.	Makes sense.	Ok	Yup	Shouldn't be needed.	Ok as a last resort.			Let nature run its course.
8/6/2021 22:58:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Please. no. I believe the increase in cleaning practices and hand hygiene hasn't been given a fair chance. My son wears glasses, no matter what we do, they fog, which interrupts his learning. Let it be the parent's choice!	Let our kids be kids, not afraid of people. My kids shared a bus seat all year with a child outside our home, but couldn't play with him on the playground because he wasn't in their class. Should be able to play outside freely. Cohorting inside isn't the worst thing.	If a kid is sick, they should stay home!	YES!	YES!	No, this is difficult for working parents, but more importantly difficult for the kids going back and forth!	Not required, but make it optional	Yes	A must!	Please keep our kids in school!!
8/6/2021 23:14:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If high community COVID numbers only, otherwise optional	In elementary, keep classrooms to themselves (since these kids don't have the opportunity to get the vaccine yet). Middle and High School just have assigned seating in classrooms.	No. As you stated in a previous email, no student has ever been COVID positive after quarantining.	Continue with current measures! You have been doing great work!	Continue to have students wash hands frequently. Make sure sick kids STAY HOME.	Only if COVID cases become severely high in the community	On snow days?	Kids need exercise! Keep sports going!	This has also been great. Continue as before.	
8/7/2021 0:37:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	Not necessary	Not necessary	When ill only	As normally done	Ensure good hand washing to prevent spread of all germs	Only if there's a student to student spike	For those who need it to be safe	No masking, good hand washing, and no sharing bottles	As needed	Vaccination has not shown inability to spread...so all people should be treated equal
8/7/2021 4:54:37	Yes	Parent/Guardian	My daughter is vaccinated and low risk - no mask	My daughter is vaccinated and low risk - no social distancing	No	Yes	Frequent hand washing	No	No	Yes	Yes	Let the kids be normal and have a good year.
8/7/2021 6:12:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I don't think kids should have to wear masks.	I don't think kids should have to social distance.	I don't think kids should have to quarantine.	I think West Salem is doing a great job with cleaning and ventilation.	I think kids know to wash their hands and try to stay clean.	I think West Salem should keep in-person learning.	I don't think West Salem should go back to distance learning.	The kids should be able to participate in extracurricular activities.	West Salem does a great job in communicating with families.	Thank you for all you are doing to keep the kids in school.
8/7/2021 6:43:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No		Disinfect surfaces during lunch and after school	Hand washing times	No	Only if a absolutely needed	Yes		
8/7/2021 7:36:06	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I agree with administration reinstatement masking requirements at any time that it becomes necessary to do so in order to keep students and staff safe and to keep West Salem schools operating in an In-Person format.		Very reasonable method of quarantine determination. I also agree that the administration should make adjustments if the district experiences transmission in the school.							This Safe-Return plan makes good sense. It does take into account that COVID has not disappeared and that there will likely be resurgences at times. It gives the district the ability to try to maintain In-Person classes and the ability to mitigate COVID spread if this occurs.
8/7/2021 7:54:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian	NO	NO	NO	Should clean anyways	Of course	NO	NO	Yes	What you are doing now is sufficient	Keep our kids in school without masks that do not make a difference. Common sense should guide you.
8/7/2021 8:07:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Optional is awesome!		Much better to have shorter quarantines.	Great!		The fewer the better!		Good	Keep it up!	

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8/7/2021 8:41:20	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Like your intention to communicate to students that at this time, because of vaccination and health in our community, they have a choice whether to wear a mask. That may change, but for now that's a big win!		Like your guidelines. Makes complete sense	Thank you for extra efforts		Like your proposed guidelines	Like the proposed plan	Like the proposed plan	Always Excellent communication thank you	Thank you to everyone working diligently for our students, staff and community. Your time and efforts and appreciated greatly
8/7/2021 8:44:44	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Our kids need to be wearing masks at school. We need to be following CDC recommendations.	Follow CDC recommendations								
8/7/2021 8:59:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I would prefer following the CDC guidelines which are recommending masking for staff and students in schools	Agree with outlines procedures	Agree with outlined procedures	Agree with outlined procedures	Agree with outlined procedures	Agree with outlined procedures	Agree	Agree	Agree	Very thorough - thank you!!
8/7/2021 9:14:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No Mask	Kids have been doing normal things this summer no distancing needed.	If Sick	Cleaning yes	Yes continue	No pause	Kids do not learn, to many distractions and lack of effort by students and teachers	Yes business as usual	Same	Do not put mask on our children especially those that have been vaccinated!
8/7/2021 9:27:47	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If community spread is high then no masks for vaccinated, otherwise unvaccinated (including below 12) should wear masks. No masks at all if community spread is low.	Do what you reasonably can but keep the kids in school.	Could be shortened to a week.	OK with proposed policy	OK with proposed policy	Avoid at all costs.	Distance learning is nearly pointless. Please don't bring that back.	Only for vaccinated kids if community spread is high. If low then everyone plays.	OK with proposed policy	The district did a great job last year in difficult circumstances. Use the policy where possible to shift people towards vaccination. Share data on how many staff and kids are vaccinated if possible so parents can make informed decisions. Please, please do not bring back distance learning.
8/7/2021 9:27:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Will it be optional?									
8/7/2021 9:37:10	Yes	Parent/Guardian	We will follow the school recommendation.	We will follow the school recommendation.	We will follow the school recommendation.	Keep doing what you are doing.		We will follow the school recommendation.	We will follow the school recommendation.	We will follow the school recommendation.	Keep doing what you are doing.	I am not an activist and subscribe to common sense. Please be fair and make decisions based on reality.
8/7/2021 10:12:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread. All students and staff vaccinated or unvaccinated should be expected to wear a mask especially while indoors.	Another very important practice to stop the spread. All people in the school for whatever reason should be expected to be socially distant	Anyone that has Covid or was exposed to Covid needs to quarantine.	Daily deep cleaning needs to happen to stop any possible spread	Focus on handwriting and sanitizing must be a priority for all	This may happen and doing so is understandable to help protect students, families, staff and the community.	This can be quality learning as long as all staff and students are equipped properly.	These should also practice social distancing masking and hygiene practices.	Weekly for sure. Daily may be necessary at certain times.	Keep everyone safe. Do what is right to protect people, even if some disagree. Research shows that wearing a mask provides protection so it should be an expectation that all people do it because they care about others.
8/7/2021 10:18:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	The school district should follow CDC guidance on masking. All students and staff, independent of their vaccine status, should be required to wear masks if La Crosse County reaches the status of substantial or high transmission. I work for Hormel Foods and this is the company's policy.	Understanding the challenges of social distancing in a school setting, masking becomes much more important as a mitigation strategy.	I agree with your policy							
8/7/2021 10:27:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Keep optional for students at all times for families to decide									
8/7/2021 10:35:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Mandatory	As much as possible	When exposed	Less important	Increased hand washing and sanitizing	When outbreaks	Not favorable			
8/7/2021 10:40:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be required as per recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics	As much social distancing as possible in the classroom	All positive cases of covid and close contacts	Daily cleaning	Availability of hand sanitizer and hand washing at all times	No issue with pausing in person learning as it is keeping our children and staff safe	No issue with distance learning	No opinion	Open communication at all times	

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8/7/2021 10:44:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If it is indicated by the CDC that unvaccinated folks are significantly more likely to spread the disease, then I think the unvaccinated need to mask up.	If it is indicated by the CDC that unvaccinated folks are significantly more likely to spread the disease, then I think the unvaccinated may need to follow more stringent social distancing practices. If community spread is high, we probably need to mask up and social distance.	Please post and link the quarantine standards in the monthly newsletter for easy access		Continue, and keep sick kids home.	As a last resort when the county or community have high community spread	As a last resort when the county or community have high community spread	Continue as is	Great, continue as is.	I appreciated when the district provided updates and referenced the information (data, articles, CDC, county) that was used in the decision making. Thank you for the districts continued efforts!
8/7/2021 10:57:10	Yes	Parent/Guardian	K-6 grades should mask due to no choice in vaccination.	Classrooms and common areas should use 3 foot distancing for seating.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Good plan.	Once all students have the option of vaccination we can change mitigation measures. Until then we need to keep them in place. We appreciate all that our district is doing to keep everyone safe.
8/7/2021 10:59:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I really want masks to be required, especially in the elementary school where none of the kids are vaccinated. Delta is so much more contagious than the original strain was last year, and children under 12 still are not vaccinated, so I don't understand why it was required last year but not this year. The younger children don't mind wearing masks, so why not require that layer of protection to help prevent kids from spreading it to others?		If the school district sees data showing that there is an increase in positive cases from close contacts in the schools now with the more contagious Delta strain, then I ask that you modify the policy. My worry is that you are basing your decisions on last year's situation when kids were all wearing masks and there was a less contagious strain of Covid.							If masking is only optional, I think it will be harder for kids who do wear masks to remember to put them on again at the end of recess and after lunch if the whole class isn't doing it. Is it possible to ask teachers to remind kids who do wear masks to put them back on at those times to help those kids remember?
8/7/2021 11:21:37	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes, wear them to protect others and the immunocompromised!	YES	Yes CDC is recommended even for vaccinated. Protect everyone!	Yes		Yes if necessary to protect others!				Wear masks to protect everyone. People don't understand what others go through who have immunocompromised child who needs protection to go to school safely. Wear masks and this is proven to help reduce infections!
8/7/2021 11:24:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think an all or nothing approach would be more useful	Good in theory, but hard to enforce (hallways, common areas). I don't think this is worth the hassle.	I would like to see different quarantine guidelines for those that are vaccinated.	Great work on this and keep it up!	good to always reinforce	REALLY do not want to have this as an option	REALLY do not want to have this as an option, unless student enrolled in CRVA	Stay as normal, no masking, stress hygiene, distancing	Same as in the past	I would like to see emphasis on students getting vaccinated.
8/7/2021 11:49:18	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	No concern	If vaccinated no symptoms equals no quarantine.	Same as what has been done this summer	Hand washing or gel same as before	None.	None	Play or participate all activities no restrictions masks optional	Same as before	
8/7/2021 11:55:26	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	None, unless you choose to wear one it's fine	None needed	Only infected person	Clean can continue between classes	No clue what this has to do with the topic. Normal self care.	None. Do NOT PAUSE IN PERSON LEARNING!!	Only for infected person	To Be NORMAL-No Masks	Email/phone call	The kids and families of community have all been living back to normal do not take that away from them. If choose to not vaccinate that is everyone's choice and if you choose to wear a mask also should be a choice now with the vaccine. So please do not make an issue about masks.
8/7/2021 12:58:42	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Students/staff should NOT be required to wear masks. Masks should be optional and those that have a problem with this should keep their kids home for online schooling. This creates an environment of fear and compliance for many that have no part in our children's schools.	This causes more harm than good. We are teaching our children to stay away from and be afraid of their peers for a virus that poses very little risk to them.	The only ones that should quarantine are those with a positive test. No other kids should be asked to.	The school should still maintain high standards when it comes to this - Covid or not.	Excessive use of hand sanitizer should be limited and up to the student.	Parents should have the option to keep their kids home with an online option but in person learning should always be available to those that want to be there.	This should be an option for those that want this.	These should continue as they always have. Many kids need this in their lives. Taking these activities away from our kids is way more harmful to them than the small Vance of getting Covid.	Email	We need to get back to living life as normal. Last year only taught our kids to be fearful and be compliant - even when they do not agree or understand. It has made our children more anti-social and taught them to rely more on electronics in a world already saturated with this. We are hurting our youth - making them afraid of each other instead of teaching them to be part of a community and help others.

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8/7/2021 14:07:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I'd prefer masking of all those unvaccinated indoors and requirement of vaccination to attend when eligible. I am quite concerned what the fall will look like across the entire United States.	I support continuing to follow social distancing measures until spread of covid 19 is at a low level in our county. I'd prefer a more proactive and mandatory nature of regulating this measure instead of a recommendation	I support a shorter quarantine only with a negative covid test as outlined by CDC in their latest recommendations released late July.	Very much support continuing these measures in our buildings even when transmission of covid 19 is low to nil as it will very likely help decrease spread of other infections.	Agree encouraging proper hygiene at school to help prevent spread of all infections.					
8/7/2021 14:47:11	No	District Staff	Mask if individual has cold-like symptoms	Students should social distance when possible, but we know 3-6ft wasn't possible last year! Respect of one's personal space should be encouraged at ALL grade levels.	Quarantine if positive COVID test and until symptom-free. Close contact should monitor symptoms, no quarantine unless symptoms occur.	Cleaning should be done daily with the best ventilation available whether we're dealing with or without COVID-19!	ALL students & staff should be expected to WASH hands, and sanitizer should be available in wall mounted dispensers!		Only if staff members are unavailable to teach due to illnesses.	Follow WIAA Regulations	Continue to update Dashboard and communicate with staff, families and community about protocol changes, which should be made with students' and staffs' interests in mind.	Understand NOT everyone believes the COVID "vaccination" is safe! This "vaccination" is NOT mandatory and a lot of long-term effects are unknown! Please be respectful of everyone's privacy with this experimental injection!
8/7/2021 14:59:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Should be optional	Not realistic	Data has shown kids are not spreaders of the virus. This creates isolation and separation from learning and activities that is unnecessary and potentially harmful to his/her learning.	It is my understanding the ventilation system for our school system has been looked at and is adequate in air exchange. Cleaning multi-touch areas seems appropriate. Since the virus has been shown to be predominately aerosolized excessive cleaning practices would be overkill.	Absolutely stress the importance of hand hygiene and staying home when sick.	Should not happen unless high proportion of teachers and students are out sick.		Follow WIAA	Families should be notified, but not forced to quarantine close contact.	Focus more on kids learning and mental health and less on COVID.
8/7/2021 15:03:51	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If required	When possible	Yes if you get the virus	Should be a must	Always	Would rather stay in person	Rather do that then home schooling	Yes unless cases increase	This is a must	I believe that the kids and teachers get more out of in person schooling. Last year really proved it. I have never seen someone so happy to go back to school then Landyn was last year.
8/7/2021 19:20:31	No	District Staff	I believe if numbers continue to rise, we need to reconsider masking for all until numbers are under control	I believe if numbers continue to rise, we need to continue social distancing policies until numbers are under control.	I believe if a student or staff can prove they have been vaccinated that quarantine is not necessary unless exhibiting symptoms. No proof or have not been vaccinated, then quarantine as usual.	Continue practices we ended the school year with.	Continue practices we ended the school year with	We need to do everything we can do to allow for in- person learning. This needs to be our number one goal. This being said, if we have excessive numbers or an outbreak, we need to do what is best to keep students and staff safe.	We need to do everything we can do to allow for in- person learning. This needs to be our number one goal. This being said, if we have excessive numbers or an outbreak, we need to do what is best to keep students and staff safe.	I recommend continuing practices implemented in the spring to avoid outbreaks.	The more up front we are the better.	
8/7/2021 19:28:37	No	District Staff	I would prefer not to as the cases in West Salem are not rising. If things change, I would gladly wear a mask if it means we will stay in person and stay away from virtual learning.	Students are going to socialize when they are not at their desks, spacing their desks are not going to reduce the spread as they talk during other portions of their day.	Students who test positive should remain home and quarantine. Close contacts should be notified but not required to quarantine. The jump between in person learning and virtual learning should not be as often as last year, if at all.	Cleaning should be still be a very well kept routine, regardless of the virus. The rigorous sanitizing will help other viruses, sicknesses, and germs from spreading.	Kept up as usual	The pauses to In-Person learning needs to be less frequent, if at all. If needed, masks and social distancing should be put back in place first to help with the situation and as a last resort it should occur.	The constant jumping is hard for students, staff, and families.	They should continue as usual, if parents and students feel safe sending their students then they should do so.	Should be constant and consistent, keep them in the loop. Reassurance that our community and school are doing well in regards to the virus should be kept up to decrease worry and anxiety.	
8/7/2021 19:43:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Not conducive for younger children	Not conducive for younger children	Not conducive for younger children	Couldn't hurt!	Always important	Not conducive for younger children	Not conducive for younger children	Important for child's development	Important	I'm all for safety but it should not take away from a child's education and experience
8/7/2021 19:50:43	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Prefer that staff and students mask, no matter vaccination status. At this time, many fully vaccinated are becoming COVID positive in our area; unfortunately, no one is off the hook at this point.	Preferred, to an extent. Masks helping to reduce the extreme circumstances.	Per protocol.	Extra is better.	Wash upon arrival for sure.				As was.	Our teachers did an excellent job last year; thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.

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8/7/2021 20:04:13	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Absolutely opposed, and if masking is made mandatory, I will immediately withdraw my child. It's psychological abuse and I refuse to subject my child to that nonsense ever again.	It's a farce. It's impossible for the students to social distance all the time, so I struggle to get behind the inconsistencies.	Everyone should remain home when sick, especially while contagious. However, teachers should be live streaming for students who need to stay home, but not too sick for school work.	Should be reasonable.	Everyone needs to wash their hands, and make sanitizer available, but not mandatory.	Better than masking, but the model needs to improve. Very little "teaching" occurred last year. More like, show your face on zoom and then go work on your own. Again, there isn't any reason why teachers can't live stream a class.	Should definitely remain available and parents need the option to switch their kids at any point they do not feel their child is safe in person. (Such as being forced to wear a mask.)	If masking and social distancing are in play, it's absurd that sports would even be an option.	Should be transparent.	Segregation of any kind between "vaccinated" and non-"vaccinated" should never occur. Also, stop portraying those who choose not to get an experimental injection as "less than". It is ludicrous to me that educated people have the audacity to promote an injection that is doing a lot of harm and does not even protect the people who get it.
8/7/2021 20:10:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Prefer that staff and students mask, no matter vaccination status. At this time, many fully vaccinated are becoming COVID positive in our area, unfortunately, no one is off the hook at this point.	Preferred, to an extent. Masks helping to reduce the extreme circumstances.	Per protocol.	Extra is better.	Wash upon arrival for sure.				As was.	Our teachers did an excellent job last year, thank you for your continued hard work and dedication.
8/7/2021 21:32:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Would prefer to not have to wear a mask or my child to wear a mask.	No opinion about this	Only if in direct contact with a positive case			continue in person learning	not a fan	keep these ongoing all the time	continue being upfront and transparent	
8/7/2021 22:07:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masks.	Not needed	Only an actively sick person. No asymptomatic contacts.	Yes please	Hand washing regularly. It was shared that NO mandatory hand-washing took place before lunch last year. Shocking!	No. Very harmful on many levels.	No.	Yes	Is this a trick question? Communication, yes of course.	
8/7/2021 22:08:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
8/7/2021 22:21:24	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Thank you for the mask option stance. We appreciate it very much!	Fully agree with the statements made	Fully in support of the parameters stated in this new plan. I am very grateful asymptomatic students who were close contacts will not be forced to quarantine!			While we understand that there may be a need to pause in person instruction if there is significant spread, we appreciate your commitment to in person instruction for the duration of the school year. This is how our kids learn best. Thank you for keeping their education at the forefront of your goals.				We love being a part of the West Salem school district and this plan makes me feel proud. This new plan shows great thought and commitment to the education of our children. Thank you for being so reasonable and for using common sense and current information and realities to make a plan that is not excessively conservative when our children have proven for more than a year to not be majorly affected and not major spreaders of Covid. Our district has the opportunity to lead a new way. Thank you for thinking outside the box and not following blanket, National "recommendations"
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8/8/2021 12:34:13	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I agree with the masking policy that takes into account our local situation. Recent studies are showing that mask wearing by children has negative impacts on their mental, physical and emotional health. I know we all care deeply for the kids in our lives and want to keep them healthy and safe. I urge the District to consider the costs to our children's health beyond COVID-19 risks when implementing mask policy.									
8/8/2021 14:12:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I feel very strongly we should be requiring kids and staff members to mask especially given the delta variant and what we are seeing it do in the south as well as the number of people still unvaccinated (including kids) in our area. The outspoken minority in our community should not cause the district to ignore science and data which support masking. Our district uses data to drive so many things, why would we not use it to help us determine whether or not to mask? It's such an easy thing for us to do to help prevent the spread and to show our children how to care for others.	Important but hard to do given class sizes. Not as important as masking.	If we mask, may be unnecessary for "close contacts" but necessary for positive individuals. If we do not mask, quarantining will be necessary to diminish the possibility of spread.	Our buildings seem up to date on this.	It would be great if kids were still made to sanitize their hands as much as they were last year.	Necessary if numbers get out of control in our community and or buildings.	Unsure if distance learning means CRVA? That was a disaster last year and will hopefully be better this year.	May be necessary to pause these as numbers increase. Athletes should be required to mask.	The more the better. Continue to share positive case numbers and absence numbers. The community needs to be informed.	Please do not allow the bullies in our community who have worked to make your lives miserable with their complaining wear you down to the point of giving up on doing what is right and safe - please send our kids back to school in masks for the safety of all.
8/8/2021 14:28:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	It seems as though our most successful protocol last year was our uniform and consistent masking policy. This mitigation strategy seems to be the number one thing we can do to keep our children in school this year. We believe everyone in district buildings should be masked until the major national and local medical groups state otherwise.	Social distancing seemed necessary last year as part of district protocol; however, as the school year carried on and our kids were face-to-face more, it seemed less important in diminishing spread compared to masking.	This seems necessary for students who are showing symptoms until they can provide a negative test or for students who have tested positive. Last year seemed to prove that if we mask and socially distance, quarantining close contacts is not as necessary. If we choose to make masks optional, then quarantining close contacts will be necessary.	I am not aware of the details of our cleaning and ventilation protocols but they seemed to work last year.	Having students wash their hands or sanitize seems to help and just be a good habit in general.	We support you pausing in-person learning this year as needed due to COVID numbers.	We support allowing students to complete work via distance learning due to COVID numbers.	We support masking our athletes and limiting attendance at events to give kids a chance to have a season.	Please continue to keep us informed via email.	Masking is the best way (aside from vaccination) to fight through this pandemic. Please send our children back to school masked.

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8/8/2021 14:33:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be in alignment with scientific research recommendations- not personal choice. A recent CDC science brief states lack of masking led to outbreaks in k-12 schools: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/transmission_k_12_schools.html . My daughter is not yet eligible to be vaccinated and mixing of kids on the bus of different age groups means not everyone is following the same guidelines.		Not clear if person if fully vaccinated if they should quarantine or not?							I cannot imagine how difficult it is to be in this position and appreciate all you and your staff are doing to proactively mitigate spread of COVID in our schools and keep kids in school as much as humanly possible. Thank you for keeping our kids safe by promoting vaccination, consistent and correct use of masks for people who are not fully vaccinated, physical distancing, screening testing in schools to promptly identify cases, improved ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, and routine cleaning with disinfection under certain conditions. Fingers crossed it's an uneventful year... Be safe, we support you.	
8/8/2021 14:36:05	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Where able	If positive test	Regular	Hand washing	No virtual learning	No distance learning	Let kids partake as they choose. No masks	Email weekly unless otherwise needed		
8/8/2021 16:00:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masks	I'm ok with	I'm ok with	Regular	Sanitize hands and wash regularly	Absolutely Not	Make optional for parents worried	As normal as possible	Regular		
8/8/2021 16:31:30	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Agree with optional	Agree with plan	Agree with plan	Agree with w	Agree with plan	Hopefully not	Hopefully note	Agree with plan	Good!		
8/8/2021 17:04:43	Yes	District Staff	During the last school year, we made it very clear that a mask was part of the dress code. I would recommend removing the sentence "The West Salem School District fully supports the individual decision related to masking." While the draft plan makes masking optional, if we begin to require masking, this sentence will set up a natural conflict between school personnel attempting to enforce our dress code and those who believe they have a right not to mask. I do think that the Delta variant has created an environment that is different from the summer school time. It may be wise to head medical guidance to mask at the beginning of the school year.	This is important. Honestly is also important. The district should make clear that physical distancing is done to the maximum extent during the pandemic. The 3 or 6 foot distance was not achievable by all learning spaces in 20-21, yet we pretended it did. Additionally, we are not socially distancing. We are physically distancing. In a social industry and with the concern over mental health as a result of the pandemic, our word choice is important as we convey this message.	The plan makes sense here. It is odd that our list of symptoms has drastically decreased. This should be explained. Why can I now have a headache and body aches and come to school?			If this is the same as we did in 20-21, we should state this.	If this is the same as we did in 20-21, we should state this.	If this is the same as we did in 20-21, we should state this.	How will co-curricular activities be impacted by pauses to in-person learning? I think it is sticking our head in the sand to think the WIAA will make any recommendations. We need to be more proactive in internal discussions for the benefit of our coach and advisor employees.	Will we really email a family that they were a close contact? That isn't right. Someone should be making a phone call.	How does the masking guidance on public transportation impact our busing? My opinion is that regardless of what is chosen, we need to be sure we communicate even better than last year. Perhaps a comparison chart for this communication would do. What did we do last year? What is the plan for this year? Additionally, we have heard of a swiss-cheese model. When one mitigation strategy is removed others are present to prevent illness. It appears we are unwisely removing several mitigation strategies from the get-go. Our success last year was due to mitigation strategies. In my experience and opinion those most impactful strategies were exclusion of ill and masking. We are altering our masking and quarantine protocols. When two variables are changed, no one knows the cause of success or struggle. It appears we are set on not masking, so lets keep other mitigation strategies in place.
8/8/2021 17:05:43	Yes	District Staff										Is there a reason that the survey can be completed multiple times? We need to firm up our data collection strategies through survey.	
8/8/2021 17:25:22	Yes	Parent/Guardian	The delta variant makes the environment feel differently than during summer school. It would seem best to mask for ages 11 and below. I realize that makes the MS divided because of age. Then it might be best to mask indoors for grades 4k-8.	Our kids described the situation in their classrooms. Our kids teachers effectively communicated strategies. 3 or 6 feet social distancing was not always possible. Just be honest with parents and tell them that physical distancing is observed when possible.	What symptoms will be in place to quarantine for a sick child? Will the list be as comprehensive as last year? If we are reducing masking, it is not wise to begin to limit other mitigation strategies as well. It appears only temp and vomiting/diarrhea are of concern.			As a school, this should always be a teaching point.	How will this work for my MSers? Will they Zoom into class if quarantined?	You are going to email me if my child is a close contact? I deserve a phone call from school personnel.	Data collection needs to be tightened up. I could reply again and again on this survey to provide you disproportional responses.		

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8/8/2021 17:26:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking is a very effective mitigation effort, as demonstrated by the steps taken at local health systems, colleges, and universities. We recommend masking for the first three weeks of school to significantly reduce the possibility of transmission during the start of the school year, especially since students under 12 are not eligible to receive the vaccine. If requiring masks is not an option, a recommendation to create a mask-friendly school environment is encouraged to support those students and families that wish to mask in efforts to protect themselves.		We appreciate the recognition that vaccinated individuals that are close contacts of positive cases will not be required to quarantine unless exhibiting symptoms.							Thank you for the care, attention, and detail you are providing to these matters. We are very thankful our children are enrolled in the West Salem School District.
8/8/2021 18:27:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Yes	10 with positive contact	2x per week		If there is a significant outbreak in that building	as an option or as needed to keep education plan going	Continue unless significant outbreak	Weekly	
8/8/2021 18:31:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking is an ineffective and harmful way to try and prevent covid. There is absolutely no possible way for any cloth or paper mask to contain a virus. If that was possible we could end all viral activity. It can however create the perfect breeding ground for bacteria to grow. This is a harmful and futile way to fight any virus.		Quarantining people because they've been "exposed" is ridiculous. Anyone that is visiting a store, gas station, etc... can consider themselves exposed. It's a virus. It can be anywhere. To interrupt children's education by isolating them and calling attention to them is ineffective and frustrating. We are all exposed every day if we are participating in society. If you're sick, stay home. Also there should be no separate quarantine rules for the "vaccinated" versus unvaccinated. If you are vaccinated you are at a higher risk of spreading covid due to the possibility of less severe symptoms. You may still be at school or work because you don't feel as sick. The unvaccinated individual will most likely feel ill and stay home. No need to quarantine the unvaccinated longer.	We should always have proper and efficient ventilation for general health. Cleaning should be done on a daily basis. I don't mind wiping off desks in-between classes, but forcing hand sanitizer continually will only encourage stronger mutations of viruses and bacteria. Soap and water.	Hand washing is great prevention	Absolutely not. Enough people have had the virus at this point. We don't need to shut our schools down for a population of children that has an almost 100% survival rate.	No thank you. I can homeschool if I want distance learning. I have them in in-person school for a reason.	Let them continue as they always have. They are an important part of the students lives and some activities may dictate their future and college plans	Email	We are a small community that has done well doing what is best for our community. We should continue to make decisions based on our demographics. Not Lacrosse County's.

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8/8/2021 19:30:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian	should be optional. If not optional either all mask or all no mask so that no one knows the others vax status which is not fair for the kids	3 feet if you must but should again be personal choice	as need if exposed with positive student or sick themselves	don't over do it but keep it clean . Fresh air is always great. Them them outside more	same as years past	we do not feel it is needed but understand if it must be	Glad the kids have online options now. Class should be run with both at all times.	personal choice . Kids need these activities	Same a years past worked well.	We all have seen how we as adults have acted towards each other with this C-19 stuff. Mask or no mask, vax or no vax, you are with me or against. It has brought the worst out in some. the best in others. All I ask is that you make it all or non if the choice of masking is in play. This should also be the choice of each family if they want to Vax or not. Kids and people should still be able to live in a free world without punishment if they choice to no vax and exposing the unvax with masking rules if a harsh punishment. How will you protect them from each other with their hate speech ? I am not sure where WS stands but I do not feel that being white is a sin, or makes you better or worse than others. We are a human race . We understand it has not always nor is it still a fair world but shunning or shaming whites is not the way to go about it either.
8/8/2021 20:58:18	Yes	Parent/Guardian										I agree with the district's plan.
8/8/2021 21:19:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes. as long as it keeps the kids in school.	I don't know how you can keep them apart and much less supervise it. It would labor intensive.	If someone contracts the virus in the same household , then yes. However, if a person has a negative test result then they can come back.	Should maximize this effort as much as possible.	I would hope staff would address that early on and not wait for someone to complain.	No, must keep them learning, as long as they are healthy enough.	Not recommend	Very important to mental health	No issues. Has been a good experience so far.	None
8/8/2021 22:06:19	No	District Staff, Community Member	Choice	Let the ES kids play. Highschool no PDA	If diagnosed with Covid. Fever, Vomiting, Diarrhea, stay home 24 hours	Keep up same standards	Keep up same standards.	Jump right in. Let the kids go back to normal until you learn otherwise.	Choice during an outbreak.	Jump right in. Let the kids go back to normal until you learn otherwise.	Same as usual. Prior Covid.	No masks on the kids ever.
8/8/2021 22:13:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional masking	Kids needs to interact	When positive cases in the classroom	Important	Yes, but our daughter breaks out from too much hand sanitizer. Nice to still have had washing as an option.	In person is ideal.	Not favorable. Difficult with other young children at home.	Yes, important for student moral		Please continue optional masking. Once our child had to wear masks last year in 4k she was more sick then ever as she was constantly touching her face. Kids need to see their teachers and interact with their friends and be able to see their mouths and facial expressions.
8/8/2021 22:17:33	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Believe it should be optional no matter how high the covid counts get. Each family has a right to function as they'd like.	Don't think it's necessary at the elementary level	For Individuals who have covid, yes please quarantine. For those who do not but have been exposed please no quarantine	Do the best you can as a district and us as parents will appreciate all your efforts	Allow children to wash their hands rather than sanitize as the sanitizer is so toxic	Not ideal. PLEASE consider staying in person without pauses	Please STAY IN PERSON. This kind of learning presents many challenges for the family unit	Please continue to offer such activities. Kids need them.	Provide only what is needed leaving all fear and emotions out of the communication. Thus far the communication has been amazing. Thank you!	Please do not make our children wear masks! Please! Please! Please!

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		Parent/Guardian,	<p>An optional masking policy is ineffective, and has potential to cause real harm to our students' health and ability to stay in school. This policy blatantly ignores the strong guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics, CDC, WI DHS, DPI, and numerous other health organizations that say all children in schools should be masked. How presumptuous are we to enact a policy contrary to the best evidence available to us from experts who devote their time and effort to studying this novel and changing virus? As I write this comment, our cases have increased to numbers not seen since last winter due to a variant of the virus that spreads far more easily than the one we dealt with a year ago. We know the best protection is vaccination, but right now that is not available to shield our children who are younger than 12. Masking is all they have to protect themselves and many other vulnerable members of our community. The benefits of masking can also be felt beyond COVID-19, through the prevention of other seasonal respiratory illnesses such as influenza. Last year we experienced a flu season that was nearly nonexistent, and it is not a coincidence that we were masked, distancing, and practicing better personal hygiene. Your stated goal is to remain in-person by establishing a safe learning environment, yet you're making one of the most effective safety measures we have an option. Why? Yes, masks are an inconvenience, but they are harmless for nearly all people. My child faces more harm to her mental health from being singled out for wearing her mask. She wears that mask as a selfless act not only to protect herself, but those around her. She is following the best science and information we have available yet feels like she's the one doing something wrong. Fix this policy and do what the medical experts, including our local pediatricians, tell us is appropriate and necessary. Require the proper use of masks for all, at least until a vaccine is available to protect all children in</p>	<p>What does this mean? If you are going to put this in a policy, please define it so that people understand what they should be striving for. Here is an example: "All students shall attempt to maintain a minimum of 3 feet of physical distance when all people are masked, and 6 feet or more if any person is unmasked and other mitigation measures are followed. All staff and visitors shall attempt to maintain 6 feet of physical distance at all</p>	<p>How are you making the determination of an 8 or 11 day shortened quarantine? What criteria will you be using? What must be in place to qualify for 8 days? How is testing for COVID-19 factored into this decision? Please ensure those questions are answered and clear</p>						<p>The WI DPI released COVID-19 Infection Control and Mitigation Measures for Wisconsin Schools 2021/2022 on August 4. Please review that document and update this policy accordingly, especially around the recommended use of masks. https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/sspw/pdf/interim_COVID-19_Infection_Control_and_Mitigation_Measures_for_Schools.pdf If you still choose to ignore this guidance, be prepared to address both the emotional and legal ramifications that may result if a student, staff member, or family member contracts COVID-19 in school as a result of the proposed policy that disregards the clear infection control practices outlined for you by medical</p>	

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8/8/2021 22:26:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be required for all students who are not yet old enough to be vaccinated. This seems very simple to me. All of the news I am seeing related to the Delta variant indicates that kids ARE getting sick and masking is the best tool that we have to keep kids safe until they can be vaccinated. I understand that there is a vocal group of parents pushing for optional masking, but I would urge you to also consider the medically fragile and immunocompromised students in this district as well as the kids who go home to family members who are living with similar challenges. Universal masking is a very simple way to keep those kids and families safe.	There is no policy, here. "Watch your distance" is a meaningless statement - I don't understand the purpose of even including it.							As a parent of 2 elementary students, I want to know if ANY child in my kid's classroom tests positive and has been at school while contagious.	I would urge the district to pay attention to the virology and infectious disease experts who are all telling us to brace ourselves for a surge of Delta cases. I understand that in-person learning needs to happen and I want my children to be in school, but if medical experts are telling us that a more contagious variant is circulating and masking is the easiest thing we can do to control this outbreak and keep kids in school, then I think it makes a lot of sense to follow their recommendations and require masks for kids who aren't old enough to be vaccinated when they are indoors. This doesn't seem hard to me. "Per CDC recommendations, we will require all students and staff who are not vaccinated to wear a mask until they are fully vaccinated."
8/8/2021 23:56:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I'm glad to see you support choice in masking. I don't think the downsides of masking have been accounted for enough in public health/government mandates. You can't put the affect of smiles on a graph or spreadsheet. We all need them. I also fully support policies that affirm a person's freedom to decide for themselves and their families what is best and what risks are acceptable.									The rest all looks fine to me. Here's hoping the government agencies tasked with our safety don't overstep like they did last year. This is America. The land of the free. It needs to slay that way.
8/9/2021 7:27:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be optional. Parents and Guardians should maintain the rights to manage medical decisions.	While many are saying/directing we should maintain social distancing, those same people saying we should are not following their own rules. That should tell you everything you need to know.	If there is a legitimate expose and signs of COVID, quarantine is justified. If there is not close expose including lack of physical contact quarantine is not justified. My child was quarantined last year and was adamant there was not close contact with an infected person and my child had zero symptoms.	I believe these are good preventative measures even with out the pandemic. The school district buildings are new enough to have HVAC controls that can be adjusted to bring in fresh air and increased air circulation.	I do not agree with the mass and forced use of chemical hand sanitizer. Last year my children's hands where beet red when they came home from school as a result of chemical hand sanitizer used 10-20 times a day. Soap and water.	If it is justified by outbreaks, yes. If it is a kneejerk over reaction, no.	Some children can learn in the distance environment, some cannot. I believe it depends on the specific child and their at home situation. Decision should be left with the parents, however teachers/school district should monitor to ensure distance learning children are maintaining progress and not falling behind. I do not believe distance learning is good for our family. I believe it will lead to future social challenges and personal/interpersonal communication issues.	Let them play. Mash optional.	Please keep communicating with family and children in the school district. The emails and surveys do not go unnoticed or ignored.	
8/9/2021 8:47:02	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes, masking is safely.	At least 6 feet apart.	Certainly.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, very safe.	Yes	Yes	
8/9/2021 8:50:07	No	District Staff, Community Member	I appreciate the optional protocol of masking. Teaching and learning is much richer when facial expressions can be seen on both ends!!	This is pretty difficult in a classroom of over 20 MS students. I did my best last year and never had a class "breakout" of the virus.	I'm happy to see that only family members of a positive COVID test will be asked to stay home and not the "close contact" in school students.	This was always a top priority in the classroom. Tables were sprayed and wiped after every class period.	I noticed kids in MS using hand sanitizer pumps more than EVER!!	This was difficult but necessary last year. Everyone did their best. Hoping to not have to fall back to that this year.	CRVA?? Not sure what this means. We had a few families who jumped in and out of CRVA throughout the year - mid trimester - that was difficult. Moving in at trimester was much more efficient for all.	Glad to see the kids back on the courts, fields, etc. Go Panthers!!	Excellent communication often to families throughout the past year.	Thank you for reaching out for feedback from staff and community. Greatly appreciated!!

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8/9/2021 9:26:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Only if not vaccinated	If needed	If vaccinated...no	You're doing a great job thus far	Continue as is	Would rather not if possible	Would rather not if possible	Please continue to have them	You're doing a great job	
8/9/2021 10:06:17	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I feel we should start the year out masked. Making it optional when the county is out of the high transmission rate. We found it worked last year. I feel it's better to remove a layer of protection instead of adding it in when it's to late.		Follow the CDC guidelines.	Keep it up. I feel it will help with other sicknesses throughout the year.		At what level do we go virtual. My children will learn best face to face but if we have outbreaks with several classes it may be reasonable to go virtual. Knowing what to expect is alot easier then feeling left in the dark.	I will be the first to agree it's not the best. However it may be needed to keep kids from getting sick.	I dont have children that do these activities yet but if they can be done safely give them the opportunity to participate.		This isnt easy for anyone and not everyone will be happy with the decision made. Thank you for putting our kids first and figuring out what is best for both students and staff.
8/9/2021 10:47:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional for all	Understand the need, but also realized kids will be kids, and they should not be penalized for it.	At this point, not needed. Vaccine's have proven to make Covid (for the most part) act like a cold. If children bring home Covid to an unvaccinated household, that is the parents risk/choice. Unless symptoms are severe (should be staying home anyway just like the flu) then quarantine is not needed.	Should be implemented regardless of Covid	Should be enforced regardless of Covid	Should be avoided at all costs	Can be done, but until vaccines are proven to NOT be effective, no reason for it.	Can be done until vaccines are proven to NOT be effective.	Monthly updates as needed, unless quick shifts	At this point, or until proven otherwise, COVID should be looked at like a cold. If individuals are getting sick, having severe symptoms, it is most likely their choice. This doesn't mean that it can't happen that someone gets vaccinated and gets severely ill, but the numbers show that to be insufficient. I am not for mandating vaccines, free to do what you please (until full approval like polo etc.), but until vaccines are shown to no longer be effective, COVID should not deter any school functions going forward.
8/9/2021 11:14:19	Yes	Parent/Guardian	My child isn't old enough to be vaccinated and neither, seemingly, will be any child in his class. Please tell me he won't be the only child masked. Masks worn by others keep my child safe as much as his wearing one helps others.									I'm really disappointed that masking is optional.
8/9/2021 11:33:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	I believe this should be optional. It is the best way to keep medical information personal and allow families to choose how they are going to send their student to school.	Social distancing when possible but not limit what teachers and students can do within specific class room settings.	Only students or staff who have tested positive. We saw last year very minor cases where students or faculty become positive while in school by someone who tested positive.	Keep doing what we have been doing. Wash in and wash out keep areas clean.	Basically the same as above.	Should not be an option.	Should only be done through the virtual academy.	If we are in person we should be participating in extracurricular and co curricular activities. Students virtually should not be allowed to participate in extracurriculars. If you are too afraid to attend school with students from your community then we should not be giving virtual students the opportunity to be exposed to students from other schools and communities.	Keep doing what you are doing.	We have come a long ways since last year and we have learned a lot about how to manage our students, athletes and staff to keep everyone healthy. Keep promoting being vaccinated, keep masks optional, and keep us in school.
8/9/2021 12:12:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I most definitely support and advocate for FULL masking of everyone on school property (and on the buses). Research has shown this significantly reduces transmission and as I'm sure you're aware, the covid numbers are rising again. I think doing this preemptively will drastically minimize the risk of having to go to virtual learning (which I personally hope never happens again). If you wait, or do what you did last year by making extremely non-scientific or informed decisions, it will greatly increase that risk. Not to mention place people in danger of getting covid.					Again, the more precautions you put into place right in the beginning of the year (such as mandatory masking and vaccinations of all eligible persons), the more you reduce the risks of having to pause in-person learning. I cannot stress this enough.	I appreciate the school district offering distance learning options, especially CRVA last year, but I don't think it's feasible for many families. However, if the school district again makes decisions that I feel are unsafe and unwise, we will be forced to do this unfortunately.			Please, please, please listen to the science, follow the recommendations and practices of other school districts (such as Dane county) and be informed and keep up to date on the latest information and CDC recommendations. And please make sure the people who are making these decisions about the safety of my children are fully educated on these things, and are not right-wingers or politically motivated individuals. Mandatory masks, social distancing and mandatory vaccinations are the only way we'll keep our kids in school and keep all of us safe.

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8/9/2021 12:35:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	If the numbers are high we should still be masking. I can't stand wearing a mask like many other people but the fact is that work. Very little sickness was spreading throughout our school last year including flu and colds. I think that masking was the reason for sickness not spreading in our buildings.	It's very tough to social distance in a classroom of 25+ students. Almost impossible.	If you are sick or a close family member you should quarantine. Eliminating half a grade because one person is sick is over the top.	Keep up the good work.		If the numbers call for online learning then we are obligated to keep everyone safe.				
8/9/2021 12:46:18	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I feel masking should be optional and up to each child's parents. All teachers/staff and older children have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Even with the new variants, our children AND staff are at incredibly low risk for infection, hospitalization, or death. COVID numbers are still very low in our area. The US Health Department (HHS) reports that vaccines are 95% effective against COVID and 88% effective against the Delta variant. Breakthrough cases are only accounting for 0.375% of total cases and 0.0013% of deaths (numbers published 8/9/2021). We need to be more realistic about our community risk. Just to put these small risks in perspective, according to Stephens Law Firm (2021), we have a much better chance of dying in a car crash (0.935%).	I do not feel this social distancing is necessary. Local universities, like UWL, are NOT social distancing. I urge everyone to look at the COVID numbers in context (NOT in the media's context) and compare our community risk to every other risk we take on a daily basis (like riding in a car or bus).	We have guidelines on this: Quarantine for 10 days from first symptom with positive COVID cases. Notify close contacts of possible exposure (up to 48 hours prior to first symptom). There is no need to do lengthy, mass quarantines.	Continue current safety measures. I recommend cutting down on all the disposable containers and excessive waste. The dishwasher should kill any COVID - I don't feel like we need to use plastic/paper plates/utensils anymore.	Continue to encourage good handwashing, which should be standard in COVID or non-COVID times.	Our kids NEED to be in school. The COVID risk to children remain VERY low. Teachers, staff, and students age 12 and older have all had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Even with the new variants, vaccinated people and children have VERY low hospitalization and death rates - we need to remember this when making these types of decisions!	Distance learning is NOT an acceptable replacement to in-person learning for 4K-12 students. This should only be used in cases related to immune-compromised or COVID positive children. We do, however, need to be ready for kids to join classes from home at a moment's notice (for the few COVID cases that will inevitably happen). After 18 months, our educators should be prepared for this and able to make such temporary transitions happen very smoothly.	These activities need to continue without restriction. Masking during athletics or music activities is not feasible or realistic. The risk to our children is very low, and parents can certainly choose whether or not their children will participate in these types of activities.	Continue with regular email updates and televised/YouTube school board meetings. Can we improve the AV quality of the school board meetings for those of us watching from home? It's very difficult to hear and understand what is being said.	
8/9/2021 13:35:25	No	District Staff	I fully support masking being a personal choice and not required for students or staff. I believe that it is the parents' responsibility to choose what they feel is best for their child, not the school, state or federal government. Kids need to see the faces of their teachers and peers! Facial communication is so very important to development and we have lost well over a year with kids struggling to read facial expressions through eyes alone. The increased CO2 levels with masks on is also a serious concern of mine. COVID cannot be the only health issue that is taken seriously.	A more relaxed approach to social distancing is needed. The anxiety that all of these rules place on kids is evident in the way they treat each other when someone "steps out of line" and is reprimanded by staff or other students. School can be hard enough for some kids without all of the added stress of having to stay a certain distance away from people. Mental health is just as important as physical health, especially for our children.								Thank you for sharing the plan. It is concise and sensible. I appreciate the time and effort put in by everyone involved.
8/9/2021 16:30:46	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Helps marginally at best.	They're not axial distancing now so why in school?	Make sure that "contacts" are true contacts and really meet the criteria to send home.	Ventilation important and should already be cleaning adequately.		Grave mistake and will have much worse effects on students than the risk of covid.	Should be available for those who want.	No mask and no restriction.		

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8/9/2021 16:32:45	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should be Optional.	Very difficult to do in a school setting. Do it if you can but do not alter the physical setting or students schedule to do it.	Absolutely not necessary unless someone is clearly ill. So many students lost a ridiculous amount of time in school last year due to this rule, it's not ok to keep them home for no reason.	Im confident the school does a good job of this.		For sure a NO! The students need to be face to face w/ teachers & their peers.	Please do not even consider it this year. SO concerned about my child's mental health, it was an incredible struggle last school year. Depression is far more of a worry than Covid!	Keep going as is, the kids need it! We can't let them miss out on their activities any more.	Excellent, very pleased with the schools communication & requesting parent input.	We need to remember everyone has an opinion on this & not to make it political. IF a parent is concerned about their child being exposed to Covid then they need to enroll in the WS Virtual Academy, that's what it's there for. If you choose in person school then you accept the "risks" and should be able to count on school proceeding in a normal fashion. We must do this for our children, it's what they need.
8/9/2021 19:00:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	I will agree and comply with the School's direction.	As much as you can.	I trust our School District will make all decisions based on the best outcome for the safety of our children. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do.
8/9/2021 20:25:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Uncertain	Fine	Good	Good	Good	Fine	Fine	Fine	Fine	
8/9/2021 20:42:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Required for teachers, staff, and all adults in building.	Make An effort as much as possible. Do your best in and outside of the classroom. Keep similar age groups together, limit school wide group gatherings??	Follow guidelines listed.	Sounds like a good plan. Ensure plans are followed though. Is there an audit or evaluation process needed to ensure compliance?		Avoid at all costs. Allow grades, classrooms or areas of the school to continue to attend while others may be in 'quarantine'. Consider avoiding 'all' or 'nothing' decisions.	Minimize and modify if it is needed. Last year way to much for parents, esp. working parents. Make changes on two weeks basis, no less. Maybe even a 4 week basis.	Allow.	Nice job thus far, keep them up.	Thank you for your hard work, resilience, and dedication to the employees, the students, and the facility to ensure an environment that is as safe as possible.
8/9/2021 21:38:38	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I am comfortable with masking if it means that my child can attend school in person. I support the district's efforts at mitigation.	I support all mitigation efforts that the district takes to keep our kids in school in-person. Social distancing is likely going to be necessary with not all students vaccinated.	I feel that vaccinated students that are asymptomatic should not be required to quarantine. Unvaccinated close contacts should continue to quarantine even if asymptomatic and require a negative test to return to school.	I think the district did a good job of this last year and have no concerns about their ability to continue their efforts.	Continue to encourage frequent hand washing and hand sanitation stations.	Try to keep pauses to a minimum as much as possible, but realize that if numbers are rising that may be the only option.	I was not a fan of distance learning last year as I saw my children, who are normally strong students, struggle. I strongly feel that in-person learning is best for most kids and would like to see distance learning happen only as a last resort if numbers are increasing drastically.	Sports and extra-curricular activities are important, but academics needs to come first. I would prefer to see these put on hold if needed versus in-person learning being put on hold, but recognize the importance of these activities for most students.	I feel that this has been good, I don't have any concerns about how the district is communicating with families.	I support our district school board, administration and staff in their efforts to keep learning in-person as much as possible. Whatever measures are needed to make that happen I am comfortable with. I am proud of the efforts made by our district and give administration, staff, students and the board kudos for making it possible.
8/9/2021 22:23:14	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No need for This option	Dose not apply and should not be applied in school	Only affected kids/adults should be held to this issue	Cleaning after hours is perfect,	Showers 2 times a day is highly recommended and washing hands	No kids need to be in school, take a look at the kids grades when they were in virtual learning, they went down.	It's a failed subject,	Sports are the best for the immune system and keeps kids off the obesity list.	Keep the emails coming	Keeps kids in school, no masks, and keep sports alive
8/9/2021 23:59:17	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes	If necessary	If necessary	To the best of abilities	Encourage hand washing and sanitizer	If necessary	If necessary	Keep going while numbers are manageable. Require masks inside and cancel if numbers increase.	Keep families informed on what's going on in the building as far as COVID goes.	
8/10/2021 6:13:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Although my child is indifferent to mask wearing, we as parents don't see the benefit. We don't wear masks during flu season.	Mitigation strategies like this can be helpful, but not realistic.	When testing positive.	It seems to me, these practices should be in place regardless		This is confusing and has lasting repercussions on our children. They become lax and quickly realize that demands and expectations are not the same with in person vs. Virtual/distance learning.	I think we need to move past this. If parents prefer distant learning, they need to look past the district for their needs. There are other options.	These should absolutely be available. If people do not feel safe, they should opt out but removing or limiting these to appease the few has long term repercussions.	All communications that we have received has been clear and thorough. Thank you.	It is time to return to normal! Our kids are paying the price in the name of politics. It is very sad. We are lucky to live in country where we have a choice. The choice to send our kids to public schools or not. When gov't makes that for us, are we really free? Leave to choice to us
8/10/2021 7:24:17	No	District Staff	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	All masking does is make it so those who have breathing issues have worse issues. And a shield is pointless. If a person is vaccinated they should have the right to not wear a mask. Most children don't wear a mask on the buses anyways
8/10/2021 8:07:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Please follow CDC guidelines for masking. Not doing so may lead to outbreaks with students and staff.	Please make sure students are sitting at least 3 feet apart in classrooms, especially if unmasked.	Follow CDC guidelines			It may be necessary. I feel when you offer optional masking, it may lead to more confrontations and fighting your decisions down the line.	It may be necessary... and we've done it before. Please don't exclude this possibility when (I assume) a majority of students and staff are unmasked.			
8/10/2021 8:15:52	No	District Staff	Optional masking per individual/family	No as long as people are staying home when not feeling well	People should stay home if they are not feeling well							

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8/10/2021 8:26:17	No	Parent/Guardian	It's a distraction for my son	I don't think we should have to anymore	My son will do much better in person	My son hasn't had the vaccine	My son washes his hands and covers his mouth	I prefer in-person learning	Same room is fine with other kids	I'm fine with all activities	I'm fine with that	None at this time
8/10/2021 8:34:30	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Transmission in children is not a concern. Masks stop aerosolized particles like sand going through a chain link fence.	They need to interact. The germs they exchange helps keep their immune system strong.	We will all get it eventually, we can't run from it forever. The sooner the healthy get it the better society will be.	Cleaning products add so many chemicals to a students working environment.	Wash hand after blowing nose or using bathroom. hand sanitizer removes a lot of good bacteria that helps help us healthy.	Don't do it	A joke!!	Let them play!	Yes	Which science and doctors will you be listening to? Cdc and nih, don't even recommend based on the science they do and pay for themselves.
8/10/2021 8:44:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	I don't feel it is necessary.	Isolation is terrible for mental health and for people in general especially little kids.	I clean my bar and grill. I would hope the schools are cleaned regularly. But healthy immune systems do stay strong with some exceptions. Do I think the school should be bleached down every second. No. I think the regular routines implemented are fine.	Yes, wash your hands. Take a shower, clean your clothes. Maybe the families that struggle in this area could benefit from all the leftover clothes and shoes at the school. I understand that's a very exhausted system all together.	I'm not sure what this implies. There should be no breaks or lapse with kids being in school.	It's terrible. It's frustrating for children, our number one priority in education. Kids cannot thrive from a distance. Teachers cannot build a relationship with their students or the parents. My son, had an award winning teacher last year and gained nothing from that. He fell behind, frustrated in courses he has always excelled in. Also, how frustrating for the teachers who took this path to teach. Distance learning only enable the lazy and the un passionate staff. Elementary children and all need to be in their classrooms.	Socializing is wonderful for people and kids especially. Not socializing them, encourages underdeveloped skills for every day life. Not to mention compromises any and all ways they navigate through conversation and interaction with people outside of their families. We as a society SHOULD know how to interact socially.	Phone calls, emails but ditch the calligraphy fonts. They serve a purpose, but not for general text in emails. I do think that teachers should not depend on social media as their primary form of communication. Facebook is frustrating and it's incredibly frustrating when that is the only way you know what is happening with the classroom. It's a lazy cop out for having communication with families. It's actually surprising how it's an acceptable platform. There's a lot of weirdos on a social platform like that.	Keep the kids in school. Don't enable lazy staff.
8/10/2021 9:23:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Refer to study attachment #4, 6, 7, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 22 under video https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html?m=1	Refer to studies #17 and 18 under link in video https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html?m=1		Germs aren't bad. They provides the opportunity for our immune system to stay vigilant in fighting all illnesses.	Is good after blowing you nose or going to the bathroom and before eating.	Refer to study links #17 and 18 under video https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html?m=1	Refer to study link #8 under video https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html?m=1		Please do.	Stop suggesting the vaccine or does not stop the transmission of any variant. Refer to study link #1, 9, 20 below video. But u also suggest watching the video. https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html?m=1
8/10/2021 9:26:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	NO	NO -if kids are playing sports and on top of each other what difference does social distancing in the classroom, cafeteria, or school make?	NO	YES	of course	NO -would prefer ALL in person learning especially at the high school level when students are preparing for college	NO	YES	continue as is	
8/10/2021 9:46:48	No	District Staff	No for sports		How do we monitor this for those who have been vaccinated? Do they have to quarantine no matter what?					Continue as normal		
8/10/2021 9:49:23	Yes	Parent/Guardian	CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.									
8/10/2021 10:10:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Please keep optional	Unhealthy for elementary children. Social behaviors & relationships are critical during this age	A no-brainer if you've been exposed or have a family member who is ill		Hand washing with soap over hand sanitizer	NO!	NO!		The WS district has done a fantastic job of keeping in communication	
8/10/2021 11:30:12	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking should be optional	We don't think there should be social distancing	We don't think there should be a quarantine	Should go back to pre-covid measures	Normal Handwashing	We feel that pauses to in person learning are more harmful to the development of the child than they are helpful	Our children learned so much more in person, than when distance learning. The difference was like night and day once they went back to in person last January.	Should go back to pre-covid.	Communication to families has been good	We believe that masking should be optional and that in person learning is best. We understand that not all families will be comfortable with going back to a "pre covid" atmosphere, and if they feel that strongly, the homeschool learning option is something those families could utilize. Our experience last year, was overwhelmingly, that the kids did so much better in person.

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8/10/2021 11:32:25	Yes	Parent/Guardian	My son is not old enough to be vaccinated. Data shows that the Delta variant affects children more than previous strains of the virus. Therefore, I would prefer a masks be required for all indoor activities for grades that have children who are not old enough to be vaccinated.	I think mass gatherings should be avoided. In smaller settings, the mask requirements you develop would impact my opinion on social distancing. If masks are required, then I'm not as worried about social distancing. If masks are not required, I think social distancing should be strictly enforced.	If a positive case is determined, all parents with children in that grade should be notified. Anyone who has been exposed to the positive student should be quarantined for the amount of time recommended by the CDC. Delta is transmissible even by vaccinated people. Quarantining is an option that should be applied liberally to protect the health of students, staff, and the community. If a student has been exposed to a positive case in their home, that child should quarantine even if they have not tested positive. It's imperative to ensure that teachers are healthy. So, if a student must quarantine, please ensure it is enforced.	I would hope the school would already have a plan in place for this. Students should keep their personal and school items in a covered location, such in desks or lockers. Students should have easy access to anti-viral wipes and should wipe the desks down before and after each class and keep only the items they need for the class out. The school should be as well ventilated as possible. Windows open when possible, doors open when possible, filters in HVAC systems should be changed frequently and the HVAC systems should be professionally cleaned often. Kids should be outdoors as much as possible. Teachers should wipe down high contact areas frequently throughout the day. All trash and recycling should be removed at least twice a day.	Kids should have their own hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, and facial tissues. These items should not be shared.	All actions should be taken to mitigate the possibility that in person learning would have to be paused. There should be a clear plan in place for assessing when the risks of in-person learning outweigh the harm and disruption caused to students and families when in-person learning must be paused. On the other hand, when the risk to the health and safety of children and staff are deemed to be great to continue in person learning, online learning should be implemented as quickly as possible. The pause to in person learning should be implemented as narrowly as possible to reduce the amount of disruption. Communication to families and students must be clear as to when the pause to in person learning will begin and how it will be implemented.	If distance learning must be implemented, the quality of the curriculum must not be compromised. Teachers must be trained in how to conduct online learning and how to facilitate groups while online. There should be some allowance for group interaction and all kids should have time to interact with others online...even if this means meeting with students in smaller groups. Interaction with others is essential. Students should be engaged by the instructor if there is online instruction...it's very easy for any one to tune out if they know they are not going to be called on. The way to access the materials should be user friendly, there should be a limited number of apps used or if there are several...there should be one place students go to in order to access all apps. Passwords and usernames should remain consistent for the student across apps, systems, and programs. Parents should be sent user guides for how to access and navigate apps, systems and programs. I'm an older parent and the technology doesn't come easy to me.	Communication to families is tough...there has to be a balance because too many emails, calls, letters, and texts can cause an overload. I think the subject lines in the email from the school need to be more specific to what the message in the email is. I have a ton of emails from the school in my inbox and it's hard to know if I've read them not unless I open them because the subject lines are not clear. If there is a particularly important email...for example, if transitioning to online learning...send a text out telling parents to watch out for an email. Not everyone checks their email frequently.	Generally, I really, really want in person learning to happen. Please do whatever you can to keep the kids in school. If it means mandating masks, please mandate masks. If students don't want to adhere to the mandate, allow them to use an online option instead of allowing them in the classroom and thereby creating a risk that all students will have to go online. I know it's a true challenge for the school administration and teachers. However, for unvaccinated children, the risk is greater this year than it was last year...so please keep our kids, teachers, staff, and community as safe as possible.	
8/10/2021 11:42:26	No	District Staff	I agree with the district that masks should be optional for all. It is a personal decision based on what is best for each individual and family. Along with this, masks should not be made mandatory or optional based on an individual's vaccination status.	While it's always good to keep personal space, I don't think large distances between students and staff are realistic. Students need to learn how to interact with their peers in healthy ways, and encouraging distance from others at all times may affect their social skills.	What are testing requirements to determine who will need to quarantine? Will symptomatic vaccinated individuals be required to be tested like symptomatic unvaccinated individuals? Seeing as there is more evidence that supports that the virus can be spread by either, I think it is fair to require a test of both vaccinated and unvaccinated to determine who needs to be quarantined.	Continuous and high level air filtration is great, but I don't believe every single surface anyone touches has to be constantly disinfected, especially because COVID is an airborne virus. I think proper hand washing should be enforced over constant use of hand sanitizer.						
8/10/2021 11:48:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Required	As much as possible	No	Required	Required		Not an option if one can help it		Please	I feel in person is the best way the children are going to learn. I believe if we take the highest precautions to make in person learning work would be the best option. I believe teachers are essential to our future generations. Thank you for all you do!!!

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8/10/2021 13:19:06	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think that it would be best for our students to continue to mask when the school year begins. Right now, we are seeing the delta variant that is highly transmissible in group settings. I think it's best to start the school year masking so that our students can continue to actually be in-person. It is very difficult for families' with two working parents to have to find childcare or stay home with their students in the event the district would have to go virtual.		Follow state/CDC protocols.							

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8/10/2021 13:30:44	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	I strongly feel that this should be optional. Give people a choice.	I think it's good to give students and staff their personal space, particularly if there are a lot of bugs going around. However, physical touch and human connection is important. Try to keep people distanced, but don't go crazy with it.	I do not think that asymptomatic close contacts need to quarantine. If you're sick, stay home so you don't spread it.	Ventilation is important now and in the future. It's just good for our students and staff to have fresh, clean air. Cleaning is obviously important, but I am concerned about the use of harsh chemicals. I would lean toward a less harsh, safer product over something that is laden with chemicals that our children are going to be exposed to. We don't want the treatment to be harmful. Do you ever check the safety of your cleaning products with the Environmental Working Group?	Very important now, before, and always. Sneeze and cough into your elbow or sleeve. Bathe regularly. Not a huge fan of antibacterial soaps and cleaners/sanitizers. Covid is a virus, not a bacteria. Our bodies are filled and covered with countless beneficial bacteria and we are dependent on this microbiome. Antibacterials disrupt our beneficial bacteria that help protect us. We can still wash our hands with warm/hot water and scrub them.	Unless our students or staff are at risk (which has not been demonstrated thus far), I see no reason for this based on what we currently know. I do not consider getting sick to be at risk. Their lives are not in danger.	If the district thinks it is able to offer this option on top of all of the other in-person education, it is fine to have the option for those who feel more comfortable with it. From my communication with several teachers, this created a lot of extra work and stress for them and is leading to burnout in the profession. It is not for me or our family, nor do I think it is a sustainable way to educate our children.	It appears that the WIAA was living in a fear-based and CYA state of mind when making decisions last school year. This was disappointing and if the same happens again, I would like our district to be able to take our own circumstances into consideration when making decisions. What happens in West Salem is very different from Appleton and Madison and Milwaukee. We have the ability to make decisions independent of the WIAA. These extracurricular activities are so important to our students in so many ways, both physically and mentally. There is no reason they should be limited or shut down. They should be encouraged.	I like the fact that you are taking a survey to hear from our families, thank you. I hope this input is taken into consideration when making decisions. I do appreciate the transparency.	This illness has been much less severe than initially believed. Particularly for the younger population, aka our students. And for the age group of our teachers and staff. The media and certain groups have contributed to instilling fear into the public. We know much more now than we initially did, and it seems that initial wave of fear has persisted to some degree. In regard to covid, we are dealing with a virus. Viruses mutate. So the delta variant is no surprise. Nor is the next variant. There are different strains of the flu every year, no different than this virus. I consider a pandemic to be the Black Death that we learned about in school, not something that the majority of people suffer flu-like symptoms and move on from. I am ready for us to begin talking about education and curriculums again. Let's get on with our lives. I think it's important to take a step back and ask ourselves if such extreme measures are really needed. Let's put an emphasis on promoting health. What are the populations most at risk? The unhealthiest. Let's teach our kids how to treat their bodies to be strong and healthy and resilient. Last year we shut down sports and activities that get kids exercise and moving. Then sat them down in front of screens for hours on end. But we didn't shut down junk food. We isolated them from their friends and social connections. We are social creatures and need touch and connection. Look at what's happened to mental illness in the past year. Just because we can't transmit it from one person to another or measure it with a thermometer like a virus doesn't mean that it should be neglected. What is the root of these mental illnesses? Poor nutrition, social isolation, fear, inadequate sleep, lack of movement and physical exercise, lack of connection and physical touch. Our schools are the cornerstone of our communities and our students' lives. The schools need to set the standard for educating our students in this capacity. For my family and I, we do not want to get sick, but if it happens to occur, we'll take covid, be sick, get better, and LIVE our lives please. I really wish the district would stop promoting the covid vaccine. Do you also educate our families about the adverse affects that have been reported and the fact that this was rushed out before full clinical trials were performed? If the district is truly choosing to venture down the road of "healthcare" and vaccination recommendations, I think at least providing all of the information is warranted so families can make informed decisions. And then also providing recommendations on ways to optimize health outside of a shot including adequate sleep, nutrition, physical activity, mental health, etc. The message I hear from WSD is that I need to get a vaccination and then I am safe... no mention of actually taking care of myself.

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8/10/2021 14:22:24	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Unvaccinated people should wear masks, and vaccinated people should have the option to wear or not to wear a mask.	This is very challenging at the high school. Social distance to the best of your ability.	Quarantine sick kids. If kids aren't sick, but they have been exposed to a confirmed positive case, they should mask up (vaccinated or not). As a parent, I understand wanting your kids, who do not have the virus, in school. As a teacher, I understand not wanting to get sick from potentially infected individuals.	Having access to safe products that can be used long term is important. The heavy chemicals that may be dangerous with long-term exposure should be used when leaving the classroom for the day.	I don't understand this prompt. Shower daily. Don't cough on others. Encourage hand washing throughout the day, and try not to touch things that don't belong to you. Keep your hands off your face to avoid spreading germs that you picked up from a desk or door handle.	I'm okay with this. If it's best for everyone's health, we should not be shy about implementing it. Better to stay home than have someone get seriously ill or die from this virus. Also, we don't know who has other medical issues that would make Covid especially hard to fight. Thinking of others is an important life practice.	Limited time on the computer is better for our eyes. Please don't have kids do 8 hours of school online.	Maybe you should ask for kids to be vaccinated and/or masked to participate if we do virtual learning rather than cancelling these activities when our neighboring districts aren't cancelling them. Maybe you need a Covid waiver for kids who may get sick due to participating. I recognize that this is a big issue, and you have two very opposite opinions to consider.	A weekly update is enough. When we send too many emails, people start to ignore them. A standard practice for teachers would be great, since we all basically did the same thing. This way, families don't get 6-8 separate emails from staff. Also some kids were on and off the quarantine list before some kids/parents read their email regarding quarantine procedures.	
8/10/2021 14:34:06	No	District Staff	No	No	If your sick stay home	Keep on the same	I would hope this is pretty self explanatory	If needed	If needed			
8/10/2021 14:36:37	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	No concern	If vaccinated no symptoms equals no quarantine.	Same as what has been done this summer	Hand washing or gel same as before	None.	None	Play or participate all activities no restrictions masks optional	Same as before	
8/10/2021 14:46:31	No	District Staff	Optional!	When necessary!	When displaying symptoms it's a good option. Unnecessary when not displaying symptoms	Our custodial staff is doing a wonderful job-don't think they need to do more than they already are!	Continue to encourage and give opportunities to students for healthy hand washing practices!	Like many, I sure hope that this doesn't have to happen again	Like many, I sure hope that this doesn't have to happen again		You're doing a great job, Ryan!!	Thanks for asking for feedback from your staff as well as the community! I think it's so important and I genuinely appreciate that you care to do so!
8/10/2021 14:51:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Not needed	Yes, if person has covid							
8/10/2021 15:03:46	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Mandatory at certain positive case number		Follow county guidelines of 10 days and negative test with exposure							
8/10/2021 15:06:38	Yes	Parent/Guardian										Agree with the plan. I want the kids in school and appreciate we are taking the stance of going to school in person as 1st priority, rather than like last year. I like the optional masks. Keep up the good work.
8/10/2021 15:06:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	I don't feel it is necessary.	Isolation is terrible for mental health and for people in general especially little kids.	I clean my bar and grill, I would hope the schools are cleaned regularly. But healthy immune systems do stay strong with some exceptions. Do I think the school should be bleached down every second. No, I think the regular routines implemented are fine.	Yes, wash your hands. Take a shower, clean your clothes. Maybe the families that struggle in this area could benefit from all the leftover clothes and shoes at the school. I understand that's a very exhausted system all together.	I'm not sure what this implies. There should be no breaks or lapse with kids being in school.	It's terrible. It's frustrating for children, our number one priority in education. Kids cannot thrive from a distance. Teachers cannot build a relationship with their students or the parents. My son, had an award winning teacher last year and gained nothing from that. He fell behind, frustrated in courses he has always excelled in. Also, how frustrating for the teachers who took this path to teach. Distance learning only enable the lazy and the unpassionate staff. Elementary children and all need to be in their classrooms.	Socializing is wonderful for people and kids especially. Not socializing them, encourages underdeveloped skills for every day life. Not to mention compromises any and all ways they navigate through conversation and interaction with people outside of their families. We as a society SHOULD know how to interact socially.	Phone calls, emails but ditch the calligraphy fonts. They serve a purpose, but not for general text in emails. I do think that teachers should not depend on social media as their primary form of communication. Facebook is frustrating and it's incredibly frustrating when that is the only way you know what is happening with the classroom. It's a lazy cop out for having communication with families. It's actually surprising how it's an acceptable platform. There's a lot of weirdos on a social platform like that.	Keep the kids in school. Don't enable lazy staff.

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8/10/2021 15:09:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional			Same protocol as last year		This was a major stress on my family last year and put us behind financially trying to pay for additional care for my children so I could work. Online schooling set my children back academically and socially, elementary aged kids should never have had to do online schooling, older kids who are more independent makes more sense. I also thought a good idea is that when the older kids are not on school premises bc they are home schooling that the elementary school kids could still be in school but using the middle and high school buildings to allow for social distancing. The boys and girls club contributed more than they needed last year as far as being there to help kids with online schooling so parents can work and for that I am grateful but also upset for the unnecessary cost.				
8/10/2021 15:40:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I would continue masking if needed and recommended by county health department.	Please allow kids to sit together at lunch and mix within grade level for recess.	Only if active cases. It is very stressful for families if child has a regular cold and there is fear they are going to be quarantined at home for two weeks.	Upgrade as needed. Ventilation improvements would be a good investment in health of our community.		Please pause only as a last resort. Kids need to be in person for optimal academic and social learning.	Allow independence in learning and have as few as possible live meetings.			Thank you for all the hard work you do in the best interest of children! Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!
8/10/2021 15:43:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Not needed	Yes, if person has covid							
8/10/2021 15:44:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking	No social distancing	No	Yes						
8/10/2021 15:45:01	No	Parent/Guardian										
8/10/2021 15:45:05	No	Community Member	No	No	Optional			No	No			
8/10/2021 15:47:34	No	Other	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
8/10/2021 15:49:54	No	Community Member	Make it optional for families to decide	No scientific proof this is effective to stop the spread of a viral contamination spread	No scientific evidence proves this is effective to stop the spread of a viral contamination. Common sense would/should be indicative of removing an infected person. No mandate	This should be a protocol for standard environment of public buildings	Promote instructive material in high traffic areas	Disruptive to the flow of learning environment	With all safety guidelines in practice no need to close to distant learning options	Good to offer activities to promote a normal recreational environment	Mandatory to keep information up to date regarding educational information. Email, telephone, newsletters sent home are all viable methods of communication	
8/10/2021 15:56:22	No	Community Member	Mask should be optional for the individual/families to decide	No	Yes, if a student has a positive COVID test.	Always good	Yes	No	No		Family and parents should be included in everything	
8/10/2021 16:22:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No	NO	Yes	Yes	NO, stay in school	No	Yes	Yes	Kids learn better when in school. Lets keep them in school.
8/10/2021 16:24:30	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Not needed	Yes, if person has covid							
8/10/2021 17:07:21	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I would prefer no masking.	Social distancing is fine	If a child is ill and showing symptoms only if their are symptoms	school handles this well				these are an important part of education	that has done well	
8/10/2021 17:38:15	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional!	within reason	only if their are symptoms	sounds efficient	good	if necessary	No!	keep them!	email or phone call when urgent	
8/10/2021 18:45:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	An easy way to slow the spread of COVID, but frustrating to be required to wear one when you are fully vaccinated.	Are there any plans to have classes outside when possible, weather permitting?					How are you planning to support distance learning for students forced to quarantine or simply stay home due to symptoms of potentially contagious diseases?			
8/10/2021 18:54:33	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Pointless	Pointless	If tested positive only	As usual prior COVID				No masking mandated		

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8/10/2021 20:14:04	No	Community Member	Mask should be optional for the individual/families to decide	No	Yes, If a student has a positive COVID test.	Always good	Yes	No	No		Family and parents should be included in everything	
8/10/2021 21:09:47	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If the cases in community are high yes children and staff should wear masks	Yes	Yes			If needed to keep everyone safe	Try to avoid if possible		Email	
8/11/2021 6:51:15	No	Community Member	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Let the kids be kids
8/11/2021 8:19:17	No	Parent/Guardian	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	REQUIRED	last resort	last resort	Masked unless outdoors	extensive	
8/11/2021 8:20:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe it is too soon to abandon masking entirely based upon variants, asymptomatic cases and the plain fact that when kids go back to school, they catch things (30 plus years observation)	Ditto				This should not yet be ruled out as a possibility for student safety.		Since these are nonessential, if case counts increase, these should be suspended, especially since community to community travel for competition increase risk and spread		Please remember education is the primary purpose of school districts. American children are over endowed with "extras" and have become very entitled. For the good of our communities and their future, please do not lose sight of this.
8/11/2021 8:43:01	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If high community COVID numbers only, otherwise optional	In elementary, keep classrooms to themselves (since these kids don't have the opportunity to get the vaccine yet). Middle and High School just have assigned seating in classrooms.	No. As you stated in a previous email, no student has ever been COVID positive after quarantining.	Continue with current measures! You have been doing great work!	Continue to have students wash hands frequently. Make sure sick kids STAY HOME.	Only if COVID cases become severely high in the community	On snow days?	Kids need exercise! Keep sports going!	This has also been great. Continue as before.	
8/11/2021 8:43:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Disclosure: My comments reflect the fact that I have children that are of the age to be vaccinated so my answers would be different if I had elementary aged children. I prefer that our vaccinated kids be given the opportunity to wear masks as optional. However, if numbers spike and this is the best alternative to keep our kids in school, our children are fully prepared and willing to wear a mask to avoid online schooling.	While this is ideal to help slow the viral spread, it is nearly impossible to manage this in a school setting. I do not have high expectations on the school managing this.	If the kids are vaccinated, I really hope we do not need to make them quarantine. I think a full quarantine should be implemented for those unvaccinated, it also might encourage of-age kids to be vaccinated. Thank you for following the recommendations for the shortened quarantine, our kids need to be in school and this allows for them to return sooner and still keep their classmates and staff safe.	The protocols in place last school year seemed appropriate. Thank you.	The protocols in place last school year seemed appropriate. Thank you.	If we learned nothing in 2020 it was to be flexible, I assume this will be a last resort option. As a society, we are now seeing the fallout from the mental health issues of not being in person.	Again, hopefully this does not happen this year, as it was a challenge. If we go back to this, there are changes that will need to be made. We can't have kids learning a subject once a week like happened with the MS last year and there were many days that the kids had nothing. There were many districts that did this better than WSSD, so I hope we are willing to explore doing distance learning differently if we are forced to go back to this.	This was tough last year, but we were SO VERY thankful the district did what they could to allow these types of activities to continue. We appreciated the fact that WSSD tried their best to make this work, it wasn't perfect, but it was SO good to allow our kids some of these activities.	Your communication last year was helpful. Thank you.	Please know, the vast majority of families were very satisfied with how our board, administration and staff managed during such a tumultuous time. Thank you for all the long hours, painful decisions and care you put into keeping our kids safe. Our children were in school more than any other district in the immediate area, that was a blessing in so many ways. We didn't see huge outbreaks from school, so we already know the implemented plans from last year WORK! We have good faith we can remain safe this year as well. Thank you again for guiding us through this continued difficult time.
8/11/2021 8:51:55	No	Community Member	I believe masks should be optional. It should be a parents decision to mask their child.	Yes the district should continue to try and social distance inside.	If a negative test then a child or teacher should be able to return to school.					Should continue. Indoor masks optional. Outdoor masks optional.		
8/11/2021 10:37:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	It should be optional for children, NOT mandated.	Hard to accomplish with younger kids. Not a concern of mine.	Only if tested positive.	Do the best you can.	Wash hands or use hand sanitizer often	Keep the kids at school. Distance learning is too difficult for elementary age kids.	Keep the kids at school. Distance learning is too difficult for elementary age kids.	Sports and Co-curricular activities are healthy for kids.	I appreciate the regular updates provided by the school. This has been good in the past!	I'd like to see more focus on healthy eating and exercise versus COVID precautions. If kids are healthy, their bodies will naturally take care of the rest.
8/11/2021 11:02:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Required for teachers, staff, and all adults in building.	Make An effort as much as possible. Do your best in and outside of the classroom. Keep similar age groups together, limit school wide group gatherings??	Follow guidelines listed.	Sounds like a good plan. Ensure plans are followed though. Is there an audit or evaluation process needed to ensure compliance?		Avoid at all costs. Allow grades, classrooms or areas of the school to continue to attend while others may be in "quarantine". Consider "avoiding" all or "nothing" decisions.	Minimize and modify if it is needed. Last year was way to much for parents, esp. working parents. Make changes on two weeks basis, no less. Maybe even a 4 week basis.	Allow.	Nice job thus far, keep them up.	Thank you for your hard work, resilience, and dedication to the employees, the students, and the facility to ensure an environment that is as safe as possible.

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8/11/2021 12:31:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think the section is well written. I would just encourage the district to continue to support individual rights and freedoms to personally choose whether they wish to receive the shot or wear a mask. If the shots work, why are those who have had the shot so worried about the person next to him/her not wearing a mask. What science are we following there?									
8/11/2021 12:31:48	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Think there should be NO masks required	It's a social setting - nit that easy to do								
8/11/2021 12:40:34	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I think it worked for last school year and we should continue it	so the same as last school year, it worked.		same as last school year, it seemed to work						I think it would be wise to do the same or very similar things as last year, it worked. Covid is not going away.
8/11/2021 12:41:49	No	Community Member	Not necessary		If your sick stay home if your not go to school		Have hand washing available	If the rule is followed that if your sick stay home it should not be necessary to take breaks	We have chosen this option because of the inconsistency of the district.			
8/11/2021 13:00:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	We support the district with whatever they decide is best for students and faculty. You've done your research and have put thought into the process. We trust you.	I support the continued emphasis on social distancing. I do hope that the students are able to intermingle with other classes.								
8/11/2021 13:03:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Freedom to chose	No. covid has no awareness of how far you are from someone	IF sick stay home if no signs of being sick be in school. No testing should be forced	Doesn't make a difference. Wash hands soap and water like every germ exposure. Not forced to use anti bacterial solutions or chlorine. Toxic chemicals aren't good for anyone to breath and constantly wash with.	Wash hands before meals with soap n water and practice keeping fingers out of mouth, eyes and nose (bacteria enters in in those ways) No masking	No. Nothing will stop the virus of any kind if your sick stay home and recover.	No. if sick stay home til better. If your afraid of getting anything then stay home and learn. Children deserve to be free of fear and learn math, English and real history lets rise above the Fear and division and research more than one narrative.	Yes we are free to chose if want to attend or not. If your afraid stay home but your gonna miss out on the life we have been blessed with. Enjoy the time we have left here on this earth.	Yes, no medical decisions for a child should be made by anyone other than the parent. Whether it's curriculum or health decisions.	IF we are gonna move forward then we are gonna have to research ALL areas so we can rise above the narratives and get back to educating our children not pushing fear and personal narratives or hate towards others decisions over a virus that isn't going away no matter what we do, just like the flu and strep there is no cure. Masking does not work and IF people think it's saving them let them and if it's protecting them then they should believe why they are wearing it and nothing will happen to them cuz the have a mask on right. We should not hate others or pressure others who have done their research and there is more health damage to breathing wet, dirty masks day in and day out. You will see a rise in childhood illness and adult illness due to mask wearing and getting a shot for 99.98 survival. Who is benefiting from this shot? Kids are around each other before school, after school, sleep overs etc. No school should ever decide what's medically right for anyone. No teacher should be shaming or suggesting or asking kids they opinion on masks, shots etc. This is hatred and discrimination. Teachers are paid to educate and to encourage unity.
8/11/2021 13:05:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	no	Sick kids stay home, healthy go to school	Best you can	remind kids to wash hands, don't touch face	none	by choice only	normal	We do not need extra communication, especially reports of cases. The tests have been proven faulty. Cases mean nothing.	Please follow the science. Science has not proven that masks or social distancing works

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8/11/2021 13:15:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Teachers or high school students that have chosen not to be vaccinated should be encouraged to wear masks. If parents feel more comfortable with their children wearing mask than that should be supported as well. I am for giving families the power to choose.	When feasible but not too hinder the overall learning experience as well as social development.	If close long lasting exposure has occurred.	School district did an amazing job and have confidence that protocols will continue.	Personal responsibility is key to reducing risk.	Only in a sustained outbreak that warrants this type of escalation.	Option for quarantine and every effort is made to not overload our educators.	Critical part to social and leadership development.	Often and transparent.	The priority should always remain with our children and their development. Leaders must take a comprehensive and holistic approach to decision making and collaborate with students, parents, and community. We cannot allow bias or outside pressures to negatively impact our most precious gift, our children.
8/11/2021 13:44:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks should be optional. Facial expressions are important between students and teachers, and shouldn't be hidden behind a mask or face shield.	There's no reason to social distance at school. Please let kids be kids. Let them play, let them get close to each other. Let a teacher put his/her arm around a student who needs comfort.	I do not believe quarantine should be mandatory. If a family feels like they want their child to quarantine after a supposed exposure, let them. If a family doesn't want their child to quarantine, don't make them do so.	Continue what you're doing. I've never thought our wonderful campus hasn't been clean, even before COVID. If what you did last year worked, keep doing it!	Wash your hands, don't touch your face, if you're sick don't come to school! It might not be a bad idea to wipe down desks and other frequently touched surfaces – door knobs/handles, sink handles, etc.	There shouldn't be a pause in in-person learning at all. If a family doesn't feel safe with in-person learning, they can homeschool or join the virtual academy.	Do not put these kids in an online learning environment again. PLEASE DO NOT. My kids need the social interaction of being in a school setting. They learn best in a classroom, with the teacher NOT by sitting in front of a screen.	Let them play. Let them model to adults what it means to be a team during a time when our world is so divided.	I appreciate the level of communication the school has provided at every level.	Please stop promoting the vaccine. The school is an education institution, not a hospital. Also, let's not create a divide between those who choose to mask, choose to quarantine and choose to vaccinate with those who do the opposite. Teachers taking a poll of students who have been vaccinated and who haven't, is wrong. These actions by teachers is creating a divide, and ultimately, my child's vaccination status is not your business.
8/11/2021 14:08:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian										I agree with the West Salem Schools district plan is presented. I am open to changes if they become necessary. I do like that the school has stopped quarantining close contacts in the school environment. I am open to masking and social distancing if that helps keep that rule in place it's frustrating to stay home for a week or more without actually being sick.
8/11/2021 15:09:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	Please keep optional on the bus	Within reason	Limit	Keep up, specifically ventilation	Hand hygiene is a must!	Limit as much as possible, would wear a mask over going to virtual learning	Avoid		Limited via email/skyward messaging	Thank you!
8/11/2021 15:14:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I'd love to have the kids not wear masks, but I think they may need to in order to keep school in person.					My daughter was quarantined last year and was only required to zoom in to choir; zooming in to other classes was not even given as an option. I hope that goes better this year				I am happy to see that keeping kids in school in person is your #1 priority
8/11/2021 15:27:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes but needs to happen for all to keep kids safe	Yes	Yes if exposure				If cases are high	Not if high cases	As much as possible	Delta is more serious to children. It needs to be taken seriously and precautions made to protect our children.
8/11/2021 15:41:43	No	District Staff	No for sports		How do we monitor this for those who have been vaccinated? Do they have to quarantine no matter what?					Continue as normal		
8/11/2021 15:44:55	No	Community Member	Not necessary		If your sick stay home if your not go to school		Have hand washing available	If the rule is followed that if your sick stay home it should not be necessary to take breaks	We have chosen this option because of the inconsistency of the district.			
8/11/2021 16:14:19	No	Community Member	Mandatory please. This virus is back with a vengeance. Love thy neighbor and wear a mask. It's easy and doesn't hurt anyone. Pitch it to the kids and parents as a fun accessory.	Physical distancing may be tough for friends. I'd be more comfortable with proximity if all are masked.	should allow a negative covid test.	excessive please	Easiest with hand-washing and masking	agree	Should be an option for all students at all times. Great for introverts.	fine as written	Be excessive	I'm tired. I want normalcy, but this can only be achieved if we take care of each other. Politics and incorrect information is not helping. If education matters as we try to teach our kids, show it. Listen to the doctors who have the HIGHEST level of education. Protect the kids and the staff.

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8/11/2021 16:15:31	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking if child is vaccinated	Kids should refrain from being to close, the whole social distancing is not required	Yes you should quarantine when exposed or positive with COVID 19	Necessary no matter what to keep all healthy	Necessary no matter what to keep all health	Not necessary unless there is a large outbreak of CoVID in the schools	No, this is harming our children's ability to learn and be social	Continue activities to the best that you can in order to keep everyone safe	Continue to update and educate families. The more we know, the more positive outcome	I think West Salem school district did a fantastic job last year, you stood out in a crowd. You allowed our children to regain schooling & socializing to the vest that you could in a safe manner. I commend ALL the efforts made by everyone at West Salem
8/11/2021 16:22:21	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masks or optional masks they should never mandated	Kids should be able to hang around and play without restrictions on how far they need to be from one another	Stay home if sick or not feeling well otherwise not sure it does any good. It would be nice to see those who actually got sick during their quarantine period or if the kids were fine. The students and families who we have known who quarantined never actually got it and it took time away from their educations.	Should be done regularly and ventilation should have always been a too priority	Always a good thing	Don't feel it is necessary	This is a wonderful option! Esp if mandates are put into place	Always a great thing !	Email or text is fine !	Masks and vaccines should always be a personal choice made by student and parents and should never be mandated.
8/11/2021 16:27:08	No	District Staff	Optional for everyone. Have students and staff exhibiting symptoms utilize masks.	Not necessary unless student is exhibiting symptoms of illness	Only per person or classroom.	Always should be a daily practice	Hand washing upon entering classroom, before and after meals and snacks, after recess and toileting.	No. Quarantine students or classrooms, not the entire school.	No	Yes. Have students or staff quarantine if exhibit symptoms or test positive.		
8/11/2021 16:41:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I support optional masking. With the numbers provided last school year, it seemed like West Salem had very little positive cases. I fully agree with using West Salem numbers versus the County.					I appreciate consideration of those who may have to stay at home.				
8/11/2021 17:21:08	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Would love to see the wording change to masking is "strongly recommended" vs "optional." Have a very low threshold for mandatory masking if Covid cases continue to increase in our community.		Clarification of number of days (8-11). Is it 8 or 11 or different for different circumstances.				Would love to see distance learning available to all sick kids, not just those home on Covid protocols. This will encourage those who don't like to miss school to not come when they are sick. Would also like to see masks required for sick kids (not Covid but other coughs and colds) as this will decrease transmission of other viruses. If another viral illness is circulating through school there will be a lot of kids out waiting for Covid tests to return.			Thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback. Would love to see more surveys like this throughout the year. Thanks for all that you do.
8/11/2021 17:27:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masks or optional masks they should never mandated	Kids should be able to hang around and play without restrictions on how far they need to be from one another	Stay home if sick or not feeling well otherwise not sure it does any good. It would be nice to see those who actually got sick during their quarantine period or if the kids were fine. The students and families who we have known who quarantined never actually got it and it took time away from their educations.	Should be done regularly and ventilation should have always been a too priority	Always a good thing	Don't feel it is necessary	This is a wonderful option! Esp if mandates are put into place	Always a great thing !	Email or text is fine !	Masks and vaccines should always be a personal choice made by student and parents and should never be mandated.
8/11/2021 17:51:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Yes, masks should be mandatory especially for children under 12 who are not eligible for the vaccine.	Yes, continue with the 3 feet	Absolutely! We know this works, please keep doing this when students/staff are exposed to positive cases.	This should be continued regardless of covid status	Same as above	Absolutely! If outbreaks in the school / community are happening, we need to stay home.	Yes, this is also helpful during community/school outbreaks	Continue allowing these with mitigation practices	Often, clear, consistent and pro-active	Please, please, please consider the children who are not eligible for the vaccination when making decisions for the entire district.
8/11/2021 18:17:57	No	District Staff	Would prefer to see masks as an option only for those who want to wear them	Not necessary	Should continue to be implemented	No more than usual	Always	Not necessary unless under quarantine	Ridiculous	As usual	Always a good idea	

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8/11/2021 18:50:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Should be optional as stated in reopening plan	If they're in school, it's irrelevant. They're all sharing the same spaces and surfaces. Just let them go to school and be social.	On a positive test? Yes, but teachers need to send homework home with kids, not virtual learning.	Normal cleaning at night. They have already proven that it doesn't survive long on hard surfaces	Personal responsibility and common sense need to be taught at home and reinforced at school	Not effective	Never again	Fully support continuing with all extracurricular activities	Keep it open and honest. Facts, not opinions or political narratives	Don't give in to media fear or national hype. Let's take care of West Salem's kids and community ourselves. We'll be just fine.
8/11/2021 21:05:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian	requires In hallways/passing areas or assembly. Possibly having a mirror by the door to the younger classrooms to help students remember when leaving the classroom they need to put their mask on. Maybe exploring a motivation/reward system where kids independently choose to wear it. If a student is visibly distracted/upset or unable to regulate temp/breathing etc this should be discussed on an individual level. I feel students who have been vaccinated can choose to not wear a mask and should have some system to show they have in fact received the vaccine. Again, some type of motivation system for the number of students wearing masks equating to a party or something... Like x amt of money per student goes into a jar for each student independently masking during the day.	Ultimately I don't feel social distancing is super affective. I think as a whole, whenever there can be space between people to make a point to give others space but to purposefully keep a specific distance in passing or in other transition times I feel is likely not going to impact on a big level. I think it is important to allow classes to intermingle on the playground because students are intermingling on the bus, walking to school, etc. I feel this is just an extra piece to focus on for children that ultimately is very difficult to do on a consistent basis.	Only if positive case in the immediate classroom/family unit and only if non-vaccinated. If a class of 12+ year old individuals are required to quarantined students who are vaccinated should have the choice to attend in person within another classroom environment. I do not feel the whole class should need to quarantine if vaccination is available to them.	Same as before/creative outdoor learning environments whenever possible.	Encouraging hand washing as usual.	Absolute last resort and only if necessary based on numbers in the classroom, school, or local community.	If those who wish to pursue this option want this, they can pursue it through an option like one would prior to Covid-19. I feel that this would be a choice and at that point the same services, resources, and additional costs to provide high-quality virtual education with local resources is not feasible. With this said... I do feel that distant learning should be a method of learning that is approved and supported financially as an accommodation for those students who have a an IEP due to OHI. Some students truly are unsafe in this environment and I feel their education should not be impacted financially.	These should be secondary to education needs. If there's a rise in cases this should be the first thing to go to limit student mingling. If students are of age to receive a vaccination, I would support vaccination for all team members. I feel that outside school/visiting opponents should respect the decisions of the home team.	Continuing as you have been would be great.	It would be helpful for the school to review policy in place preventing outside individuals to enter the building for IEP meetings or diagnostic evaluations that would benefit from a social setting observation (especially those Who have proof of vaccination and are willing to where A mask).
8/11/2021 21:27:22	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	As the cases rise, masks should be worn to lessen the spread so less students and staff have to quarantine or get sick. We saw less sickness last year, much of this was due to masking. Not a bad thing to keep in place especially during the winter months.	As well as you can when possible. Students enjoyed having some classes outside last year. Hope that can still be an option for teachers to do that when needed.	If in close contact you should quarantine. This has been proven to work.	Schools should already be disinfecting like crazy as kids are just simply gross!	Hand washing many times during the day never hurt anyone!	We have already been through this. Everything is now set up to flip the switch when needed. If we need to do this then we need to.	If it helps the spread and keeps students and staff healthy, then this should be done.	Schools in sports are on, schools out sports are out. Simple	Emails are great	
8/11/2021 22:05:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking if child is vaccinated	Kids should refrain from being to close, the whole social distancing is not required	Yes you should quarantine when exposed or positive with COVID 19	Necessary no matter what to keep all healthy	Necessary no matter what to keep all healthy	Not necessary unless there is a large outbreak of CoVid in the schools	No, this is harming our children's ability to learn and be social	Continue activities to the best that you can in order to keep everyone safe	Continue to update and educate families. The more we know, the more positive outcome	I think West Salem school district did a fantastic job last year, you stood out in a crowd. You allowed our children to regain schooling & socializing to the vest that you could in a safe manner. I commend ALL the efforts made by everyone at West Salem

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			<p>This must be changed. Masks need to be required for all. We have the opportunity to make the right decision before students return to school. We didn't have that luxury last year. We're in a very different place now than we were last spring. Cases were decreasing because of the necessary restrictions put in place to control them. We were just coming out of capacity limits and masking requirements. Our most vulnerable were finally getting vaccinated. Things were looking brighter. We are not there anymore and cannot make decisions based on what we experienced in a different situation.</p> <p>According to WI DHS, case activity right now in La Crosse is higher than the beginning of April and growing (www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/COVID-19/local.htm). Studies are showing that the Delta variant is up to 2x more transmissible and 10x more virulent than the earlier versions of the virus (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html). This means that it will cause more infections if all available precautions are not put into place. This information is based on peer-reviewed evidence and research from medical and epidemiological experts, not a social media post taken out of context to spread misinformation.</p> <p>Masks can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and many other respiratory diseases that cause kids to miss school every year. Why put our district at greater, and unnecessary risk by making masks optional? Why put yourselves in a situation where you need to make a decision to delay in-person learning due to an outbreak that could have been avoided? Masks alone cannot stop this virus, but without a vaccine available to all they are infinitely more effective than no mask at all.</p> <p>Masks are an inconvenience, but one that the vast majority of parents can live with to ensure that our children can learn and be safe in school. Require the use of masks. It's what the health experts tell us must be done. Ignoring that is both reckless and</p>									<p>I realize that when you require masks, you will have to deal with a handful of very vocal, very angry, and very misinformed and misguided parents. I've seen their disrespect on display during school board meetings to those who disagree with them, and I am so sorry that you and those with the courage to speak up to them must deal with that. Making masks optional will not appease them. They will move on to something else and continue in their pursuit of control until a child is severely sickened. Then they will either deny reality or blame you.</p> <p>The information they spread is false and meant to sow distrust by flooding the conversations with noise and innuendo. They start rumors to pull others into their disinformation campaigns. They sow fear by shouting out conspiracies. They have done it with the school board and administrator recently in an effort to rile up as many people as possible, claiming that you're withholding and doctoring data. You know it's not true. You've denied it yourselves, yet it does not stop the rumors.</p> <p>The people leading this anti-mask/anti-vaccine charge don't care about facts or research. They employ deception and manipulation by cherry-picking or fabricating stories as "proof" of their conspiracies. How can you make decisions on the health and safety of our children based on a group of people that you know works through lies and rumors. They've done it to you!</p> <p>Please do what's best for our children, not what you think will get this dangerous group of people off your back for a few days. It won't work, and the pushback from those people will pale in comparison to the outrage you'll feel from parents if the decision to make masks optional results in serious illnesses and school closures. How will you answer to the parents then knowing that you could have made a simple decision now that could have avoided that? How will you respond knowing that you bent to pressure to placate a small group of people while knowing that it was not in the best interests of our children and community?</p>

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8/11/2021 22:26:42	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Not necessary-kids were close at BGC during the summer and did great	Yes, if positive for COVID	Continue	Continue	As needed	As needed	Continue as normal	Continue as normal	Thank you for doing your best to keep our kids in school! As a parent, I can see the positive impact it had on my child.
8/12/2021 7:26:02	Yes	Parent/Guardian	We need to keep everyone safe. It is the safest decision to continue to require masks. This is what a village does to protect those who are unable to get vaccinated or may have underlying health conditions. Is it a pain? Yes, but it is what servant leaders do for the greater good.	Yes, we need to continue to practice social distancing as much as possible. We need to be vigilant to deter the Delta Variant and impact of those unvaccinated. Again, we can't ignore the virus.	Yes, those who are exposed to someone who tested positive should be quarantined. Yes, it is difficult for those impacted, but the inconvenience helps protect others.	Continue to be as vigilant as possible.	Continue the emphasis on vigilant hand washing and hand sanitizers.	Yes, if the numbers surge and the data shows that transmission is happening we may have to suspend in-person learning. Again, it is inconvenient and hard on children. But keeping our community safe should be the priority.	It is not ideal, but it is so wonderful that every child has a device and the technology to connect with the school community.	We may need to make decisions based upon the data. If numbers are surging in the area, we need to set a great example for the school and larger community.	The more transparent the better. I feel so disappointed by those community members who lashed out for the hard decisions made by the administration. Everyone was stressed by the pandemic and out-of-the-ordinary year (s), but making safe and difficult decisions is the job.	Thank you to everyone who is working hard to keep our community safe. No one has an easy job in this challenging time.
8/12/2021 7:46:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian	If necessary to keep all children in person, regardless of vaccinations.									
8/12/2021 8:18:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Not needed for vaccinated individuals but should be mandated for those who choose to not get a vaccine.	Probably still a good idea when indoors	Don't think someone who is vaccinated should have to quarantine if they have no symptoms. If you are not vaccinated and have COVID or have symptoms, you should quarantine for 7-10 days.	Keep your building HVAC systems on with a minimum of 20-30% fresh air. Flush the building with 100% outside air 1 hour after last class ends to move air through filters, etc.	Same as always. Wash after restroom use and eating.	Not needed.	This is not needed at this time. In-person, face to face instruction is needed. Especially in the elementary. This must be avoided at all costs.	Don't allow un-vaccinated (COVID) students/staff to participate in extracurricular activities.	You're doing a great job at this. Keep it up.	Our children really need to be in class. Please do whatever you can to stay on this path. Thank you.
8/12/2021 8:26:27	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	When the Department of Public Instruction, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and The American Center for Pediatrics all indicate universal masking as the top mitigation strategy, I don't understand why a school district feels they know better than medical experts. Optional masking does not have the same impact. By not requiring masking the district is NOT provided the safest possible environment for all students/staff.	Without universal masking, the district should provide detailed descriptions of how they will adequately provide a social distance structure and not just suggest social distancing. How will students be kept in cohorts? What will lunch routines look like?		Who will be conducting the routine cleaning? How often will it take place? How many ventilation cycles are there per building?	"Suggested Hand washing" will not work with kids. What routines/procedures are in place for hand washing?				I think the district needs to be honest with families that very few mitigation strategies are actually going to take place.	My children participated in the summer school program in which I was extremely disappointed in how the district handled having students return to the buildings. During the second week of summer school one of my children developed cough and cold symptoms. I called the school and was given very little guidance and which document to use. I was told they were just going to see how summer school played out. When I asked my child about hand washing/sanitizing they indicated that they didn't do either while at school. As a teacher myself, I know how hard it is to hold students accountable and have expectations. Admin must support teaching in holding students and families accountable. We ALL need to work together to keep everyone safe and in person learning. The very best way to keep kids safe and in school is to adhere to mitigation strategies. We live in a great community. As adults, our behavior impacts our children. My hope would be that we could agree to wearing masks. It's a simple way to control the spread of this virus and when presented in a positive manner, children handle it better than adults do.
8/12/2021 9:06:47	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Vaccinated or not, it should be a personal choice whether you want to wear one or not.	Not necessary.	Not necessary. Let people build an immunity.	General cleaning as you would usually do. It doesn't need to be excessive.	Personal hygiene should be done and/or encouraged regardless.	NO!!! Keep all students in-person all year!! If a parent doesn't want their student in-person, give them the option to do online. DO NOT FORCE OR REQUIRE ONLINE LEARNING!		Allow these as usual. Let all spectators in as they wish. Allow people to decide whether or not they want to wear a mask. DO NOT LIMIT PARTICIPANTS OR SPECTATORS!	Keep open communication as needed. If there aren't any changes, no need for a weekly email.	

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8/12/2021 9:42:33	No	District Staff	I would rather not wear one but if necessary to keep the kids safe, we must do.	This is almost impossible in the elementary school.	I understand the quarantine if they are positive but when parents refuse to test and kids with cold like symptoms and they are quarantine several times its very difficult.	Always very important!! I do hope we are able to get the clorox wipes again. It makes it much easier for the children to clean off their own desks.	Hand washing is the key to help with all germs. We need to reteach hand washing to all kids.	That is very difficult to go back and forth. If a classroom needs to go to online because of an outbreak that would be the way to go rather than a whole school pause.	That should be a last resort!! It's difficult for students, parents and teachers.	These should continue but to follow the same guidelines as far as positive cases and quarantining as the classrooms.	We should continue to keep parents and school staff updated regularly.	As a teacher I do hope the children this year will be eating breakfast and lunch in the lunchroom. I think eating in the lunchroom is safer than in our classrooms.
8/12/2021 9:55:29	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Thank you for masks optional. This is very helpful for our family. Please continue with mask optional for the mental, physical, and emotional health of our children.									
8/12/2021 10:02:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks should be optional to the students and teachers.	don't be touching other people as much, but there shouldn't have to be 3-6 feet inbetween people.		deep clean the building once a week unless there was a covid case in a specific classroom.		students should be 100% in person learning	distance learning can be used if quarantined	these activities should be back to normal, and the people who want to wear masks can. spectators are back to 100% also.		
8/12/2021 10:23:36	No	Other	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	

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8/12/2021 10:25:14	Yes	Parent/Guardian	<p>The language that you have used in your document is very vague. Masking is optional, however, the District will follow any legally issued orders provided by relevant governmental agencies. The West Salem School District fully supports the individual decision related to masking. As a last resort, the District may require temporary indoor masking of a classroom, grade, or school in order to keep students within our buildings." Where do you plan on getting your guidelines from? What formula will we use to make these decisions. I struggle with the option of wearing masks for our youth. We know developmentally that they are constantly influenced by others and as they struggle to have self esteem and self awareness, that because their brain is not fully developed. Specifically the prefrontal cortex the decision making center and consequences center they are not set to make this decision on their own. We have learned a lot in the last year and the data in regards to the best mitigation practices for disease is 6 feet apart, hand washing and masking. Why would we eliminate one of the key elements of this practice if your goal is to have zero transmissions. Masks have become a political topic when it is in fact community health issue, is the administration allowing this choice to avoid conflict? If you are going to go with this route, I would appreciate a clear formula for when the masks will be required. I appreciate that the idea is that West Salem is a it's own place with its own plan, but I would like to see an actual plan based on what we learned through the last year and have that outlined in advance.</p>	<p>Once again this is one of the three ways to stop the spread, if we aren't wearing masks then social distancing must be a priority, when numbers are on the rise or new variants come that cause risks for our youth. Schools are petri dishes for all kinds of diseases but the spread of a respiratory virus that is not going away has to be taken into account. I also understand that it is near impossible to keep 6 feet apart in our buildings, so working to create structures in the building and plans to support this is important, when numbers rise. I would love to see a plan that outlines when numbers are at a specific spot this is the plan in the classrooms and the buildings.</p>	<p>I am happy to see that the only time that we are quarantining is when there is someone in our homes that test positive. This is way more feasible for students and families.</p>	<p>I think that focusing on HVAC filters and weekly cleaning is very important and now that we know it is air transmission that is how it spread that should be the priority</p>	<p>Hand sanitizer in all spaces and opportunities to wash often is a priority and worked to help mitigate risks and the spread of disease. Please fund all of this for the classroom and do not make teachers do this out of there pockets if the district can't afford it ask parents to buy it on their school lists.</p>	<p>The last sentence that states "Any temporary pause to in-person learning will be the last resort when all other mitigation strategies have been exhausted or were ineffective." Has me wondering, if we aren't requiring masks then would the plan to improve the classroom then add masks to the situation and enforce social distancing since those are the three things that we know works to slow the spread of disease? If so then when would those things be implemented</p>	<p>What will be the mode of learning in this situation?</p>	<p>Following the WIAA regulations, when will the recommendations be made public? Will the events continue to be streamed live on youtube? This was an amazing aspect of the year, it allowed for family and friends across the country to stay connected to the community. Please fund this</p>	<p>Continue to be transparent with communication, please post things in multiple places, have options for texting, email and skyward messages.</p>	<p>Thanks for asking for community feedback, this is a safe platform to share personal thoughts about a very toxic topic. As we navigate another year of the pandemic I appreciate all that you do for our students and our staff.</p>

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8/12/2021 10:36:44	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I do not believe children should or need to be masked it has been proven to do more harm than good with socialization and bacteria counts on masks.	Socialization is a necessary tool in life to grow to promote friendships kindness growth learning and to learn to function and deal with other humans	Isolation has proven to be detrimental to our children, suicide rates have increased and grades and overall interest in school has dropped. If kids show no symptoms they should be in school.	I have faith in our teachers and maintenance departments to do the best they can. Over use of chemicals can also be detrimental as well as many chemicals cause cancer.	I believe it is the parents job to teach children how to wash their hands and clean themselves properly and then teachers and staff should reinforce these skills that should already be taught at school. I do not believe our teachers should have to teach children how to wash hands parents should already be doing this.	I believe if a schedule can be kept that is the best for our children	Humans are social creatures we are meant to be with our kind and socialize and be with others not be isolated at home learning from a screen	Obesity and childhood diabetes are on a all-time rise limiting sports and gym and recess time is devastating to our children they need to be more active now than ever	I think a great job is being done with communication	I do not believe our children should be masked, they need and we need to see smiling happy faces. I also do not believe vaccines should be pushed in schools, medical decisions should be taught be the parents NOT the teachers. Teachers and staff need to keep medical personal info to themselves and not push it on the children, teachers are not responsible for that. I also do not think our school buildings should be used for medical purposes, such as administering vaccines. They should be used to teach and educate our young people. Thank you!!
8/12/2021 11:16:39	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks should be optional to the students and teachers.	don't be touching other people as much, but there shouldn't have to be 3-6 feet inbetween people.		deep clean the building once a week unless there was a covid case in a specific classroom.		students should be 100% in person learning	distance learning can be used if quarantined	these activities should be back to normal, and the people who want to wear masks can spectators are back to 100% also.		
8/12/2021 11:25:30	No	District Staff	should be mandatory for kids who aren't or cannot be vaccinated. recommended but optional for others.	this doesn't work. it's just not possible for the number of kids in the rooms, and kids will be kids...it just doesn't work.								
8/12/2021 12:02:38	Yes	Parent/Guardian	We are prepared to follow whichever policy is put into place.	We are prepared to follow whichever policy is put into place.	We are prepared to follow whichever policy is put into place.	We are prepared to follow whichever policy is put into place.	We are prepared to follow whichever policy is put into place.	Obviously it would be wonderful to minimize this, have zero instances	If we have to!		Has been great throughout this!	We trust the school district's decision makers and agree with the methods and data they are using to make those decisions.
8/12/2021 13:26:22	No	Parent/Guardian, District Staff, Community Member	Unvaccinated individuals should be required to wear a mask	social distancing does not really work- kids are kids	notification of close contacts and shortened q if needed	please continue to make this a priority	this should ALWAYS be encouraged/promoted and stressed, regardless of pandemic	try to avoid this, masking and immunizations may help.	try to avoid this, masking and immunizations may help.	follow the same protocol as day time activities.	dashboard is helpful. communicate as needed	Follow the cdc guidelines and recommendations please protect our students and staff members
8/12/2021 13:33:53	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	I believe masking is important when students are indoors especially for the buildings with students under the age of 12 due to the fact they are not eligible for the vaccine yet.	Social distancing is important to prevent the spread of COVID-19.	Quarantining is very important if someone has tested positive, has symptoms or has been in close contact to someone that has tested positive.	Proper cleaning and good ventilation should have always been a priority and it should definitely be now.	Personal hygiene is and should always have been important.	When cases cause us to pause in-person learning for the safety of the children and the staff it is definitely acceptable.	It's an acceptable approach to learning as long as every student has the capabilities to do so and the teacher continues with the curriculum.	As long as these activities are following protocols and safety is the priority.	Communication is always important!	As a community we should have a great concern for the families with children who don't have the option to get vaccinated and we should do everything in our power to keep those children safe from COVID-19. Even if it's only a small number of families concerned about their children they should not be overlooked. Masks are very important in the protection to all and most importantly to those not able to get vaccinated.
8/12/2021 15:19:05	Yes	Parent/Guardian	We need to require masking within our elementary and middle school until vaccinations are available to the kiddos. Creating an inclusive environment where students won't be judged for wearing a mask and supported by their peers is important and in alignment with our healthcare agents like Mayo and CDC. We should follow their advisement. It's a little cost for the huge benefit it can provide to our children. They did it all last year they can do it just a little longer.									Agree with plan.

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8/12/2021 16:50:10	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional. For staff and students. No discrimination based on vaccine status. Parental discretion. There's an abundance of information out there that masks do not prevent virus transmission. As well as the mental and emotional damage it causes.	Null at this point. If you don't want to be close to somebody, then back up.	If you're sick stay home. Quarantining a sibling that has no symptoms is depriving them of their education. 2 years ago how many people came to school sick with the flu and nobody knew and just had the sniffles... there is no proof of asymptomatic spreaders. Children are not the issue.	From my understanding the cleaning and ventilation has been increased and working well for all campuses. Bravo on keeping things clean for our students and staff.	Wash your hands... use hand sanitizer if you want.	Unnecessary. This causes such a disruption in their learning process and day-to-day routine... depression and anxiety set in with this we have learned firsthand several times. Kids do not need to be staring at screens all day long...	If I wanted distance learning I would have signed my child up for CRVA. If you want distance learning then you have the opportunity to sign your child up for that.	Do not cancel these... There's plenty of information out there on how important extracurricular activities are for kids.	You guys have done a great job with this! Please keep up the thorough communication. And community outreach! Thank you for the surveys. It is important to know that we are being heard, through transparency you can find trust.	I feel that is irresponsible to suggest or encourage a medical decision for staff or families.. This is not just a vaccine... It is a non FDA approved DNA altering gene therapy. You cannot detox your body from this gene therapy. You cannot reverse the side effects. You cannot reverse the side effect of infertility or death. This is a personal choice and should not be encouraged by our district. You are a education facility not a medical facility. It's personal choice and medical freedom. What is right for you may not be right for me..
8/12/2021 19:05:08	No	Other	Required/mandatory With the rapid rise of cases in our area I believe the students health and safety requires the school board to follow CDC and LaCrosse health recommendations. I don't believe politics should play a part in this decision. Unfortunately, I have seen that happen all too often. If it's optional to start it will be more difficult to get the students to get on board with masks later.	Follow CDC and the LaCrosse Health Departments recommendations. 6 ft	Follow CDC and LaCrosse Health department recommendations and quarantine when showing signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 and other contagious health issues.	Follow CDC and LaCrosse County Health department recommendations as was done last year.	Follow CDC and LaCrosse County Health department recommendations.	Follow CDC, LaCrosse County Health department/Wisconsin State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Underly's/Governor Evers and President Biden's recommendations. If LaCrosse County cases are increasing and putting students and staff at high risk, doing otherwise could not only be risking faster case increases but deaths as well	Recommend when the health and safety of any staff or student is at risk. If in person, and student feels safer at home they should be able to attend all classes virtually. West Salem has the capability to do this and should not mandate in school if the students emotional well being is better served at home and educational needs can be met by utilizing ZOOM technology where they can stay connected with their community.	Follow CDC and LaCrosse County Health department recommendations.	West Salem School District should keep communications open and consistent regarding all aspects of a students educational needs. It's very important to have more communication during this time due to the health and emotional impact in times of uncertainty. Don't forget each family is facing different situations at home and we need to do our best to educate each and every child. Keep parents informed of grades more often, not only if failing a class but when they are doing well also.	COVID-19 has changed our approach to many aspects of our lives. From curbside pickup to eatstreet food deliveries and work from home changes. As a District we need to be able to provide education in a manner that can safely be provided to all students. From those who have low risks to those who have any health risks. It does not always mean by majority rules, but by compassion and understanding of individuals as a whole. We have the technology and great educators that can do this. Think of trying to meet ALL the students and staff health needs safely and not just by "I want to because I miss....."
8/12/2021 21:19:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe that masking should be your own personal choice. Your mouth is the dirtiest part on your whole body. It is our God given right to breathe fresh air. Putting masks on our children and making them breathe in that gross bacteria is wrong. Children NEED to see faces.	I understand that this virus can be passed on to people. We live in a world of viruses and ALWAYS will. My family choose a life of hugs, smiles, and being with those we love. Have never stopped and never will. STOP making them be apart.	Being quarantined has caused psychological side effects such as stress, confusion, anger, and depression. It has caused financial strain on many families because having to take time off of work. It is a joke if you truly believe kids are staying home...		It is a virus. I hope the cleaning they have done in the past has been enough to help wipe out the spread of viruses in the school. If so it should continue as it always should have been.	There is no great personal hygiene when kids are wearing bacteria filled disgusting masks...	Can not happen. It puts way to many families in a hard spot. I do in home daycare for teachers. Teachers in our school district. I can not do another year of trying to teach my own kids and also watch the teachers children. It is NOT fair to my kids or the children I watch.	Stopping kids extra activities is damaging to mental and physical health. It is a vital part of school for building confidence, respecting coaches, and the camaraderie of a team. There should be no masks, social distancing, or limited spectators at events.	More is better. The more we know the better. Keep us involved.	I see no end to this... how and where is this going to end???? When God decides it my time it is my time. I will not get another chance. I am going to spend my time enjoying it and living my life. Not my time worrying about the what ifs. STOP the fear. STOP the mask wearing. STOP pushing the vaccine.
8/12/2021 21:43:04	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	I'm in favor of optional masking at this time, however if mandatory masking would keep students learning in person I would support it.					This hopefully will be kept at a minimal. Students need and want to be in person.	Online learning is not for everyone. If students have the option to do online, then students who want in person learning should be able to have it also.		The more communication that is relayed, the better. Keeping families updated is important and I would rather have too much than not enough.	
8/12/2021 22:20:43	No	Community Member	Am in favor of staff and student masking					If the district determines the need, am in favor	If needed, am in favor			I appreciate the fact that staff has done what's best this past year for the health of our students. Keep up the GREAT JOB—thank you.
8/12/2021 22:27:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Start with required masks. If safe first couple weeks, allow optional then. Safer this way.	Start as a requirement. If safe first couple weeks, allow optional then. Safer this way.		Children can sanitize their areas daily. Janitorial staff can sanitize common areas.	Require hand sanitizing when entering building, before and after eating and after using restrooms. As long as there is a pandemic, there is no reason to not teach good hygiene.		Still some glitches at the end of virtual learning last year. Please work out those now, rather than wait until it is needed the next day.			

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8/12/2021 22:40:36	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	Please make masks a requirement for everyone in the district, even for those who have already been vaccinated. We need to keep our community safe. Especially our younger children who are not able to get vaccinated yet. We know masks help decrease the spread of germs and viruses. No one wants the flu either and masks help to keep that virus at bay. I know of parents purposely looking for schools that do not make masks a requirement. Is this what we want West Salem to represent and be known for? Surely not. Especially when other districts around us are taking the proper precautions by requiring masks. Please, please do not make masks optional. I beg you.	Social distancing needs to be remain in effect and should be required. Yes, maintain a 6 feet distance at all times. All areas should be clearly marked or outlined where distancing standards apply, ie Meal lines, waiting for the bus, etc.	In my personal opinion, people should be required to quarantine for 2 weeks if any contact with COVID occurs, family too. Follow the CDC Guidelines.	Constant cleaning and sanitizing should be a forever thing. Germs and viruses are never going away.	Frequent hand washing needs to be enforced. After a sneeze, or wiping a nose, before and after meals, before and after recess, etc.					
8/13/2021 1:08:11	Yes	Parent/Guardian	shouldn't be mandated, masks wont stop the spread of the virus its just a placebo to make people think that they are helping stop the virus from spreading or help them believe that they wont get the virus because they wear one. Masks made of assorted materials wont prevent the spread of the virus please refer to the "confidential Faucci emails regarding masks.	not necessary, separating kids 100 percent of the time is nearly impossible	if someone has the virus they shouldn't attend school until medically cleared to return	take "reasonable" precautionary cleaning measures	all students and faculty should do their best to keep their hands clean (wash hands often or utilize sanitizer) Hopefully the virus has taught all of us that we can do a better job with keeping our hands clean and improve our general hygiene.	They aren't needed if a student or their family is uncomfortable with attending school they should attend online. Please don't penalize the majority of the students who want to attend school in person in favor of the concerns of a few.	Should be optional for any student whose family is not in favor of in person learning..	I am 100 percent for all extracurricular activities including sports. I think they can be done in a safe fashion with minimal if any changes.	Should be done weekly and with emphasis to choices given for methods of learning that work for each individual student and their families.	I have a second child who attends a private school and last year that school was able to successfully carry out a full year of in person learning with minimal problems without a mask mandate. I do understand that his school is smaller but I believe that the West Salem School District can do the same if school leadership and parents are willing to work together for the benefit of the students. I don't think that online only learning is the answer to the health concerns with the virus. In my opinion isolating our youth from each other poses a greater risk to their well being than the virus.
8/13/2021 2:00:16	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masking at school should be required. CDC recommends schools mask regardless of vaccination status. We are in another surge, primarily due to unvaccinated individuals and the more contagious delta variant. The majority of children at school are unable to be vaccinated at this time. West Salem teaches the west Salem way, which is to be respectful. What better way to teach our children respect than to have them respect others by masking. It is respectful to mask to slow the spread until more children can be vaccinated.	Keep social distancing.								School district did well with mitigation strategies to stay in person last year. Now is not the time to stop masking. Right now we have to wear a mask, no different than having to wear shoes and proper clothing at school right now.

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8/13/2021 7:57:58	Yes	Parent/Guardian, Community Member	MANDATORY for all students and staff. There should be no exceptions. With the Delta variant and how easily it is spreading, it is a must that all students and staff wear masks indoors to decrease the spread whether vaccinated or not. We need to keep our kids in school and in order to do this we need to do all the necessary things to help decrease the spread of COVID. None of the kids at the elementary school can be vaccinated due to their age of not being over 12 years old. I know that over the summer masks were optional in the school district for summer school and the Boys and Girls Club, but over the summer the cases have been extremely low so you can't go by that data to keep masks optional for the school year. We all know that with the Fall and Winter months viruses spread like wild fire among kids especially young kids. Of course our young population can't get the vaccine so we need to protect them by having everyone wear a mask. I am all for kids being kids, but we are in the middle of a pandemic and we need to protect and keep everyone safe and decrease the spread of COVID so our kids can remain at school where they belong.	YES. Desks should be spread out as much as possible and kids should be spread out in the cafeteria when eating.	Yes for sure.	Cleaning should be done throughout the school day on high contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, desks, ect. Also end of school day, thorough cleaning of school should be done daily.	Lots of hand washing and hand gel at each kids desk. Hand washing should be done before eating and enforced.	Only if it is not safe to remain in person.	Only to be done if schools can't remain open and if a child is home on quarantine so that they can Zoom with class to keep up on school work. It is extremely hard for parents/caregivers to complete a full day of teaching at home when working full time and having other obligations to fulfill. Last year with distance learning, it took a full 7 hours out of the day to complete the 6-7 assignments that my elementary school children had to complete. I had to watch the videos of the teachers going over the topic so that if my kids had questions I knew how to answer them correctly. If we have to go to distance learning again for whatever reasons this school year, please only focus on the academic part of it for elementary school kids (math, reading, writing, ect). The MAPL classes are important during the school year but it is too much to require this to be completed at home for elementary school kids as some of those assignments took way longer than the academic part. Young kids can only sit for so long and focus with the distractions of everyday life at home.	Continue with indoor activities requiring mandatory masks by players and spectators.	More communication the better. Keep families informed of active cases in the whole school and school district.	West Salem School District did a phenomenal job last year during the pandemic when they brought kids back to school in January with everyone masking. Of course there is still going to be cases of COVID even with masking, but it will definitely decrease the risk of the school having to shut down again during these crazy times. Delta and more kids are getting the Delta variant and hospitals in the area are filling up again with COVID patients. Please make everyone wear masks!! We need to protect students and staff as much as we can!!!! Thanks for your time.
8/13/2021 8:26:56	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I don't think making is necessary.	I don't think social distancing is necessary either. Kids need to be near their peers/friends for the good of their mental health.	Only if necessary and there's no penalization for attendance.	This is always important without a pandemic! It helps people to be healthier.	Always good to have good hygiene practices! :)	I feel this should never be done, if possible. Kids need to have face to face learning or affects their education in a negative way. The social aspect of just as important as what's being taught. When kids are at home with online learning they fall behind because I know this with the district I teach in.	Only if the parent feels their child will succeed with this option.	It's great to offer for the kids who thrive and desire for these options.	Communication is very important, keep it coming! :)	
8/13/2021 8:33:19	No	District Staff	Hope not	should	if needed	yes. if possible	encourage	Hope note	Kids don't get anything out of it	need to keep going	Open dialogue	
8/13/2021 8:46:37	No	District Staff, Community Member	It should be each individuals preference. Masking is not sanitary and you do not get the proper air.			You don't get the proper ventilation wearing a mask!			No other words other than it sucks! It is so hard to keep the students engaged and to do what they need to do!	The students need this!	The communication to families have been amazing!	
8/13/2021 9:16:52	No	Parent/Guardian	Optional	Not effective	Not effective	As expected	As expected	No!	Optional	Yes!	As expected	
8/13/2021 9:36:44	No	Community Member	Should be for the child's parents to decide, NOT the school administration or staff	Unnecessary	Very harmful for children! Anyone who is ill should stay home until they are well.	This should be as it is now	Everyone should bathe each day and frequently wash their hands.	Unnecessary. If a child or staff is ill, they should stay home. Everyone else attend school.	Children, teachers and staff should plan on in-person schooling.	Definitely! This should carry on as it has always been done.	uncertain of the meaning of the question/subject	Children will be physically, psychologically and socially better off with in-person school and extracurricular activities. Masking is harmful and distancing is useless. If a child is ill, they should stay home until they are well.

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8/13/2021 10:40:00	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional masking only. Parents/guardians are the decision makers for their children's well being. Not government, not superintendents, and not school boards! Face cloths are worthless against viruses. Telling people to wear masks gives you a false sense of security. And it might even encourage you to think that now you're protected and you're protecting people around you. When in fact the data from laboratory studies indicate cloth masks or face coverings offer very low filter collection efficiency for the smaller inhalable particles. Even at the beginning of C-19 Dr Fauci said himself masks don't work. "Masks are really for infected people to prevent them from spreading infection to people who are not infected rather than protecting uninfected people from acquiring infection. The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material. It might, however, provide some slight benefit in [keeping] out gross droplets if someone coughs or sneezes on you." Masks on children is having a devastating effect on kids. Studies are showing that mask use on kids is producing anxiety, depression, and worse yet suicide. When in our society did it become acceptable to have children protect adults?	I just don't see how this works with kids. Humans are social beings who desire contact from others. Whether it's high fives, hugs, or horse play how in the world can you prevent it with kids? IMPOSSIBLE and cruel!	Only sick people should quarantine.	Cleaning and ventilation should always be a high standard whether its C-19 or not,	Proper hygiene and handwashing is always important. But please stop with the over use of hand sanitizer. If you are using a traditional alcohol-based hand sanitizer, then it's likely the skin on your hands is a bit more worn than the rest of your body. This is because alcohol is a skin irritant, which disrupts your natural oil production causing both dry and flaky skin. If your hand sanitizer doesn't contain alcohol, then it likely contains "triclosan," which is a powerful antibacterial agent. The problem is overuse of antibiotics like triclosan can lead to the development of superbugs – which are essentially diseases that have developed a resistance to traditional antibiotics. The main ingredient in hand sanitizer is usually either alcohol or triclosan — both of which are designed to kill germs. Those aren't however, the only things present in your hand sanitizer – far from it actually. This is especially true if your hand sanitizer is scented, as synthetic fragrances normally consist of phthalates, which at their worst, can cause abnormalities in hormone production. Hand sanitizer can increase your skins absorption of BPA. A thin layer of BPA will remain on your skin even after it has been absorbed. Meaning that, if you first use hand sanitizer, get BPA on your hands, and then eat something, you're essentially consuming a bit of that dangerous chemical with every bite.	Never	That's a parental/guardian choice. My choice is to have my kids in school 5 days a week for 9 months out of the year learning math, science, reading, band, art, and history minus any CRT garbage or personal opinions or agendas from educators.	Yes events need to carry on. Extracurricular activities create greater academic success, greater character development, especially in the areas of time-management and leadership skills, more positive social development, and greater interest in community involvement. Participating in activities you are passionate about can increase your brain function, help you concentrate and manage your time better, all of which contribute to higher grades. High endurance sports, for example, will train you to focus and build stamina in the face of intense difficulty. This gives you an advantage when it comes to studying and taking exams. When you participate in multiple different activities, you'll get the opportunity to explore a range of interests and unlock passions you never knew you had! The more you achieve success through activities you're passionate about, the more your self confidence will improve.	The basis of effective communication with parents starts with trust. It's essential for parents to trust their child's teacher and administration. It is more important than ever to establish trust. One of the main contributors to trust is creating a culture of transparency. To most of us, being transparent means you're hiding nothing. You're letting others look through a window into your world, throwing the blinds wide open. Also make sure to communicate often. Communicate regularly with parents this way we won't be on high alert when we hear from you. Your information and transparency will trump the rumors and gossip. Provide evidence. If you have facts and stats, that is great: be sure you share them.	I encourage the West Salem School District to listen and to hear the loud cry for FREEDOM and choice from the parents and guardians. West Salem Schools need to be the beacon in our area. Where freedom and facts triumph and prosper over fear and tyranny!
8/13/2021 10:43:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I believe that everyone should respect the choices of others and it should be optional	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	I'm glad that it is the last resort because at home learning was very tough last year.	As I stated above it was hard but I'm happy that efforts are in place to make it a last resort	Agree	Agree	I just want to say thanks for all the hard work that the staff puts in everyday.
8/13/2021 11:11:43	No	District Staff	Masking should remain optional for students and staff	common sense approach								
8/13/2021 11:16:07	No	Community Member	With proper safety measures in place, I believe masking should be the decision of the family unit, and not mandated by the district. Research continues to support the very low risk of children being harmed, or harming others, by this virus.			With the expectation that sick individuals stay home (and be encouraged to do so), the need for quarantine should be minimal.						Natural immunity is showing to be far superior to manipulated protection; it's important to allow that to occur in the low risk population in order to move beyond any danger.
8/13/2021 11:16:54	Yes	Other	Optional	No	No, then kids don't learn	Keep doing it	Kids should be clean	No, kids should be at school	No, kids don't learn as well	Should be in person	Yes	

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8/13/2021 11:20:59	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Students should NOT be required to wear masks and we will not subject our children to it. They will not attend if that becomes a requirement.									
8/13/2021 12:05:24	No	District Staff, Community Member	I am in favor of requiring masks at school if cases continue to increase like they are now.	As much as practically possible.	According to our health advisory team.	Whatever is possible and practical.		Only if necessary according to the CDC and our health advisory team.				
8/13/2021 13:13:18	No	Other	Individual's decision/parent's decision; however there are many studies that prove that masks DON'T WORK; in fact they cause more harm than you could ever imagine	not necessary	not necessary	seems to be working so far?		not needed	not needed	absolutely yes		parents are responsible for their children and should be allowed to make their own decisions; employees are responsible for themselves and should be allowed to make their own decisions; spectators are responsible for themselves and should be allowed to make their own decisions. I think everyone knows by now that if they don't feel good they should just stay home.
8/13/2021 13:38:17	Yes	Parent/Guardian	In my opinion, mandatory masking is entirely appropriate. Prior to the vaccine, masking was the number one thing people could do to prevent the spread of covid. I feel masking had a lot to do with the lack of community spread in the schools this past year. Making it voluntary seems to be an easy way out to not have to deal with the opinions of the non-masking community. The kids didn't seem to have a problem with masks. Furthermore, the people who do have a problem with the masks are likely the ones who will not be getting the vaccine and therefore will be contributing to the spread of covid. Making masks voluntary will only sew division among the students when they realize the meaning of the "debate" and realize what side of the aisle their peers are on. I'd like to hope that we don't see a huge amount of cases but I fear that as the new delta variant becomes more prevalent, we'll eventually see another surge in the community. I'm hoping that the school board will revisit the idea of mandatory masking should this occur. My only question is why do we need to wait until that happens. It worked fine all of last year and I see no reason to make a change.	Should be maintained	no issues with quarantine as written in the draft	no issues with cleaning and ventilation as written in the draft	no issues with personal hygiene as written in the draft					
8/13/2021 13:53:14	No	District Staff, Other	Yes	As needed	When appropriate	As needed	Hand washing and sanitizer	With community spread	If needed	As appropriate	Keep in touch	Follow medical guidelines not social trends

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8/13/2021 14:25:57	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I am STRONGLY against the masking of our children in schools. I believe they can be optional for those who choose or feel more comfortable, but with the data and facts we have available to us, it is clear that masks (especially those that are homemade and or cloth) are extremely ineffective at controlling the virus. In addition, we have seen the struggle and emotional distress that wearing a mask last year has done to our second grader. The wearing of masks for children, who have a greater chance of dying or getting very sick from the seasonal flu, is completely unnecessary and seems to be done more so because it is what "everyone else is doing". Overall - my wife and I have discussed private school options in the area should West Salem decide on mandatory masking in the elementary school.	Similar to my thoughts on masking children, I am also highly against "separating" our children. Children require interactive play and learning, period. Social distancing is unproven in children and should not be followed.	If a child tests positive for COVID-19, I believe they should be away from school for ten days since symptoms appear. I do not believe in quarantining "close contacts" that have been tested and are negative. Quarantine is still a necessity to spread prevention in my eyes when an individual does test positive.	It is my hope that West Salem schools have upped their response in this area in each one of the schools. This is something that is overdue in all schools, despite COVID being an issue.	Hand washing should be promoted and real sick children (non-COVID) should be encouraged to stay home. Elementary aged students are naturally "snotty" and cough freely, in addition to having allergies - this fact should not prevent children from being in person learning.	This should not happen holistically and classrooms, not schools, should go "virtual" if the classroom sick % reached levels that the CDC has already established in years past, pre-COVID. COVID positives in classrooms should be handled on a case by case basis and isolated to the child's class, and not the entire school in general.	We have seen the style of distant learning over the past year and feel that it is highly ineffective. If this continues to be a major part of the school year, our children will continue to fall further behind, both academically and socially.	Both should be readily available and take the same precautions I mention above - isolate and treat on a case by case basis... do not cancel or treat holistically.	Should be open, honest and with data/facts.	West Salem has done a great job of leading over the past year. Our hope is that WS continues to play in their own sandbox and lead in our area, by both not requiring masks, and treating COVID cases each in their own right. We are proud to be WS parents and hope that the school district makes the right choices. We appreciate your independent and fact based approach to our children.
8/13/2021 14:36:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Optional	As best as they can be	No! Unless the STUDENT has a positive COVID test. Not family, not close encounters just the student.	Standard	I mean, everyone should keep up on personal hygiene regardless of COVID.	No, unless there is a significant increase in cases within each individual school. For example, if the Elementary school has an increase in student or teacher cases then pause in person for that school.	No! My children did not so well with this and it's stressful being a working parent and making sure your middle schooler and high schooler are "in school" when I'm not home. Plus it was very stressful on not only the kids but for us parents too not being able to help them like their teachers can in person in the moment.		I like texts.... I get way too many emails and mail always doesn't get delivered to my hand depending on who gets the mail.	

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8/13/2021 16:23:50	Yes	Parent/Guardian	<p>There are zero studies or evidence to show masks work. In fact, a comprehensive study out of Ireland shows exactly the opposite. Mask can exacerbate anxiety and breathing difficulty. They impair the development of human communication and language skills particularly in young children. Masks can contribute to high levels of carbon dioxide in the human body. They are often the breeding grounds for dangerous bacteria. I do not support masks for my child. I find them to be abusive. We have never expected masks during the flu season even though it is far more dangerous for children than covid. Mask effectiveness lack scientific evidence, common sense & human decency. For adults that are fearful they have had ample opportunity to vaccinate if they choose. They also have the freedom to wear a mask themselves.</p>	<p>There is little information or data to suggest social distancing does anything since it is difficult to quantify. I am not in support of social distancing.</p>	<p>Quarantine the sick individual. Do not quarantine the kids or staff that sat next to him or her.</p>	<p>I support a good ventilation system. Recent studies suggest that excessive cleaning does little since Covid doesn't live well on hard surfaces as originally believed. Standard cleaning should be done but closing the school for an additional day to clean seems to be a waste of time and money.</p>	<p>The excessive amounts of hand sanitizer used seems dangerous to our skin and our health due to the chemicals we are putting on it. Let's stick to basic handwashing like we learned when we were young.</p>	<p>There should be no pause to in person learning. If you are sick stay home and take a sick day. Expecting teachers and students to jump back and forth between home and school is too stressful. Furthermore, it puts parents in a bind regarding their work and finding care for their young children.</p>	<p>Coulee collaborative distance-learning should remain for those who are fearful of in person learning</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular should remain as normal as possible. Masks should never be considered for any sport again.</p>	<p>It is important for the school and board members to remain transparent, and honest with families since these are the people they work for. Families need to be informed of ideas and considerations by the district well in advance. There needs to be a common respect shown from both sides.</p>	
8/13/2021 17:07:52	Yes	Parent/Guardian, District Staff	<p>Masking should be mandatory for students and staff until all students are eligible to be vaccinated. The current surge in Delta cases makes me extremely concerned for my own kids and makes me wonder how we intend to keep our doors open with a much more contagious virus than last year. I am personally very concerned about one of my own kids getting sick and then being forced to quarantine for 10 days or as long as it takes them to recover. With 2 unvaccinated kids that could be 2 weeks of being a close contact and not being able to come to work. Without the extra 10 Covid sick days this year, that is a pretty hefty dent to my sick time and time when my students won't have the type of instruction that they deserve.</p>	<p>What does "watch your distance" even mean?</p>	<p>I would feel fine with this plan if kids were wearing masks while they were at school. If we are packing unvaccinated kids into classrooms without masks and no social distancing, I think we are basically just setting ourselves up for an outbreak and then our quarantine policy should be much more strict.</p>		<p>A great way to help kids remember to cover their coughs is to have them wear masks when they are at school.</p>	<p>NO ONE wants to go back to this. The best way to keep kids and staff at school is to make sure they are masked until everyone can be fully vaccinated.</p>			<p>All students in an elementary school classroom should be considered "close contacts" if one student tests positive with no mask on. If a classroom in either of my kids' classrooms tests positive, I want to know so that we aren't taking them to grandparents' houses or to play with cousins after they have been exposed. If the district calls home to tell me that my kid bumped their head on the playground, it only seems logical that they would also call to tell me that my kid was exposed to a dangerous virus.</p>	<p>Kids should be masked until everyone is eligible to be fully vaccinated. PERIOD.</p>

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8/13/2021 18:42:03	Yes	Parent/Guardian	<p>According to the 2021-22 Reopening Plan Draft under Masking, it states: "The West Salem School District fully supports the individual decision related to masking."</p> <p>Therefore, there is no need to have a discussion on the issue of masking. Making masking optional leaves the decision making to the individual which the school district FULLY supports.</p>		<p>How do you know if someone test positive? How do you know who is vaccinated or not? Are students being required to report their personal medical information to the school?</p> <p>I do not believe it is law to take a test, report results or share personal medical information. So enforcing quarantine and conducting contact tracing is only as good as the info you receive.</p>	Cleaning and ventilation should always be a priority not just now.	Personal hygiene should always be a priority not just now.		Distance learning does not work well for all students. Grades fall and other issues arise.		Communication to families should always be a priority not just now.	The West Salem School District should always support the individual's decision. Freedom is not granted by a school board or district administration. Freedom is granted in the United States Declaration of Independence.
8/13/2021 19:05:55	Yes	Parent/Guardian	I know it is tough to enforce, but please do this, at least until a kids' vaccine is available						<p>My kids were in the "virtual academy" last year. the teachers were great, but the curriculum ("Buzz") was awful. I think the school district got taken for a ride by the vendors. (They're based in Florida... enough said!)</p> <p>I hope the district & classroom teachers have a contingency plan to offer some curriculum online if the pandemic raises its ugly head again. I also hope that the teachers have some input with this curriculum!</p>		<p>You folks actually do a pretty good job already. I know you are in a difficult position.</p>	<p>I know it has become fashionable for anti-maskers to aggressively confront school employees and board members. Please resist this, ESPECIALLY when the noise comes from "community members" and alleged "taxpayers" without kids in the system.</p> <p>Many of these folks are either ignorant, or are skills for some nefarious purpose.</p> <p>BOARD MEMBERS: I understand the motivation for most, if not all of you, is to save on taxes. Please consider what might happen in this scenario:</p> <p>Step 1: Anti-mask skills have convinced you to abandon masks and place your trust in anonymous internet news sources. Step 2: The pandemic worsens before childrens' vaccines are available. Step 3: Unscrupulous lawyers begin contacting the parents of sick kids. Step 4: Guess who gets sued?</p> <p>Whatever policy decisions you make, please make sure you have clear legal justification! If you decide to eliminate masking, don't do so because you were frightened by some macho idiots at a board meeting who were raving about "freedom". Do so only if the State Legislature orders it...this will deflect the blame. And talk to your lawyers first!</p> <p>***N.B. Please remember the goal of many of the skills is to dismantle the public school system. They want everyone, instead, to go where their own kids go (e.g. Aquinas, Coulee Christian, etc) on the taxpayers' dollar!</p>

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			Masks are ineffective, unhealthy, and not necessary to be mandated - ever again. If a family feels unsafe it should be their personal family choice to mask their children. If their mask works and they have confidence in their ability to stop microscopic viral particles then they are safe and the mask of another child should not matter. Of utmost importance - no one should be ridiculed or teased because of mask or no mask. No one should feel pressure to mask or no mask from other students or teachers.		Unnecessary. No child should be separate from the others within the school. If a child is sick they should stay home. If a child becomes sick while at school they should leave and the rest of the school should carry on. No child should be separated based on Vaccination status either.	Normal cleaning as has always taken place would be just fine. We live with germs. I'm sure the custodians and teachers do their best to keep the building clean. As we are over-cleaning and using too many harsh chemicals the germs become resistant and the harsh chemicals lose effectiveness. DO NOT add any chemicals to the ventilation system. No one needs to breathe in extra chemicals from the air ducts, and cleaning chemicals, and hand sanitizer, etc.		Limit as much as possible. We have never before in history interrupted learning for cold-like symptoms. No children have had severe health consequences from covid. No healthy children have died in the country or in this state from covid. The only children that have died have had pre-existing health issues or comorbidities. Keep the kids in school. When kids have to be tested to even know if they have covid, there is not much threat to the school body. Any children having effects from getting covid now have received the vaccine prior to getting covid so that is not a covid issue - it is a vaccine injury.			It is interesting all correspondence lately comes from the Superintendent and the doctor. and the nurse...I didn't realize we need a medical team to sign all correspondence.	Teachers need to keep the conversation about current events out of the classroom. No teachers should be taking polls about a families personal choices regarding the masks or vaccination status.
8/13/2021 20:08:21	No	Parent/Guardian	No one should feel pressure to mask or no mask from other students or teachers.	Unnecessary. 6 feet was random and there was no actual science to back it up.								
8/13/2021 20:54:57	No	Community Member	I am in favor of masking for all staff and students	Whenever possible	I agree with district plan	I agree with district plan						It is important to keep all informed
8/13/2021 21:29:41	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No masking	Not necessary	Not necessary	Important-but it's always been important	Important-always has been, always will be	Not needed unless staff out, subs not available	Never again			
8/13/2021 21:36:48	No	Community Member	No masking	No social distancing	Anyone with symptoms of any illness should not be in school but no quarantine	Good ventilation and regular cleaning is always a good thing	Washing hands and other personal cleanliness is always a good idea	I definitely think in person learning is best for students	Some students do well with distance learning but it usually is not good for many younger students		Families should be responsible for keeping their kids healthy by having good habits at home. Teachers should concentrate on teaching. The fear factor is out of control and should be stopped—not healthy for anyone.	Stop encouraging vaccines! I have studied them since 1989 and covid "vaccines" are dangerous!!! We as a nation have been fooled by evil elitists so before encouraging parents to vaccinate their innocent children please do your homework! Let's just get back to normal life and stop listening to people with not good motives.

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8/13/2021 22:42:50	No	Community Member	Masking should follow county health department recommendations.	Social distancing is less important when everyone is masking	Only those who are ill with or test positive for Covid-19 should quarantine	Cleaning and ventilation can return to pre pandemic standards		Only if vaccines are ineffective against new variants	Distance learning should be an option	All school activities should resume unless vaccines become ineffective		
8/13/2021 22:46:35	Yes	Parent/Guardian	With the Delta variant cases on the rise, I believe it is not in the best interest of the students in the Elementary School (which all of them are unable to be vaccinated due to age) to make masks optional. Per CDC and Lacrosse County Health Department, Lacrosse County is at high risk. I am an educator and can understand how wearing a mask could be thought of as uncomfortable, not hard to breathe in. In the past, West Salem maintained the low positive COVID cases on the direct consequence of making masks mandatory for everyone's safety. We may not have a high number of positive covid cases in West Salem, but why take the risk when we know in the Lacrosse school district they mandating masks because of the high number of cases. Please change the policy from optional to mandatory.	Since the COVID-19 Pandemic has started, we have all heard about the Swiss Cheese Method in regards to COVID-19 protection. We have learned that wearing face masks, social distancing, proper hygiene, better ventilation, and better cleaning procedures can help reduce the risks of getting COVID. While doing one or two of these things is better than nothing, it doesn't fully protect the vulnerable. In the policy, it just states to "watch your distance". This is an unacceptable policy since it is completely vague and left up for interpretation. Being in the early childhood education field, I can understand why students must be in school in person versus Zoom. We need to go back to the Swiss Cheese Method of protection and incorporate the six-foot policy.	What concerns me about this policy is in the current proposal, there is no social distancing and masks are optional to wear. It states that the school will determine whether a class needs to quarantine due to if the virus has spread to a large number of people. It also states asymptomatic students not living with the positive case may still come to school. Remember that there is no social distancing and masks are optional. I feel this policy is not being proactive at attempting to minimize the number of children that would need to quarantine.	This is acceptable.	This is acceptable	This is acceptable	This is acceptable	This is acceptable	This is acceptable	Please keep in mind that according to CDC and the Lacrosse Health Department, Lacrosse County is at high risk. Within the past 14 days, there were 29 new hospital admissions due to COVID (an increase of 2.14 percent). Positive cases increased to 4.39 (an increase of 71.15%). ICU Beds that are in use increased to 6.89 (an increase of 4.08%). These numbers are on the trend to rise. In the past, West Salem has been proactive about keeping everyone safe. We need to keep the children 12 and under in mind when we make policies that potentially could alter health conditions.
8/13/2021 22:47:25	Yes	Other	Many students at West Salem have already been vaccinated, and those who haven't have probably chosen not to do so. Those who want to wear a mask should wear it, and those who do not should be given the choice not to wear one.	Those who are worried about staying socially distant should do so, students should have the choice of whether they want to or not.	Quarantine should be only for those who have Covid, or are showing symptoms. Anybody who is sick should stay home.	not necessary, but there should be cleaning supplies available for those who would want it.	Everybody should wash their hands, and use hand sanitizer regularly.	Pauses to in person learning should only be for snow days and breaks.	Distance learning should only be in the case of hybrid learning, too much screen time is bad for the students health. It's easier for students to learn in person, and it's easier for teachers to do their jobs as well.	Extracurricular activities should go back to normal (pre covid).	Students and their families should be informed more constantly.	none
8/13/2021 22:47:28	Yes	Other	Many of West Salem's students have been vaccinated, and those who haven't most likely don't want to be. Because of this, masks should be optional. If there are people who feel protected by masks, they by should be able to wear it. Although, there are people who don't want to wear a mask, and they shouldn't have to. Masks are for protecting yourself, and not others. Masks should be optional.	Those who want to social distance can do so. It doesn't need to be enforced.	Quarantine should only be for those who have covid. Kids who are sick should stay home anyway.	Not necessary, but have items available for those who would want to clean their space.	Important. Everyone can wash their hands more.	Pauses to in-person learning should only be when there are breaks and snow days. If there are kids that are sick, they can stay home.	I personally think distance learning only works for certain people. In person learning is a lot better for students and teachers. Having children and teens sit in front of a computer on zoom does not work. Their screen time is already high enough with all of their social media and streaming services. Having them on zoom and do work on their computers is not good for their health. Although, if there are kids that are sick (with any sickness) this would be a great thing to have them do, if they are able, so they don't miss any school.	They should go back to the way they were before covid. There have been many extracurricular activities that have been going on this summer (band camp, show choir, cross country, football, etc.) and there has been no issue with covid. They should go back to normal and allow full attendance.	Students should be informed as well.	

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8/13/2021 23:05:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks need to be optional. There is no proven scientific benefit.	It's not possible to social distance 100% of the time so why would we do it part time? Kids riding the buss are not socially distant.	Only children, staff or teachers that are sick or show symptoms.	Cleaning should be done diligently, Ventilation should use MERV 13 or better filters if possible. Quality filters for the ventilation system should be used regardless to help mitigate air quality concerns.	This is a personal responsibility that is always important.	Not necessary	It's an option for parents who aren't comfortable sending their kids to school.	Should continue for all healthy students.	Communication has been good from the school to parents.	The narrative always seems to change for the CDC where deaths were the focus and now it's all about cases. The local health systems do not know if someone has the original strain or any other strain but the focus now is all about the Delta Variant. Cases may go up but the stats show deaths are not. In ages 19 and below there are 0 deaths ytd in Wisconsin per the Wisconsin Health Dept. Healthy children are not likely to have severe difficulty even if they are infected with the Virus. The Flu is just as severe for kids, yet we don't force them to mask every year for Flu season. We just need a common sense approach to Covid and not let it take over our lives and our children's lives.
8/13/2021 23:06:07	Yes	Parent/Guardian	No	No	If needed per incident	Yes	Yes	If ONLY needed	ONLY if needed	Yes	Yes	Keep the kids in school to give a "normal" childhood and educational experience.
8/13/2021 23:07:37	Yes	Other	Should not be worn	No science behind it	Don't come to school if your sick, don't punish another child for "coming in contact" with another individual by making them stay home unless they themselves get sick			We should be in person the whole year	Not effective	NO MASK	Should be done daily	
8/13/2021 23:17:54	Yes	Parent/Guardian	Masks should be an optional choice for staff, students and visitors. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, they show no scientific benefit to stopping the spread. By remaining an optional choice, people may choose for themselves what's best for their children and/or themselves.	When allowable, but the 6' isn't realistic. Stay out of my bubble may be a better approach. Again, if someone is uncomfortable, they always have that mask option	Quarantine the sick. Those who have Covid and those who may have symptoms.	While regular cleaning is expected, too much use of the harmful chemicals could potentially be harmful for students and/or staff. Proper training and the use of PPE (gloves etc) should always be used per product instructions.	This is always important. Individuals need to be responsible for themselves and their own personal hygiene. Proper hand washing and/or sanitizing helps prevent the spread of any cold/virus, especially before eating. Younger ages may need extra reminders.	We would like to keep in person learning the entire year. Pauses cause confusion, anxiety and upset.	I appreciate this being offered for those who are sick and on quarantine. For those who choose to not be in-person for the school year, this is also a wonderful option.	Extracurricular activities should go on normally for all healthy kids.	Communication has been good and would like it to continue. Thank you.	