

# Washington School District

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Dear Junior/Senior High School Families,

Our pandemic team has been tracking and monitoring the spread of positive COVID-19 cases in our schools. Today we had a significant spike in our number of positive COVID-19 cases in the JH/SH where 13 new positive COVID-19 cases were reported between Saturday and today. We currently have 44 positive COVID-19 cases in the JH/HS which is a 7.2% positivity rate.

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Out of an abundance of caution and for the safety of our students and staff, our JH/HS will pivot to synchronous virtual learning on Wednesday October 6th, Thursday October 7th, and Friday October 8th, with an anticipated return to school date of Monday October 11th. This action is recommended by the PA Department of Health, our school district physician, and is supported by our Pandemic Team. Students will learn from home during these days following a normal school day schedule and they will be expected to log into each teacher's google meeting to continue learning this week through a virtual learning format and to be marked as present for attendance. Attendance will be marked within the first 5 minutes of each class period.

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There is in-person school Tomorrow, Tuesday October 5th for all students in the JH/SH. Tomorrow afternoon, at the end of the day students will be able to take home breakfast and lunch for the remainder of the week.

Beginning tomorrow, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3PM, all JH/SH sports, extracurricular activities, and the Prexie Center will be closed until Monday, October 11th.

There will be no transportation provide to Western Area Career and Technical Center from Wednesday through Friday this week; however, students may attend classes virtually or provide their own transportation to attend in-person class.

Washington Park elementary school will continue to operate as normal for in-person learning for the remainder of the week as the number of positive COVID-19 cases is much lower than in the JH/SH with a total number of 12 positive COVID-19 cases.

If you have questions or need to reach the JH/HS nurse regarding close contact, positive cases in your household, positive test results, or have questions, please contact Ashley Brand at 724-223-5087.

We know these decisions are difficult to make and we have considered a variety of options. We understand the impact these decisions have on our students, parent, and community and we ask for your continued support in educating our students during a global pandemic. We will continue to notify you of any changes through phone blasts.

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