

WCS
Safe Return to
School Plan
2022-2023



Overview

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Wilson County Schools, along with other North Carolina School Systems, modified its instructional schedules in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

Wilson County Schools returned to their previous instructional schedules at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. All K-12 traditional and Early College students returned to their original schedules which includes:

- Face-to-face instruction 5 days a week (Monday through Friday) for the following times:
 - Elementary 8:00-3:00
 - Middle 8:30-3:30
 - High 7:30-2:30 (Traditional)
9:00-4:00 (WAAT, WECA)

For the 2022-2023 school year, WCS will follow the same instructional schedule.

Overview

To continue operating safely,

- All facilities will follow guidance from our state healthcare and government agencies.
- Families who wish to continue with Virtual Academy may apply for this option; however, families must commit to this mode of learning for the entire school year.

The following slides provide helpful information regarding COVID-19 and the protocols WCS will follow this year.

WASH Diagnostic Testing Information

- Open to all WCS Staff and WCS students.
- Diagnostic testing is conducted for those that have COVID-19 Symptoms or have had close contact with someone who is COVID positive. Close contact is defined as closer than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes cumulative over a 24 hour period. Please call 252-360-0769 for appointments.
- Staff and students can be tested at four locations:
 - Beddingfield High School
 - Forest Hills Middle School
 - Hunt High School
 - Fike High School

WCS COVID Information Page / Toolkit Update

- Effective June 24, 2022 NCDHHS has sunsetted the NC StrongSchools Toolkit. Going forward, school administrators, staff, and families should refer to the CDC's [Operational Guidance for K12 Schools](#) for information on how to lower the risk of COVID-19.
- The Wilson County Schools website has a COVID Information page.

[Website COVID-19 Page](#)

Face Coverings

- Face coverings are optional for all students, staff, and guests to campus in Wilson County Schools.
- Masks are NOT required on school buses, activity buses, contract vehicles, and driver education vehicles per CDC [Order](#). This was updated in the CDC order on February 25, 2022.

Handling COVID-19 Cases

WCS will:

- Have staff perform self-monitoring of symptoms.
- Have families conduct home-based symptom screening for students.
- Immediately isolate symptomatic individuals in a designated area of the school.
- Coordinate with the Wilson County Health Department on COVID-19 guidance.

CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Handling COVID-19 Cases

- **Step 1:** If a staff member or student receives notification of a positive test result, the staff member or parent of the student should notify the school's principal. The principal will provide the staff member or parent with a self isolation date. Also, the principal will inform the staff member or parent that they (or the student) should be masked for 5 days after they return from 5 day self isolation, or have two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.
- **Step 2:** The principal will communicate the positive case with Wendy Sullivan, Safety and Security Director. Mrs. Sullivan will document all cases.

EX: Positive Case
West ES
Student (Grade 5)

EX: Positive Case
West ES
Staff Member

Contact Information

If you need additional assistance, please call 252-399-7700.

For assistance with WASH, please call 252-360-0769