



West Northfield School District 31

2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

District 31 will be following health and safety guidelines highlighted below from the IDPH and the CCDPH. The District will continually evaluate mitigation strategies to determine if strategies can be eliminated or modified or need to be added.

- Social Distancing
- Masking required
- Hand and Respiratory Hygiene
- Cleaning and Disinfection
- Building Ventilation and Filters
- Quarantine/Travel Protocols Aligned with the CCDPH/IDPH
- Optional Weekly Testing Protocols*

*School-Based Weekly COVID-19 Testing

District 31 partnered with SHIELD Illinois to provide weekly PCR saliva testing (not nasal or throat swab) for students and staff at Winkelman and Field school for the 2021 - 2022 school year. This test is administered on site at no cost to families. All students are assumed participants UNLESS an opt-out form is completed and sent into the school offices. A testing FAQ is available at www.district31.net/shieldtesting.

Masking

All students, staff and visitors to District 31 will be required to wear masks indoors in order to comply with the recommendations from the CDC, IDPH, and CCDPH. Mask wearing is generally optional outside.

The state requires ALL individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks on buses.

Vaccinations

District 31 encourages families to consider vaccination opportunities for their child once they are eligible. If a family would like to have a child vaccinated and needs help finding a location that will provide the appropriate vaccination, please contact the school nurse.

As students receive their second shot of the vaccine, we ask parents to voluntarily send a picture of the front of the vaccine card to the school nurse: tgastelum@district31.net (Field) or send a copy to the office.