



Dear Mesick Families,

With the 2021-22 school year fast approaching we wanted to notify you of the COVID preventative measures and protocols all schools within the WMISD will follow. First and foremost, the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students is paramount. As such, we will be following all required and mandated orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

As for other preventative measures listed below, we will base them on discussions with our Health Department. According to the health department, there is a low transmission rate in school settings and that students should be at schools learning in person. We appreciate your continued partnership during these challenging times.

- Students and staff will use the at-home screener and stay home if they are sick.
- **Masks are optional** for staff, students and guests.
- **Masks are required on buses** per federal order.
- Distancing efforts are based on the 3' recommendation.
- Cleaning and sanitation measures are in place.
- Regular hand washing and hand sanitizing will be encouraged.
- Information regarding how to be vaccinated will be shared with staff and parents appropriately.
- Students will be excluded from school as deemed appropriate or as required (i.e. Any communicable disease.)
- Students and staff are not required to test for COVID (Student-Athletes will follow MHSAA requirements.)
- All Mesick classrooms have air purifications systems.
- Schools will conduct contact tracing and communicate with families as required.

We ask that you respectfully continue partnering with us in finding the balance in providing a safe learning environment and educating all of our students during this health crisis. These preventative measures and protocols are based on current health conditions and are subject to change as we monitor the impact of COVID within our schools and classrooms.

If you have any questions as we work through challenges during these extraordinary times, please feel free to contact me via email (hollenbeckj@mesick.org) or by phone (231) 645-4851.

Respectfully,

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