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# WJCC COVID-19 Prevention Measures

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WJCC's focus and commitment to a culture of safety aligns with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) guidance on:

- Supporting in-person learning for all students
- Promoting vaccination against COVID-19 for those eligible individuals
- Optional mask wearing in all public education indoor
- Focusing on a layered approach with multiple prevention strategies
- Being flexible and responsive to the changing dynamics of COVID-19

## **WJCC Prevention Strategies**

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### **Promote Vaccination**

- COVID-19 vaccination for those eligible is the leading public health prevention strategy
- Booster vaccine is recommended for identified individuals

### **Masks**

Masks are optional for students and staff.

### **Physical Distancing**

- Should be utilized when possible,
- Schools should not reduce in-person learning to keep a minimum distance

### **Additional Prevention Strategies**

- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Staying home when sick and getting tested - [Symptom Checker](#)
- Consistent cleaning and maintaining of facilities
- Ventilation and air purification

### **Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine**

- In general, VDH uses being within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 24 hours with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 as the standard for defining a close contact that would require quarantine.
- Direct exposure to respiratory secretions of someone with COVID-19 is considered close contact in any setting regardless of the time length of exposure.
- Close contacts who are vaccinated do not need to quarantine as long as they are symptom free.
- Every school has trained contact tracers (nurses and other identified staff) who have information on quarantine and isolation guidelines
- Collaborate with the Peninsula Health Department for Outbreak investigations
- Communicate with families and staff impacted by outbreaks
- CDC Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines can be found [here](#).

### **ViSSTA Testing**

- COVID screening tests at no cost for students and staff who opt into the program
- COVID tests at no cost for symptomatic students and staff as well as close contacts
- Test to Stay program for eligible household contacts and other close contacts



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