



WORCESTER CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Dear Worcester School Community,

I wanted to share a very important update. We have been carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation in our immediate area. Today we have been in communication with the NYS and Otsego County Departments of Health. While the county is experiencing continued COVID-19 cases we have not been informed of any recent COVID-19 cases within our school.

After many conversations, this week with other school leaders, officials from both the NYS and Otsego County Departments of Health and careful and thoughtful consideration; ***WCS will return to in-person learning beginning Monday, January 25th for all PreK through 12th grade students.***

Our goal is to remain with in-person learning for as long as possible and this is only accomplished with your help. Quarantine guidelines are quite often the reason schools must transition to remote learning because adequate staffing cannot be maintained. This has been the case at WCS.

When we return to school it is **very important** that every student **be absolutely symptom free** before entering the building. We ask that each family diligently screen their child before sending them to school. In addition, all students and staff will be required to wear masks at all times, even when social distancing can be maintained. The exceptions will be for student mealtimes and mask breaks. We want to eliminate as many variables as possible that can cause large groups to quarantine and force WCS back to remote learning.

I know that working together our students will remain with in-person learning for as long as possible and receive the many benefits of learning at school. I thank you in advance for doing your part in helping us return and remain with in-person learning. I again thank you for your continued patience, support, and flexibility; and I wish each of you to remain safe and in good health.

Respectfully,

Tim Gonzales
Superintendent

