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Dear Parents and Guardians:

On February 18, we sent a communication stating that Warren Township High School District 121 will no longer enforce a mask mandate in our buildings. On February 28, we learned that masks are no longer required on school buses. Moving forward, our students, staff, and visitors will make individual decisions regarding masks while at WTHS.

We understand and value the fact that not everyone shares the same opinion regarding the wearing of masks. We know our WTHS community members respect one another, and it is important that all students feel safe, supported, and included. We strongly believe in protecting *everyone's* ability to respectfully share their perspectives on all issues. That is what makes Warren so special and so strong.

As a reminder, our general health-related protocols include the following:

- WTHS will continue placing an emphasis on the three Ws, which are the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Wash your hands, Watch your distance, and Wear a mask (when an area is in high transmission).
- WTHS will continue to provide masks for students who request them as they enter buildings or school buses.
- We will continue to maintain a social distance of at least three (3) feet between students within classrooms, as long as it does not present a barrier to in-person learning.
- WTHS will work with students or staff who are immunocompromised to ensure we have accommodations in place when necessary.
- WTHS will continue to have hand sanitizer stations throughout our buildings.
- Our health office staff will continue to test students who have a parent permission form on file. We will work with families to provide information and health concern resources.
- Individuals should not come to school if they have symptoms on the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) COVID-19 updated list, which includes a temperature above 100.4 degrees.
- WTHS will continue to provide remote instruction for students while they are under quarantine due to being positive for COVID-19, as consistent with guidance from the Lake County Health Department (LCHD) or the IDPH.
- Our cleaning service will continue to focus on high-touch areas.
- WTHS will be thoughtful when it comes to gathering large groups of students in areas/spaces in the building.
- WTHS will adhere to any additional required mitigations as prescribed by the LCHD, IDPH, or Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

As always, thank you for your ongoing flexibility and support!

Sincerely,

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