



Westfield Academy and Central School

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Re: COVID – 19 Updates

Dear WACS Families:

At Monday's Board of education meeting, there was input and discussion about the revised COVID – 19 protocols issued by NYS.

Please note the following updates:

- **Face coverings** continue to be optional and based on an individual's preference.
- **Social distancing** should continue as much as possible during the school day.
- **Contact tracing** will continue. WACS will continue to contact any person identified as a close contact in school.
- **Close contacts** will be offered COVID – 19 testing kits to use at their discretion. Testing should take place on days 1, 3, & 5 after the initial contact. Our nurses will work with families on an individual basis. Regardless of testing, close contacts may remain in school as long as they remain symptom free. We have plenty of tests if you are in need of kits. Just contact our nurses.
- **Test-to-Stay & Test-to-Play** continue to be an option for those interested in participating in this program.
- Those **individuals confirmed with COVID – 19** should work with the county to establish dates for isolation. If symptom free, the person may return to work on day 6. As per state and county guidance, the individual is required to wear a mask on days 6-10.
- **Weekly notifications** of COVID – 19 positives will no longer be sent. You may visit the link below for frequent updates regarding our COVID-19 positive rates.

<https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>

Thank you!