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STUDENT

FUTURE READY

Updated Operating and Safety Plan for 21-22

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WPS Advance

MULTI-PART SAFETY STRATEGY



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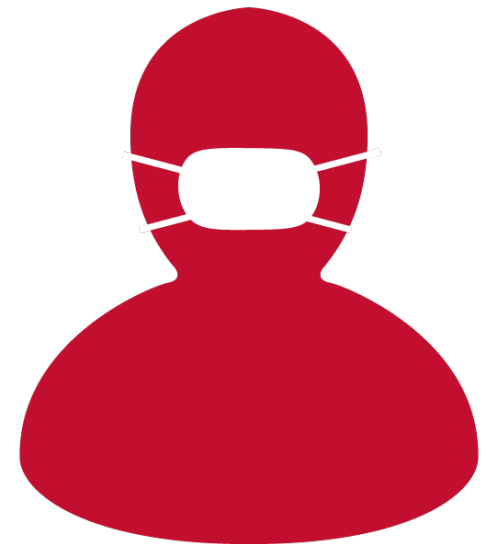


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HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- Administrative recommendation to BOE:
 - **Strongly recommend** that all WPS employees and students – regardless of vaccination status – wear masks indoors.
 - Masks required for all visitors to WPS buildings (anyone who doesn't have an official WPS ID badge)



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HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS

- **Vaccinations** strongly encouraged, not required
 - Clinics will be hosted at district locations to provide opportunities to staff and students (with consent)
- **Testing** available by appointment for those with or without symptoms; rapid results – call 973-4790
 - FREE for staff, students and their families



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HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS



- Continued emphasis on **handwashing**, healthy habits, *staying home when sick*

- Hand **sanitizing**, cleaning **supplies** available for schools, classrooms, offices


- Intensive **cleaning**, incl. high touch points, will continue through the year



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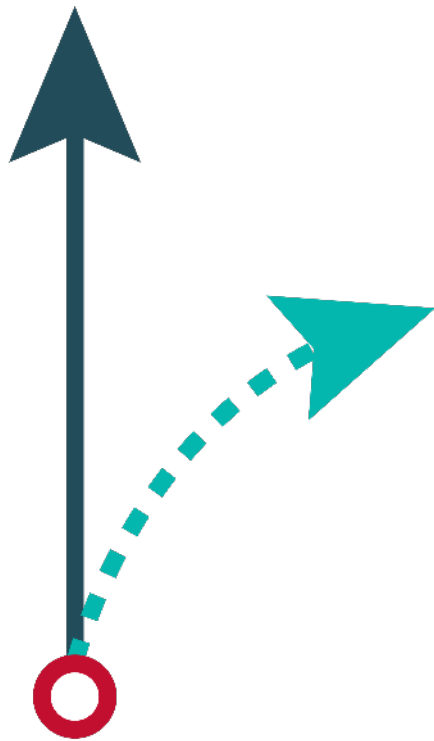
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- **Air** handling enhancements will continue 
- **Isolation rooms** will be used again this year to accommodate those who become ill or develop symptoms after arriving to school
- WPS COVID **employee hotline** will centralize employee response and tracking





HEALTHY LEARNING AND WORK ENVIRONMENTS



- **Public health** requirements will guide us
- Sedgwick County and WPS data monitored to identify operational and health concerns
- Adjustments will be considered if requirements change

WHY STRONGLY RECOMMEND MASKS?

WPS COVID Case Protocol (2021-22)

EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS
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IF EXPOSED, BOTH PARTIES WEARING MASKS:

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WHAT ABOUT VACCINES?

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ROLE OF TESTING

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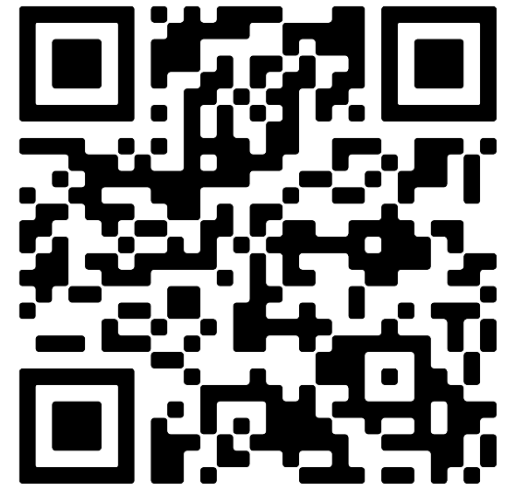
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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- **Virtual** learning through EI Academy
 - MySchool Remote not available per KSDE/
KS legislature
- **Innovative technology** use in instruction to expand opportunities
 - Devices and internet available for students
- **Social-emotional learning** a top priority
 - ESSER-funded investments underway





STUDENT, STAFF AND PARTNER ACTIVITIES

- **Resume** in 21-22 following all health/safety guidelines in place



- Parent, community partner, volunteer activities, foreign exchange students

- ***Masks required for visitors***

- Field trips

- In State: Allowed with mandatory masks for all participants

- Out of State: Suspended



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FOOD SERVICES

- Federal guidelines: *all students to eat at no cost during 21-22 (except a la carte)*
- Meals distributed to students at school, no remote sites
- Breakfast a priority
 - In classrooms at elementaries
 - Second chance, breakfast after bell in MS/HS
- Household income survey used in lieu of federal F/R lunch form in 21-22





TRANSPORTATION

- All students who ride buses (First Student/regular transportation *and* City of Wichita) are **required by federal law** to wear a mask while on the bus
- Masks will be available for those students who arrive at the bus without one





ADMINISTRATIVE

RECOMMENDATION TO BOE

- **Strongly recommend** that all WPS employees and students – regardless of vaccination status – wear masks indoors
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- We will monitor WPS data and public health requirements – *changes and concerns* will come back to the BOE for discussion and potential action