

September 20, 2023

Dear WBCS Families,

As we begin the 2023-2024 school year, we are looking forward to a safe and healthy year. We would like to take this opportunity to update you on this year's COVID-19 protocols and return to school policies. West Buffalo Charter School will continue to follow the NYSDOH, ECDOH, and CDC recommendations for COVID-19.

- Good handwashing will be encouraged throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and throughout the building.
- Proper sneezing, coughing, nose blowing etiquette will be encouraged.
- Staying home when sick is encouraged to prevent spreading illness.
- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must stay home for 5 days before returning to school. (Day 0 is the day symptoms began).
- Students and staff may return to school on day 6 as long as they are 24 hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication and have symptom improvement.
- Wearing a face mask when returning to school on days 6-10 is recommended, but is not required.
- A notification letter will be sent home with students in the classroom where a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 has been reported. Notifying families is not a NYSDOH requirement, but a useful strategy WBCS has elected to use so families can be aware of the situation and monitor their child for symptoms.

We recognize that the cold and flu season will soon be upon us, but feel that following the guidelines and recommendations from the health department and CDC will assist us in reducing the spread of germs and illnesses. We would like to thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to keep WBCS as healthy as possible. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding illness, return to school policies, or the COVID-19 protocols.

Sincerely,

***Mrs. Todoro***  
School Leader

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School Nurse