

February 23, 2021

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

The attached is the most recent information from the Indiana Department Health. Included in the attachments are the following:

- Pre-K-12 Recommendations Based on Level of Community Spread
- COVID-19 Screening for Parents
- Quarantine Guidance for Asymptomatic and Symptomatic Students, Teachers, and Staff Members

The quarantine guidance will provide important details relating to the ability to return from a quarantine on day 8 or day 11. It also provides the safeguards and requirements that must happen through day 14, if returning early. This includes athletic and extra-curricular requirements.

Important:

The rapid antigen test needed on day 8 will not be given to students at school and will need to be given by a health care provider or by a testing site on day 8. The results will need to be sent to the school prior to the student returning to school under this provision. This option is only if the student, teacher or staff member never developed any symptoms and wears a mask at all times when returning.

If you choose to have the test and return on day 8, you will need to send a copy of the negative results to your building's office prior to your return to school. Test results can be emailed to the following:

- Primary – shawkins@western.k12.in.us
- Intermediate – llarimor@western.k12.in.us
- Middle School – eblumenberg@western.k12.in.us
- High School – jdarling@western.k12.in.us

Important Reminder: If you still have a positive person in your household and/or a positive person that you cannot isolate from, your quarantine does not start until the positive person's 10-day isolation period has ended.

Even with the new guidelines, no student, staff, or community member should enter any Western School Corporation building, be on Western's campus, or attend a school event if they have COVID-19 symptoms, have been exposed to COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19. Also, continue to be diligent by wearing a mask, practicing social distancing, avoiding large gatherings, and washing your hands frequently.

Sincerely,

Randy McCracken