

# WESTPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BACK-TO-SCHOOL REENTRY PLAN



## Masks / PPE

### Quick Reference Guide

September 2020



**Mask wearing has been identified as an essential safety measure for helping to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.**

- Masks will be worn by all students and staff when in the building (we recognize that some students or staff may have specific medical challenges with wearing masks and will work with individuals regarding any appropriate accommodations)
- The state has recommended that individuals bring in their own masks from home. We will have a sufficient supply of disposable masks on hand for either students or staff that may need a mask for the day.
- Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day for students and staff. Each school is currently working on a specific break schedule. When possible, these breaks will be taken outside. Additional distancing guidelines will be required during break periods.
- The district has also purchased other PPE (personal protective equipment) to help prevent the spread of any germs/viruses. This includes:
  - 3 ply face masks
  - N95 masks
  - Face shields
  - Disposable isolation gowns
  - Gloves
- Mask wearing compliance will be strictly adhered to – Students will receive a reminder to wear their masks and will be sent home if they do not comply. The student will not be able to return to school until they have agreed to wear their mask. For students/families that do not wish to wear masks, full remote learning options will be available. We recognize that this may be more challenging at the early primary grades and there will be a greater focus on teaching about the importance of mask wearing and assisting with mask wearing compliance prior to sending a child home.
- Even though the district has purchased desk barriers, masks still must be worn at all times (except for mask breaks and when eating) in accordance with state guidelines.

While all of these measures will help to promote a safe, sanitized learning environment, they will not be effective unless appropriate training is provided for all students and staff and everyone complies with the protocols. We need the assistance of families to help reinforce these expectations.

**Reminder...** school for students begins on Wednesday, September 16, 2020.