



2021-22

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

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After navigating the 2020-21 school year in the midst of a pandemic, we know these practices will serve us well:



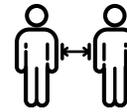
Hand Washing

Proper hand washing and sanitizing limits the spread of COVID-19.



Vaccination

Being vaccinated is recommended in order to protect oneself and others.



Social Distancing

Creating small, consistent groups slows the spread of COVID-19.



Stay Home

It is critical to monitor health and stay home when ill.



COVID-19 Testing

Testing is reliable and sites are conveniently located throughout the county.

PROTOCOLS

These protocols were developed in consultation with our local Department of Health and are subject to change.

Masks and Face Coverings

- Masks required for all students K-12 beginning Monday, August 23 (only during the regular school day and on school transportation).
- Early Childhood and certain special education student populations would not be required to mask.
- Students would be extended opportunities to unmask during the day when social/physical distancing can be achieved.
- Masks required when riding the bus, per federal mandate.
- Students and staff will NOT be required to wear face coverings when they are outside for recess, PE, or when learning in an outdoor space.
- After school events are optional to attend and do not require masking.
- Each building will review and collect data on absences, quarantines, positive cases, or COVID-19 impacts and provide the Board of Education an update on September 21.

Quarantines

- The Howell County Health Department will conduct contact tracing and quarantine practices in similar fashion to the 2020-21 school year.

Learning

- West Plains Schools is dedicated to providing in person learning.
- Seated, in person instruction will be provided by WPS teachers.
- Online learning will be provided by teachers in the event of student quarantine.

Cafeterias

- All grades may return to normal cafeteria practices.
- Outside food deliveries for students will not be allowed.

Classrooms

- PreK-5: Social distancing will be practiced as much as possible.
- 6-12: Normal classroom seating and activities will resume.

Transportation

- Masks are required on school buses, per federal mandate.