

COVID-19

Everyone wonders what the 2021-22 school year will look like. There are probably as many questions as there are answers at this point. As of TODAY, this is what we do know....

- Masks will not be required for staff or students
- The district will continue to be diligent in cleaning, not only to address COVID, but flu, strep, and other illnesses.
- The district will not be handling contact tracing, however, if a student or staff member contract COVID, they will quarantine according to medical recommendations. We encourage parents to continue to monitor their child for symptoms and exposure.
- The district DOES NOT require COVID vaccines for adults or students.
- Student illness and presentation of symptoms will be treated as we have in the past.
- Students that do need to stay home because of symptoms or exposure, may be using google classroom, etc.... to stay caught up. HOWEVER, they will be counted absent. There is no longer a way for us to count them present for online only learning. Fully online learning will no longer be an option for MWPISD students.
- There is no longer COVID leave for employees. That was a federal provision that has now expired.
- At this time, UIL has not given any restrictions for UIL activities.
- Conditions can always change, and probably will. MWPISD will continue to communicate with parents, staff and community as state and federal restrictions change our practices.

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