

Good Afternoon Walter Johnson HS Community Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying their weekend. MCPS recently sent out this [COMMUNICATION](#) that MCPS schools will remain in-person. Any schools potentially moving to 14 days of virtual learning will be determined on an individual school basis. So, we will be holding school at Walter Johnson in-person this coming week. We will of course do everything we can to keep our students and staff safe.

On Monday, students will receive COVID rapid test kits in their 7th period classes. Each student will receive one rapid test kit, which contains two tests. These are only for the WJ students and staff. They are not to be given to family members. Students who receive the test kits Monday should test themselves on Monday evening after school. All details regarding the test kits and what to do with positive results are in this [LETTER](#) (Make sure you are logged into your Google Account). The letter is in both Spanish and English and has a video to watch on how the test kit works. Please read the letter carefully. For those students who are absent Monday or do not have a 7th period, we will make sure to get those tests kits out by Tuesday, January 11th.

We are also working on getting KN95 masks to all students and I will notify the community when they become available. These are the most effective masks to diminish the chance of transmission and are highly recommended for maximum effectiveness. Be vigilant in you mask wearing Wildcats, wash hands and distance as much as possible. These steps will help keep everyone safer.

Here is a [WEBSITE](#) where community members can look up where get vaccinated if you are not already vaccinated or have not received your booster.

There are two weeks left in this quarter and semester. So, this is a great time for students to make up any outstanding assignments. We know this has been a tough semester and we are here to help. Our teachers will work very hard to help our students finish strong. This is a collaboration and please be sure to communicate with teachers so they are aware of any extenuating circumstances. I commend both staff and students for persevering through this unusually difficult time. We are always stronger together!

Reminders:

- Wednesday, January 12th is a half-day. Schedules can be found at: www.walterjohnson.com
- Monday, January 17th is a holiday and no school for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Finally, Please continue to report positive cases and keep students who are symptomatic at home. In order to ensure you have accurate and up-to-date information regarding positive cases report to this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl4fCpohAJvMLG_9aqLLtFz-bGJJl7AMPg2BhU8eZkZ_FWLg/viewform

Thank You,

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