

WARE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Ware Families,

Good afternoon! As the school year winds down COVID positivity rates in the community are on the rise. Even though we want to be done with the virus, the virus is not done with us! The District Dashboard on our website (<u>https://www.wareps.org/covid19/dashboard</u>) is updated daily so you can see what is occurring within the schools regarding positive cases.

Utilizing mitigating strategies can help in the battle against COVID, which consists of the following actions:

- Washing hands often
- Wearing a mask when indoors in a crowded area
- Getting vaccinated
- Taking part in our weekly pooled testing program or our At-Home Testing Program (<u>https://www.wareps.org/news/whats_new/c_o_v_i_d_test_options</u>)

For those individuals looking to schedule a vaccine or booster, here are a few sites you can schedule them at:

- CVS (https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/schedule-options)
- Walgreen's (<u>https://www.walgreens.com/</u>)
- Walmart (https://www.walmart.com/cp/flu-shots-immunizations/1228302)

Please remember to follow the guidelines for staying home when your child is sick:

- Fever (need to be fever free without using medication for 24 hours)
- GI issues within the last 24 hours (vomiting, diarrhea)
- COVID symptoms and need to test, or are a close contact to someone with COVID and are not vaccinated.

As we begin to wind down with end of year state and school assessments the administration is planning a transition day for students in grades 3, 6, & 8 as these students will be attending a different building or transitioning to the high school next year. The dates for these transition visits will take place on the following days:

- Grade 3 will visit WMS on June 6th at 10:00 a.m.
- Grade 6 will visit JSHS on June 8th at 1:30 p.m.
- Grade 8 will visit the HS wing of the building on June 10th at 1:30 p.m.

As we move closer to graduation, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th at 10:00 a.m. on Veterans' Field with a rain date of Sunday, June 5th at 2:00 p.m., the excitement in the air can be felt across the district as students, teachers, and staff anticipate the summer break!

Have a good weekend,

Dr. Marlene A. DíLeo Superintendent

Jennifer Knight Lead School Nurse

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