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Hello Woodlands Families!

COVID-19 Update

Last Thursday night MKE county moved to the high level of transmission for COVID. The MHD recommends that all individuals wear masks while indoors. They have not and will not put forward a recommendation for a mask mandate for MKE county. I, along with other Milwaukee school/organizational leaders, meet with Commissioner Johnson every other week to discuss the pandemic and recommendations for schools. She discussed this pending change with us at that time. The MHD recommends that the public move to masking indoors. It is not mandated and will not be mandated. She recommended that schools move forward with recommendations that make sense for their communities.

In response to this information, the Woodlands administration recommends that Woodlands continue our masking policy that we have put in place as it provides the local/organizational response to COVID outbreaks from the classroom level up through organization level. [Here is a copy](#) of the updated COVID-19 protocols.

When we see cases increase in a classroom, unit, or campus, we institute universal masking for that classroom, unit or campus. We do not feel it is necessary for the entire organization to return to masking.

We encourage parents to have their students wear masks while inside of the building. We also ask parents to consider getting students 5 years old and older vaccinated. Please utilize the daily COVID testing program.

[Link to Register Students for diagnostic COVID-19 \(SARS-CoV2\) Testing at School](#)

Bluemound families please use org code 5510 when filling out the registration form
State Street families, please use org code 3121 when filling out the registration form

Mandatory Masking Procedure

Classroom: If **four or more** students/staff in a classroom test positive for COVID-19 in a 10 day period, the entire classroom must mask while inside of the building for two weeks.

Unit: If **six or more** students/staff in a unit test positive for COVID-19 in a 10 day period, the entire unit must mask while inside of the building for two weeks.

School/Campus: If **(30-BL, 23-ST)** students/staff in a school/campus test positive for COVID-19 in a 10 day period, the entire school/campus must mask while inside of the building for two weeks.

Organization If **(30-BL AND 23-ST)** students/staff in a school/campus test positive for COVID-19 in a 10 day period, the entire organization must mask while inside of the building for two weeks.

After two weeks, the situations listed above will be reevaluated by administration to determine if the masking mandate should continue or end.



Woodlands Enrollment Campaign

Woodlands has contracted with a PR and marketing agency located in Milwaukee to develop and launch a campaign to increase our student enrollment. The agency met with a group of Woodlands parents, staff and administration to develop a content strategy and have launched a digital, print and media campaign to advertise Woodlands and our enrollment efforts. Postcards have been mailed to a specific demographic, ads have been placed on Facebook as well as on the internet for specific demographics. They have also developed a Parent Toolkit that will allow our families to also advertise Woodlands on their social media outlets.

Parents, we need your help! Here's how you can help:

1. Please review the [Parent Toolkit Letter](#) to learn how you can use your social media to bring new students to Woodlands.
2. Use the [Parent Toolkit](#) to help bring new families to Woodlands.
3. Stop by the school office to pick up some Woodland Enrollment postcards to distribute out in the community.

Register Now for **June** Basketball Afterschool Sessions for Girls and Boys

Registration is now open for **June sessions for afterschool basketball** for Woodlands students in grades 3-8 hosted by The National Basketball Academy. The National Basketball Academy is the official youth hoops provider for the Milwaukee Bucks. The camp will be held in the Woodlands Bluemound gym. All Woodlands students (both campuses), get a discount on their registration. (The discount is included in the price.) You can sign your student up for as many days as you wish. Then you can select any days, (M-F), for your student to attend in the month of June. The sign-up that you received is only for the month of June. There will be an additional sign up for the month of July. [Registration](#)

Thank you for choosing to be a part of the Woodlands School community. We have a strong and proud past and a bright and exciting future!

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