

Dear WCASD Families and Community,

I apologize for interrupting your weekend, but I would like to share an update regarding current COVID-19 community levels. This week, Chester County moved into the 'high' community level on [the CDC's COVID Data Tracker](#). The Chester County Health Department (CCHD) also released its [Weekly Data Update](#), which confirmed the CDC's data and also places the county in the 'high' level.

As our [WCASD Health and Safety Plan](#) directs the District to adhere to changes in guidance from national and local health authorities and the CDC recommends mask wearing indoors within the 'high' community level, the **West Chester Area School District will recommend but not require that masks be worn while in WCASD buildings starting on Monday, May 23, 2022.**

Additionally, the WCASD School Board will also hold a **Special Board Meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** to immediately review and better align our Health and Safety Plan with current guidance and hear from our community. This meeting will also be live streamed via our WCASD YouTube Channel.

Although Chester County has moved into the 'high' community level, the number of student cases this past week dropped by approximately 25% in comparison to the prior week. These numbers mark the first decline in student cases since Spring Break. As we continue to work together to keep our students, staff, and community healthy, I would like to share the following CCHD and District recommendations:

- Conduct daily health screenings and do not send your child to school if [symptoms of COVID-19](#) emerge.
- Free COVID tests are available at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.
- The District will continue to report known COVID-19 cases on our [dashboard](#) through the end of this school year.

We will keep you informed on the guidance we receive from the CDC and the CCHD and updates to our WCASD Health and Safety Plan as we monitor and respond to COVID-19 in our community.

I appreciate everything our families and community have done to make this school year a safe and successful one for our District!

Sincerely,

Dr. Sokolowski  
Superintendent