

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! On Monday, March 7th, Ware Public Schools transitioned to mask wearing no longer required in school buildings and on school buses. It has been a smooth transition with some individuals choosing to continue to wear masks.

For those individuals who have chosen to unmask, please note the following times when masks are required in school buildings:

- Students and staff returning from a 5-day quarantine following a positive COVID test must follow mask use through day 10 of exposure.
- Masks will be required in all school health offices.

Positive case counts in the district are updated daily on our dashboard at <u>http://www.wareps.org/covid19/dashboard</u>. While there has been a significant decrease in numbers, we should all continue to take precautions and the district will implement mitigation strategies as needed.

We will continue with weekly COVID Safety Check testing on Wednesdays. To sign up visit <u>https://www.cic-health.com/consent/ma</u>.

If you would like your child to receive a free at-home test kit, which should be administered on Sundays, click on the link for the appropriate school your child attends. Only positive test results need to be reported to your child's school. The next distribution of test kits will be on Thursday, March 17th.

<u>SMK</u> <u>WMS</u> <u>WJSHS</u>

WPS will be holding another vaccination clinic on Monday, March 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at SMK. All COVID vaccinations and boosters will be available at this clinic, along with the flu vaccination. Pre-registration for the clinic can be made at <u>https://bit.ly/stanleyvax</u>.

Stay well,

Dr. Marlene A. Díleo Superintendent

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