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WSD Schools to Move to LEVEL 1



At the Board of Education on September 17, the Board voted to move to LEVEL 1: In-person Learning beginning Monday, October 19. **This does not affect students and staff who are participating in the Virtual Academy.**

The WSD is committed to working as a team to welcome our students back in the safest manner possible, and will be reviewing and updating the [Roadmap to Reopening Plan](#) to ensure we have the appropriate precautions in place based on the latest guidance from health officials. **We will expand the mask requirement to include Pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grade students beginning October 19, so all grades Pre-K through 12 students will be required to wear a face covering when physical distancing is not feasible.**

Within our buildings, we will continue to implement the following protocols to protect the health and safety of our students, staff, and families:

- All students and staff will continue to complete a health screening before coming to school or work.
- Students and staff will be frequently reminded about the importance of proper handwashing; hand-sanitizer units have been placed in each classroom and throughout our buildings.
- Students in grades K-12 and all staff members will be required to wear face coverings when physical distancing is not feasible.
- Schools will be cleaned daily and deep cleaned when we are notified of a positive case of COVID-19.

Please refer to the dedicated page on the [District website](#) for updates related to COVID-19. It includes case and quarantine updates for students and staff as well as a link to the [St. Charles County Department of Public Health dashboard](#) that can be viewed by school district. It also includes a link to [frequently asked](#)

[questions](#), which are being updated regularly as we receive new questions.






## ACCEPTABLE MASKS

In accordance with CDC guidance, a well-secured cloth or mask that fits snugly against the face, covers an individual's nose & mouth, and is secured under the chin will be accepted.

**ACCEPTABLE:**

- (BEST) Cloth masks that fully cover nose, mouth, and chin
- (GOOD) Disposable cloth mask
- (OKAY) Neck Gaiters (as long as they cover the nose and mouth and are secured under the chin)
- (OKAY) Bandanas (offers the least protection because they do not fully secure under the chin)

**NOT ACCEPTABLE:**

- Face shields (unless combined with a cloth mask)
- Masks with exhalation valve or vent
- Masks made solely of materials like mesh or lace
- Knitted masks
- Masks with profanity or imagery that violates the student dress code

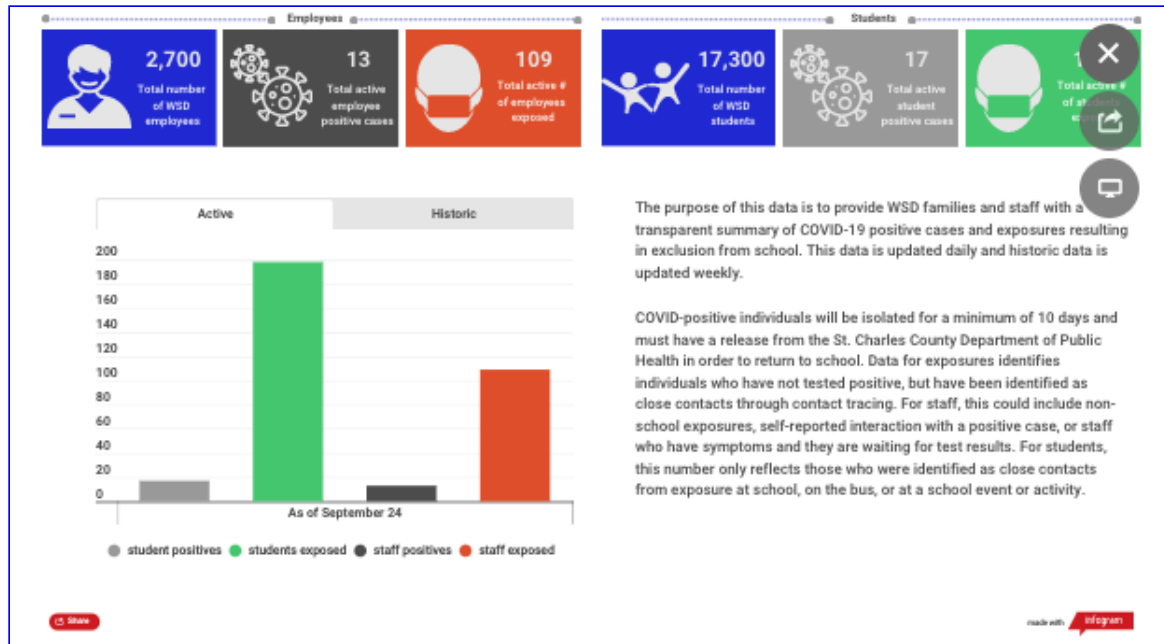
**PLEASE NOTE:** WSD's guidelines on acceptable masks may change as the CDC and other medical organizations release new guidance.

## HELPFUL MASK TIPS

- Label your student's mask with their name.
- Provide a lanyard for use during meal times or other times when the mask is off.
- Launder masks regularly.
- Let your student choose a mask color or design they like.
- Model good mask-wearing to help your student embrace the habit.

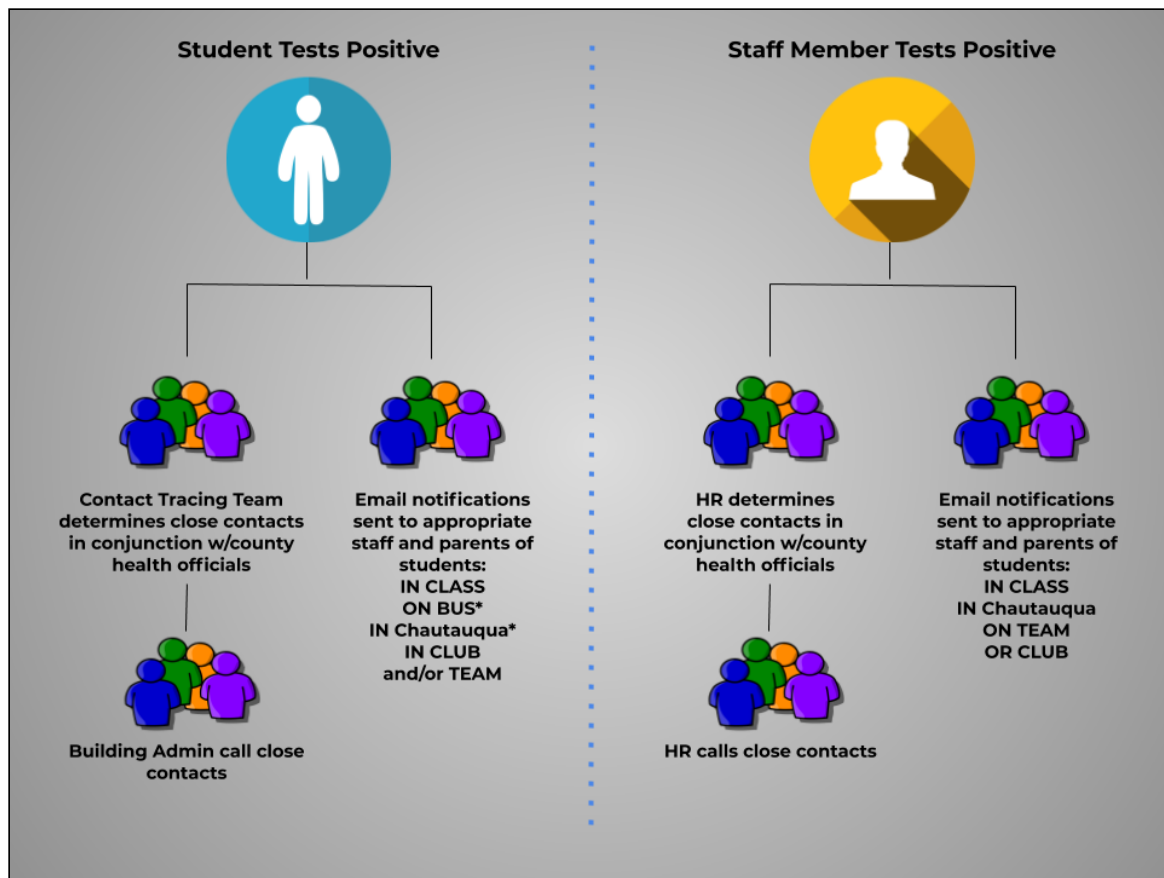
## COVID-19 Updates

The WSD is committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. This resource will be updated regularly as we receive new information related to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) from the St. Charles County Department of Public Health, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



This is an update to the number of COVID positive cases and quarantines for both staff and students over the last two weeks. Please note the number of staff quarantines include non-school exposures, but the number of student quarantines are only those who were exposed at school. This information is updated daily for students and weekly for staff and it is posted under the [COVID updates on the WSD website](#).

As outlined in the [Roadmap to Reopening Plan](#), when the District is notified of a positive test with a staff member or student, we initiate an investigation and contact tracing in conjunction with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health. Anyone determined to be a close contact\* with the COVID-positive staff member or student **is called** and instructed to self-isolate and contact their physician. We also notify them that we have shared their contact information with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health and that they will be hearing from County Health with further instructions (typically between 24-48 hours). Parents of students in the class, on the bus, and on the team or in the club/activity (if applicable) who are **not** close contacts receive an email notification that there was a positive case in their child's class (or on their child's bus/team) and they should watch for symptoms. Our school buildings are cleaned nightly and deep cleaned and sanitized weekly on Wednesdays. When there is a student or staff positive case identified, a team of custodians is dispatched to that building to deep clean that day.



COVID-19 is thought to be spread via person-to-person contact through contaminated air droplets from coughing and sneezing by an infected person. As with controlling the spread of other viruses, we urge everyone to take the following preventive measures:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands regularly, especially after using the restroom and before preparing or consuming food. Using soap and hot water, wash for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid coughing or sneezing into your hands or in the air. Always try to cough or sneeze into a tissue, then throw the tissue away. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into your arm.
- As much as you can, avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Maintain at least six feet away from those who do not live with you or wear a face covering.

The WSD will continue to work with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff and families. If parents have any questions about the protocols related to positive cases in our schools, please contact your school nurse or the Director of Health Services, Laurie Castiaux.

\*A *close contact*, [as defined by the CDC](#), is someone who has been within six feet of the positive person while they were infectious for 15 cumulative minutes or more, even if one or both people were wearing face coverings. COVID-19 positive individuals are considered infectious from 48 hours before their symptoms began (or 48 hours before they were tested for COVID if they never had symptoms).

## [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#)

### At-Home Screening Reminder

Following the recommendations of the local health department and CDC, and the Health Services Department, the Wentzville School District is practicing new illness protocols for the 2020-21 school year. Our overall goal is to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for **all students and staff**. With Covid-19 symptoms resembling, but not limited to, other illnesses or medical issues, such as seasonal allergies or the common cold, we will be taking more precautions than usual.

Please monitor your children at home, **before coming to school**. If your child has any one or more of the following symptoms, please keep your child at home.

- Fever 100.0 or above
- new onset cough
- difficulty breathing
- headache
- loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- diarrhea
- nausea/vomiting
- fatigue
- runny nose/congestion



If your child is assessed, and you are called for pickup, we ask that you pick up your student as soon as possible, but no longer than one hour after you received notification that your child is being sent home. Your child may not return to school, until they are completely symptom free for 24 hours.

If your child or a child's immediate family member has tested positive for Covid-19, or if you have received direct contact from the health department regarding quarantine procedures for your student, please notify your school's nurse of this information as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your continued support and effort to keep all students safe and healthy during this time.

### WSD Names Newest High School

The WSD Board of Education has approved naming the District's fourth high school, currently under construction at the corner of North Point Prairie Road and West Meyer Road in Wentzville, North Point High School. Dr. Amanda Shelmire, who has been named the school principal, selected the grizzly as the school's

mascot. Over 260 name and mascot suggestions were submitted by students and families living in the new high school attendance area. “Our stakeholder’s voice is valued and extremely important to me,” Shelmire shared with the Board of Education. “Therefore, it was an easy decision when the most popular name was North Point High School and when the most popular mascot submitted was a grizzly.”



North Point High School is the second new high school built in the WSD since 2013, when Liberty High School opened in Lake Saint Louis. The District’s other high schools include Timberland and Holt, which are both located in Wentzville. The Wentzville School District has been the fastest growing school district in the state for two decades and currently has approximately 17,300 students in grades K-12. North Point High School is scheduled to open in 2021 to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. It will be a 310,000 square-foot comprehensive high school when completed and the school colors will be navy blue and orange. For more information, including photos and videos of North Point High School, [visit the WSD website](#).



### Faces of the WSD – Gwen Doyle, Child Nutrition Director



Child Nutrition Director Gwen Doyle is a story of how far perseverance and spirit can take a person. Starting as a substitute, Doyle worked her way up to a director role in the WSD Child Nutrition Department. The care she has for every student and coworker shines through those meals that fuel our students' success. And when the pandemic arrived in March, Doyle's efforts immediately shifted to making sure that the kids and families who depended on the meals from the WSD still got the nourishment they needed. #FacesoftheWSD

## WSD Celebrates Patriot Day





Students across the District participated in Patriot Day activities on September 11 to remember the lives lost on 9/11 and to honor first responders and community service providers. Since they couldn't hold their usual large-scale events this year, students and staff found creative ways to remember the significance of the day. Wabash Elementary, Heritage Primary and Heritage Intermediate students made cards to honor local first responders. Heritage Intermediate staff members came together to create a fun dance challenge for Wentzville firefighters, police, and city officials.

At Frontier Middle and Timberland High, a special reading was shared over the morning announcements, and the 8th grade choir at Frontier Middle sang the National Anthem. Staff and students across the WSD proudly wore red, white and blue, observed a moment of silence, and discussed the historical significance of the events that took place on 9/11. #WeAreWentzville

## Journey Ribbon Cutting



The Wentzville School District officially opened the doors to Journey Elementary School, the District's 13th elementary school, with a socially-distanced ribbon cutting ceremony on August 19. The new building is nearly 105,000 square feet and it is one of the largest elementary schools built in the history of the WSD. The WSD has been the fastest growing school district in Missouri for the past two decades and now has over 17,300 students. During that same time period, the District has built 12 new schools and a new transportation facility.

Journey Elementary welcomed students for the first time on August 24. The school is located at 2000 Interstate Drive in Wentzville and has 625 students enrolled both in person and virtually. It was built with funds from Proposition E, which was passed by WSD voters in April, 2018. "This amazing structure is just that, a building. It's the people who will make it great," shared Dr. Candice Belton, Journey Elementary Principal. "Our desire is to make this a place of learning and growth for all that the entire Wentzville School District can be proud of. Those of us who you have entrusted to lead this generation of learners on their individual journey, will make excellence a habit and with that, live out our mission of Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow."

## 100 Days of Hope



September 22 marked 100 days left in 2020, so we are kicking off "100 Days of Hope" and inviting staff, students, families and our community to join us in our #hopehandoff as we spread hope, positivity, gratitude, inspiration and more to our #WSDfamily. What will you do to spread hope?

### WSD Student Recognized for Bravery

Lakeview Elementary student Logan Hammel has been recognized by the Wentzville Fire Protection District for his bravery in using the heimlich maneuver to save his sister's life and [the story](#) was aired last week by Fox2Now.

#WSDproud



Tech Tip from WSD Technology Department – Tips for Good Digital Parenting (STEP 7)

STEP 7

# BE A GOOD DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

**Curb** your own bad digital habits

**Know** when and where to unplug

**Show** your kids how to collaborate and be kind online



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[In Episode 4](#) of the 7 Steps to Good Digital Parenting video series, viewers watch a family with older kids navigate social media with Step 7, Be a Good Digital Role Model. By respecting your child's online space and encouraging thoughtful interactions on social media, families can learn from each other and have fun online.

### **Be a Good Digital Role Model**

- Curb your own bad digital habits
- Know when and where to unplug
- Show your kids how to collaborate and be kind online

Stay tuned for all seven tips to good digital parenting from the Family Online Safety Institute!

### **Join the WSD Finance Committee**

Would you like to learn more about District finances? For instance, where does District revenue come from? How is the tax rate calculated? What is the largest District expenditure?

These are just a few of the items the Finance Committee will analyze. The committee will also work to answer any questions you may have about school


finance. There will be three meetings throughout the school year. If you are interested in being involved, please contact [Pat Jolley](#) in the WSD Finance Department



## Next Board Meeting Scheduled for October 15



The Wentzville School District Board of Education will be hosting its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. In an effort to appropriately socially distance, the meeting will be held at Liberty High School. Board meetings are streamed live and recorded on the [WSD YouTube channel](#).



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Limited spots available  
[kjfun.com/sensoryday](http://kjfun.com/sensoryday)

### Kokomo Joe's Family Fun Sensory Days

WSD Marketing Partner Kokomo Joe's Family Fun Center in St. Peters, is having a Sensory Day for special needs families during the first Saturday morning of every month. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the facility will be reserved for families with special needs until 10:00 a.m. Tickets are available to purchase in advance to reserve a spot. Kokomo Joe's can be reached at 636-447-5656.



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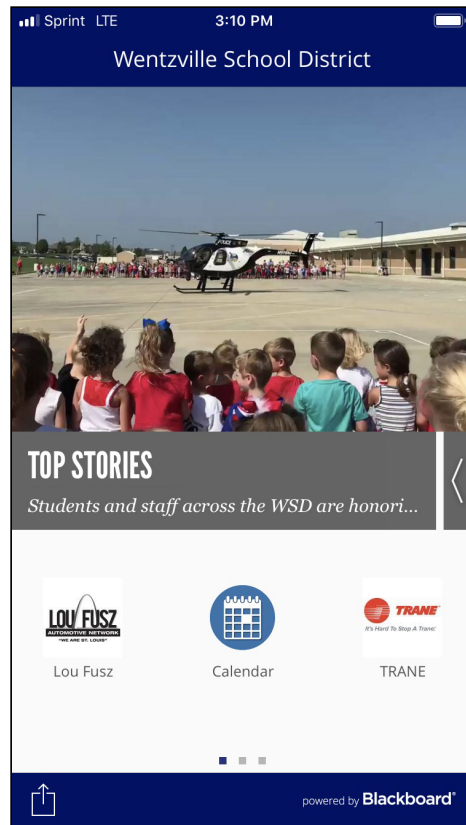




### Have You Downloaded the WSD App?

Are you new to the WSD? Be sure to download the app to have important information right at your fingertips. The app is available for both android devices and iPhones. On the app, you can:

- View news stories
- View calendar info
- View lunch menus
- Access school and staff info
- Receive important alerts
- View sports scores
- Locate Directory Information



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