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Walton-Verona Stakeholders:

Like all of you, I am excited about a fantastic 2022-2023 school year as we continue our Tradition of Excellence in Walton-Verona. As summer break is rapidly coming to an end, I wanted to provide an update about how we will deal with COVID this school year.

WVIS will follow guidance from the Kentucky Department for Public Health, the Northern Kentucky Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, and the Kentucky Department of Education and require any student/staff member reporting a positive COVID test result to isolate/stay home for 10 days. The student/staff member may return after 5 days IF they are experiencing no symptoms AND agree to wear a mask for the remaining 5 days. In addition, if Boone County is in the Red/High Community Level, masks will be recommended. Please understand that this is an individual/family decision.

In short, our school district will handle COVID like any other communicable disease: COVID testing and contact tracing will not be implemented. More information can be located on the Northern Kentucky Health Department webpage. Students who are isolated due to a positive COVID test will be required to follow normal procedures to make up missed work. Staff who are isolated due to a positive COVID test will be required to follow normal procedures and use sick days.

Any questions or concerns regarding COVID should be directed to your physician or the Northern Kentucky Health Department. The Walton-Verona Independent School District will continue monitoring data and reviewing or updating our COVID procedures as needed throughout the school year.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to maintain in-person learning for our students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Matt Baker
Superintendent