

Holly Ridge Elementary Families,

The past two weeks have been wonderful. It is so nice to have our students back in the building. We are looking forward to our last cohort starting next week. On **November 16th** we will welcome ALL our students on Plan B in Pre K- 3 grade and our first cohort of 4th and 5th grade students.

Please remember that our safety protocols and procedures during arrival and dismissal will take longer once we begin transitioning more of our students into the building.

Beginning **Monday, November 9**, buses will begin running middle school routes in the morning and afternoon prior to running their routes for our school. After dropping off middle school students, the drivers will sanitize the bus before allowing our students to load. This sanitation process could take up to 15 minutes. Please be aware that this could cause delays in bus arrival and departure times compared to the last couple of weeks.

Please remember to register for the bus and complete the attestation bus form using this link; <https://www.wcpss.net/Page/44657>

If you still need to register to be a walker or car rider, please access these links on the Holly Ridge Elementary Website.

Health and Safety is our number one priority. Please do not send your child to school if they are not feeling well or if someone in your household has been exposed or has tested positive for COVID-19.

If your child experiences signs of any of the symptoms below while at school, they will be brought to our care room.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (100.4° or higher) or chills | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Taste or Smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Runny Nose |
| Time Temperature was Taken: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore Throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of Breath | <input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or Vomiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty Breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please read the information below on when students can return to school after being sent home from school.

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Parents should notify the school of how long they expect a student to be absent from school. School administrators will work with families to ensure students are able to continue their school work.

A person can return to school when they can answer YES to ALL three questions:

1. Has it been at least **10 days** since you first had symptoms?

AND

2. Has it been at least 24 hours since you had a fever without using fever-reducing medicine (Tylenol/Motrin/Advil)?

AND

3. Have your symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath?

If a person has a negative PCR COVID-19 test, they can return to school once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines (Tylenol/Motrin/Advil) and they have felt well for 24 hours. If the person has a negative rapid antigen test, they must stay home until follow-up negative PCR test, no fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medicine), AND they have felt well for 24 hours

If a person receives confirmation of an alternate diagnosis from a health care provider (note from Health Care Provider) that would explain the COVID-19-like symptom(s), they may return to school following normal school policies once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines (Tylenol/Motrin/Advil) and they have felt well for 24 hours.

Household Members

Household members (students or employees living in the same house with the person experiencing an illness) must quarantine for 14 days because they have been exposed to a potential COVID-19 case. The household members may return:

1. If the symptomatic person receives confirmation of an alternate diagnosis from a health care provider that would explain the COVID-19-like symptom(s) AND the symptomatic person is fever-free without the use of fever reducing medicine (Tylenol/Motrin/Advil) and they have felt well for 24 hours, the household member may also return to school at that time, as long as they have not developed symptoms.

OR

2. If the symptomatic person has a negative rapid antigen test, they must stay home until they receive a follow-up negative PCR test, AND are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine (Tylenol/Motrin/Advil) and they have felt well for 24 hours.

Diagnosed With or Exposed to COVID-19

Diagnosed with COVID-19

If a person has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of school until 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test, assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

Exposed to COVID-19

If a person has been determined to have been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they should remain out of school for 14 days since the last known contact, unless they test positive. In which case, criteria above would apply. They must complete the full 14 days of quarantine even if they test negative.

Important: WCPSS Virtual Academy Registration Window, Spring Semester

The registration windows for the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the spring semester of the 2020-21 school year have been set. The window for elementary schools will be Dec. 2-9.

Please note that this is for K-5 students wishing to register for the WCPSS Virtual Academy.

Families of students currently enrolled in a WCPSS Pre-K program who want to register their Pre-K student for a virtual learning option will receive specific information from their Pre-K teacher regarding that process.

This registration window will allow:

- Currently enrolled WCPSS Virtual Academy students the opportunity to return to in-person instruction during the spring semester;
- WCPSS Virtual Academy students registered for fall only to continue in the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the spring semester; and
- Students who are not currently registered for the WCPSS Virtual Academy have the opportunity to register for the spring semester.

Students who **are registered** in the WCPSS Virtual Academy for the entire year and who wish to **remain registered** for the spring semester do not need to take any action.

Students who are **not currently registered** for the WCPSS Virtual Academy and **who do not wish to register** for the spring semester also do not need to take any action.

Families may apply and find more information at www.wcpss.net/Virtual-Academy.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep all students safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

Warm Regards,

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