

# West Central Area Schools

Serving the communities of Barrett, Elbow Lake, Hoffman, Kensington & Wendell

## Safe Return to In-Person Learning

June 16, 2021

WCA administrators are appreciative of student, staff, and family compliance with COVID requirements implemented during periods of the pandemic. As we plan for a safe return to full in-person learning in September, we will continue to follow CDC, MDH and MDE guidance. Current conditions provide an indication that our 2021-2022 school year will commence with limited restrictions. **This plan is subject to revision.**

### Face Coverings

- Not required for WCA outdoor and indoor events
- Required on school district transportation

### Social Distancing

- Not required for WCA outdoor and indoor events or transportation for events

### Classrooms and Co-Curricular Activities

- Based on current MDH guidance and the Governor's Executive Orders, face coverings and social distancing will not be required for these activities
- Students will continue to be monitored for symptoms of illness and COVID-19
- The CDC and MDH may continue to require face coverings and social distancing for bus transportation
- School staff will continue to remind students of Stay Safe procedures (washing hands, using hand sanitizer, coughing into elbow, staying home when ill)
- Students and staff who have been ill, are encouraged to remain home for 24 hours after fever returns to normal without medication

### Parents and Guardians are encouraged to monitor their children for illness or COVID-19

- Keep children at home when they are ill
- Seek COVID testing or medical attention as a precaution if illness develops
- Notify school personnel of positive COVID test results

### Quarantine Periods

- Students and staff testing positive for COVID will quarantine for the period specified by their medical provider
- WCA staff will not conduct contact tracing upon notification of any positive COVID test

### Community and Community Input

- Parents were surveyed on 4-6-20 and 7-2-20. WCA staff were surveyed on 12-8-20

Thank you for your continued cooperation with COVID guidance and your collaborative effort to minimize the potential spread of the COVID virus.

Dale Hogie, Superintendent  
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