August 22, 2021

Dear WCS Community,

Based on changing conditions, Warren Consolidated Schools will NOW require masks be worn by students and staff indoors for all Pre-K-12 schools and on our school buses. This is effective Monday, August 23, 2021, and includes ALL indoor athletics, fine arts, and extra-curricular activities such as practices, rehearsals, games, and areas like band rooms and locker rooms.

As you may be aware, a growing chorus of health experts has called for universal masking in schools, which now includes the Michigan Chapter of the American Association of Pediatrics (miaap.org).

MIAAP is a highly respected organization of Michigan pediatricians, many of whom practice right in our area and who strongly ENDORSE safe and effective infection control procedures to protect children and adolescents including masks:

“During the COVID-19 pandemic, use of face masks should continue until the child or adolescent is considered fully vaccinated – two weeks after receipt of the final COVID-19 vaccine dose.”

Given the vaccine is not yet available for children younger than 12 years old and many live with older siblings, the spread of Covid-19, and the more contagious DELTA variant, remain a significant concern. This is especially important as cases are increasing just as schools are returning to full-time, in-person learning this fall.

With this new information, we have extended the deadline to Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 4:00pm for families to decide whether they want in-person or virtual learning. Both options are available for students regardless of how you previously registered.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s school or visit wcskids.net for more information. I appreciate your patience as we work through this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Robert D. Livernois, Ph.D.
Superintendent
August 22, 2021

Dear WCS Community,

In light of the changing conditions, the Integrated Schools will now require masks for all staff and students for all schools except K-12. This includes before school activities, the arts, and athletics such as practices, tests, and games and areas such as team rooms and locker rooms.

As you may already know, a growing number of health experts have called for full masking in schools, and the Michigan American Academy of Pediatrics (miaap.org) is an organization of respected Michigan pediatricians who strongly support safe and effective infection control measures including masks:

"During the COVID-19 pandemic, masks should be worn by children until they are determined fully vaccinated - at least two weeks after the final dose of the COVID-19 vaccine."

In light of the dearth of COVID-19 vaccine for children below 12 years of age and the ongoing spread of Delta, a more infectious variant, this increase is critical, especially with the return of schools to full-time learning this fall.

With this new information, we are extending the deadline to Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 4:00 PM for households to decide if they will learn in-person or virtually. Both options are available to all students regardless of prior preferences.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school or visit wcskids.net for more information. I thank your patience as we work through this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support!

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Quinones, Superintendent

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