



Wrenshall Public Schools

Back to School "SAFE" Plan

2021-2022

The Wrenshall School District is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for students and staff members. It is **TOP PRIORITY** to maintain a face to face learning model for the students. Every staff member that is employed by the district and parents/guardians that send students to school are responsible for implementing the "SAFE" practices and procedures provided by the school district. Protecting each other is essential so that we are able to sustain in-person education for the entire school year. With these guidelines the district can safely maintain the in-person learning that our students need and deserve while being significantly more flexible than last school year.

SAFE Practices to be implemented:

Do not come to school sick: Parents/Guardians are required to screen students for illness each day before sending them to school. A screening tool is attached, and also available on the website. Students will also be screened when they get to school each day. Staff members are required to complete the on-line COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire each work day.

Quarantine due to a COVID-19 exposure is NOT REQUIRED IF:

- Individual(s) are fully vaccinated and do not have symptoms.
- Individual(s) have tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 90 days and do not have symptoms.
- Unvaccinated individuals that were fully masked at time of exposure.

The Wrenshall School District Requires Quarantine/Isolation For:

A. Students and staff that test positive for COVID-19

- required to isolate for ten calendar days plus any additional days to be symptom free for 24 hours
- Note: All positive COVID-19 cases must be reported to the school nurse: covid@isd100.org (the nurse will get back to you with instructions).

B. Students and staff that have COVID-like symptoms (even if vaccinated)

- required to isolate for ten calendar days plus any additional days to be symptom free for 24 hours
- This ten-day quarantine is shortened with an official negative COVID-19 test presented to the school nurse and the individual has been symptom free for 24 hours

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C. Unvaccinated students and staff that live with someone who test positive for COVID-19

- Required to quarantine/isolate for ten calendar days plus any additional days to be symptom free for 24 hours
- When this individual returns to class they must mask whenever inside the school building for 14 calendar days

D. Unvaccinated students and staff that have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 without wearing a mask

- Required to quarantine/isolate for ten calendar days plus any additional days to be symptom free for 24 hours
- This ten-day quarantine is shortened with an official negative COVID-19 test (taken a minimum of 5 days after exposure) presented to the school nurse and the individual must be symptom free for 24 hours.
- When this individual returns to class they must mask whenever inside the school building for 14 calendar days from the latest exposure date.

Mask Use: While community transmission is high, please wear a mask while inside the school building. Mask use will be encouraged in a non-judgmental way by making them easily available to students and staff modeling mask behavior. A **MASK MANDATE** will be instituted if 5% of staff and students combined test positive for COVID-19 within a 14 day period and will remain in effect for a minimum of 14 calendar days. Students in some classes may be advised by their teacher to use a mask if the subject being taught is more conducive to COVID-19 transmission, such as singing. The district recognizes that the preschool students and other individuals may require flexibility with such a requirement. **Federal mandate REQUIRES masks must be worn on all school transportation.**

School Measures To Reduce COVID Transmission: *Physical distancing* will be set up to allow a minimum of 3' of distancing between students and 6' between students in different student groups whenever feasible. Fully vaccinated groups may be allowed to forego distancing guidelines when masked. *Personal Hygiene* will be encouraged along with regular intervals of proper hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes. *Building Sanitation* that was implemented last school year will be carried out by the custodial staff. This includes stringent sanitation of hand rails, door knobs, bathroom fixtures and high touch surfaces. *Airflow and Ventilation:* The HVAC system will be opened to allow for maximum outdoor air intake, while minimizing the recirculation of air within the building. Ventilation systems will be started two hours before occupancy and will continue to run two hours after people have left the building. Filters used with the highest MERV-rated filters that the system allows. Areas of high occupancy will be periodically tested for CO2 concentration and adjustments will be made accordingly. Humidity levels between 40-60% will be a goal except when this would result in excess condensation which could lead to mold growth.

MDH Home Screening Tool for COVID-19

DAILY SCREENING QUESTIONS:

Answer these screening questions EACH TIME you are going to send a child to school or school programs. If you answer "yes" to any question, the child should stay home. The child should stay away from others including family members, as much as possible. Please email COVID@isd100.org to let them know and consider calling your child's health care provider.

1. Does your child have one or more of these symptoms?

- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Difficulty/ hard time breathing
- New cough or a cough that has gotten worse
- New loss of taste or smell

2. Does your child have two or more of these symptoms?

- Sore throat
- New nasal congestion/ stuffy or runny nose
- Nausea/ Vomiting
- Nausea/ Diarrhea
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Excessive fatigue/ feels very tired
- New severe headache/ very bad headache

3. Has a health care provider told your child since they were last at the school that they have COVID-19, have a positive COVID-19 test result or waiting for a COVID test result?

- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result must stay home a minimum of ten days.
- ONLY send siblings of students with a positive result to school if symptom free and will use face mask covering mouth AND nose while in the school building.

4. Further Guidance:

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, or tests positive for COVID-19, they must stay at home and away from others in the home as much as possible for at least 10 days. The 10 days are counted as follows: The first day of symptoms OR the day they were tested is counted as **Day #0**. You must ALSO ADD DAYS beyond the 10 day quarantine until they are symptom free for 24 hours (and have not taken medication to reduce fever and other symptoms). If your child has symptoms and tests negative for COVID-19 they can return to school when basically symptom free for 24 hours if they bring in an official negative COVID-19 test result. Contact COVID@isd100.org for information or questions.