

April 14, 2022

Dear Washington Central Community,

April break is right around the corner!

The CDC community level was updated this evening. Washington County is still medium. That means that masking in our schools remains optional. Should next week's updated level warrant a change in masking practices, we will send out a notification prior to our return to school on Monday, April 25.

During both December and February breaks, the state made COVID tests available to students so that they could test prior to returning to school from those extended breaks. We have not heard of a similar program for returning to school after April break. At this point the only student testing program that is happening in school is diagnostic testing for students who are symptomatic. That being said, we do have an ample supply of rapid antigen test kits available from previous testing protocols, and we have been encouraged to use them before they expire in July. You are welcome to make arrangements with your school nurse to secure a test kit tomorrow. If you would like to pick up a test kit during April break, you may pick one up at Central Office, 1130 Gallison Hill Road. Please report positive test results to Maria Melekos, our COVID-19 Coordinator, at mmelekos@u32.org.

No matter what your plans are for April break, may you find some time to rest and recharge. When we return to school later this month, the weather will be warmer, the days will be even longer, our students will prepare to participate in state and local assessments, and we will all be working hard to focus on the deep learning that will take place this spring while also looking ahead to next year.

I will be taking time off next week and will be away from the office. As always, please reach out to me at jmillerarsenault@u32.org or 802-229-0553 if you have questions or concerns. I will get back to you shortly after my return to the office on April 25.

Warmly,
Jen Miller-Arsenault
Interim Superintendent