



WESTERN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDELINES TO STAY OPEN

A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL OPEN AND PREVENT FUTURE COVID SHUTDOWNS

5 DAYS A WEEK

- School will be in session 5 days a week
- Western Gateway Elementary School (WGES) will offer a virtual option ONLY if the entire grade level has been quarantined
- School start times will remain the same

ALL STAFF & STUDENTS WEAR MASKS

Choose masks that have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric. Your mask should completely cover your nose and mouth and fit snugly against the side of your face without gaps. It's helpful if your mask has a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask.

COVID PRECAUTIONS AND CLEANING

- WGES will provide students and staff with personal hygiene education as a preventative measure
- Social distancing is encouraged when space allows
- Students will not be restricted to pods
- Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged for use
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used in classrooms as needed, especially during flu season

COVID CASES & CONTACT TRACING

- WGES will track the number of positive COVID cases reported in the county
- Contact tracing will not take place unless directed by the county health department
- Vaccinations are encouraged but not required for those eligible
- COVID testing will be offered for employees and students as long as the demand for testing warrants keeping a testing site open

VIRTUAL MEETINGS & REMOTE LEARNING

- If school is closed due to COVID, inclement weather, or other extraordinary circumstances, virtual learning may be instituted
- Virtual parent / teacher conferences and IEP / 504 meetings will be offered to parents who cannot or choose not to attend in person

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Students will resume breakfast and lunch as they were prior to COVID
- Students will eat in the cafeteria
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the '21-'22 school year and will be provided if school is closed due to COVID
- Guests at lunch will be limited to special occasions set by the school

PARENT, GUESTS & VISITORS

- Visitors and guests will be allowed in the building for programs and other special events
- All visitors and guests must check in at the front office
- School community meetings and volunteers are welcomed in the building and on field trips

OTHER INFO

- Students with disabilities will be provided services based upon their IEP or 504 educational plan
- Field trips will be allowed based on the procedures that were in place pre-COVID
- Recesses will resume as they were prior to COVID
- YMCA will continue to provide before & after school services



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

THAT MAKE YOU AND YOUR LA FAMILIA OSO (BEAR FAMILY) SICK!

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in a waste basket
- Or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve - not your hands
- You may be asked to put on a mask to protect others
- Wash your hands with soap & water after coughing or sneezing
- Or use hand sanitizer

COVID EXPOSURE PROCEDURES

FOR QUARANTINING & ISOLATING ACCORDING TO CDC GUIDELINES

Low-risk: general symptoms

Fever (100.4F or higher) Headache
Prolonged Sore throat Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea
Congestion / runny nose Fatigue / muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms

Cough
Difficulty breathing
Loss of taste and / or smell

Regardless of vaccination status, if you are exhibiting symptoms stay home & contact the school.

QUARANTINE PROCEDURES IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19

Exposure: within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days (or 48 hours) before the infected person's onset of symptoms.

IF YOU ARE UP TO DATE ON VACCINES NO NEED TO QUARANTINE:

Have been boosted **OR**

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months **OR**

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

HERE IS WHAT TO DO:

Wear a mask around others for 10 days.

Test on day 5 if possible. WGES is a FREE Covid Testing Site and can administer Covid tests to students and staff on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

If a student has had 2 vaccinations within the last 6 months and has been exposed, they can remain in school if they have no symptoms and wear a mask.

NOT UP TO DATE ON VACCINES - NEED TO QUARANTINE:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine **over 6 months ago** and are **NOT boosted OR**

Completed the primary series of J&J **over 2 months ago** and are **NOT boosted OR**

Are **unvaccinated**

HERE IS WHAT TO DO:

Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

Test on day 5 if possible. WGES is a FREE Covid Testing Site and can administer Covid tests to students and staff on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

ISOLATE IF YOU HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS:

Stay home for 5 days.

If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house.

Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves*.

*WGES defines "fever resolves" as no fever without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.

Under no circumstances should schools allow someone with COVID-19 to return in fewer than 5 full days. CDC guidelines have decreased number of days from 10 to 5 for quarantine and isolation.

WGES recommends students, teachers, and staff age 5 and up get vaccinated, and that students, teachers, and staff ages 12 and up receive their booster as soon as they're eligible.