



# Weld County School District RE-5J

110 S Centennial Dr Ste. A  
Milliken, Colorado 80543

## Return to Learn

Our proposed layers of COVID-19 health and safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year are designed to keep our students learning in-person with their teachers. We all agree that is the place where they can learn and grow to their highest potential.

Please remember, that all of the guidelines listed below are **subject to change** based on COVID-19 numbers and guidance from local and state health departments and may be implemented on a school, community or district level.

### **All schools in the Weld County School District RE-5J will follow the proposed guidelines below:**

- Highly recommend mask wearing per guidance from CDC, AAP, CDPHE, and Weld County Health. Masks will not be mandatory in schools.
- Require masks for all individuals on buses under federal order.
- Continue hand washing and providing hand sanitizer in all facilities and on buses.
- Continue deep cleaning and sanitizing of all student contact areas.
- Provide outdoor learning opportunities to the greatest extent possible.
- Encourage the practice of social distancing of at least 3 feet when possible and practical.
- Continue to monitor for symptoms as students display or complain of symptoms and encourage symptom monitoring at home. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE ILL.**
- Follow Weld County Health quarantine guidelines for those students exposed to a positive case.
- Continue monitoring staff absenteeism, student absenteeism and reported COVID-19 cases through weekly COVID Data Tracker
- Participate in weekly, free, voluntary COVID testing from district nurses
- Weld RE-5J will continue to provide information for families/staff that may be interested in vaccinating. Those who are fully vaccinated (14 days from their last dose) will not be quarantined if exposed.



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## **Quarantine Information**

- Quarantine decisions will be made on a case by case basis in conjunction with district administration, nurses, and Weld County Health.
- Vaccinated staff and students will be exempt from quarantine unless the vaccinated individual becomes ill with COVID.
- Anyone who has had COVID in the last 90 days and who is asymptomatic does not have to quarantine.

## **Athletics**

- Follow Colorado High School Athletics and Activities guidance around sports participation.
- Support spectators in participating alongside athletics.

## **Other Activities**

- Support the continuation of music, performing arts, and PE.
- Encourage parent visitors and parent volunteers, clubs, assemblies, use of lockers, and field trips as part of the educational experience

We will continue to work with our local public health departments, medical providers and neighboring school districts to stay informed on the latest and best data to inform our decisions.

We are eager to begin the new school year. Though we may not ultimately agree on the best pathway to move forward, what we know for sure is that we all care about and want the best for your children. We are hopeful that everyone will be respectful of these decisions, and the opinions of others.

Sincerely  
Weld County School District RE-5J Administration

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