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

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

- **Symptomatic persons** (Regardless of vaccination status) should begin isolation at home and undergo testing as recommended by their healthcare providers. The day symptoms began should be day 0.
- **Persons who test positive** (regardless of vaccination status) should isolate themselves at home for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever-free for 24 hours, they may return to school/work after day 5, provided:
  - If the individual is able to mask, they should do so through day 10.
  - If the individual is unable or unwilling to mask during this time, VDH recommends a negative test on or after day 6 to return to school/work OR the person should remain home through day 10.
- **For exposed but asymptomatic persons** (regardless of vaccination status), quarantine is no longer recommended. These individuals may continue to attend school/work if they remain asymptomatic.
  - Exposure is defined as being within 6 feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period or having direct contact with respiratory secretions from an infected person.
  - Individuals that attend school/work during this time may consider wearing a mask around others indoors until day 10.
- **If the school or facility is experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19** that has been difficult to control or is unusual in size or scope, regional or local epidemiologists may apply professional judgement and recommend traditional quarantine and isolation standards be applied until the situation is stabilized.
  - Communicate with families and staff impacted by outbreaks
  - For more information, visit the VDH Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines and CDC Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines

ViSSTA Testing

- COVID screening tests are offered at no cost for students and staff who opt into the program
- COVID tests are provided for take home at no cost for symptomatic students and staff as well as close contacts
- If a student or staff member has ongoing household exposure to a person with COVID-19, they may consider more frequent testing.