



WSD Safe Return Update

Woodbridge Board of Education
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Key Updates: Data

- Approximately 85 days of in-person learning for 100% of BRS students; remote learning as an option has been rejected at the State level, a decision with which WSD must comply
- 157 confirmed COVID-19 cases in BRS community this school year (131 additional since our December meeting); in-school transmission no longer possible to rule out in all cases
- 61% of students, & 99% of staff, are fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- 13% of students, & 24% of staff, have tested positive for COVID-19 this school year
- Contact tracing continues to advance staff & family transparency; protocols have been modified to accommodate the increased numbers
- Students in isolation or on quarantine continue to have the option of learning remotely based on a negotiated agreement with the WEA

Key Updates: Mitigation Strategies

- Optional in-school screening testing continues in its 11th week, now with ~120 students
- Free COVID-19 rapid self-test kits are available to all students and staff who:
 - (a) have had direct “close contact” exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19; or
 - (b) are exhibiting symptoms and need to be screened for COVID-19
- Four N95 masks have been distributed to each member of the staff
- Many thanks to each family who keeps their child home when the child feels sick, or has a fever, runny nose, or shortness of breath

Key Updates: Next Steps

- We are advised that the peak of school-based positive results may have occurred
- Mitigation strategies will continue to be assessed, and revised when appropriate
- District decisions will continue to be made with advice & counsel from, as appropriate:
 - The Connecticut State Department of Education & the CT Department of Public Health
 - The WSD Safe Return Committee
 - The District's Medical Advisor
 - The District's local health partner, QVHD
 - Larger constituent input