COVID-19 Community Feedback Survey Results

This document provides the results of Woodland Public Schools’ COVID-19 Prevention and Safety Survey conducted throughout December 2021.

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Introduction

Woodland Public Schools administered a survey for all district parents and guardians to provide feedback about the district’s following of COVID-19 prevention and safety mandates and guidelines. A total of 359 respondents, both English-speaking and Spanish-speaking, responded during the survey timeline from Friday, December 3, 2021 through Friday, December 10, 2021.

Survey Reopened from December 20-31, 2021

Following community inquiries during the initial presentation of results, the survey was reopened to allow for more participation from Monday, December 20 through Friday, December 31. An additional 180 respondents completed the survey resulting in a total response rate of 36.22% of the 1,488 invitees.

An average response rate ranges between 15-25% for email surveys, meaning the response rate for this survey likely represents a statistically-confident representation of the Woodland community.

Top-Sheet Summary

The Top-Sheet Summary provides general observations to respondents’ answers for the survey, however, more detailed analysis is provided in the report. The observations remained unchanged following the survey reopening.

Charts from the original dataset without the additional responses has been included in the following pages, however, the new responses typically did not change the initial data more than +/-0.5%, at most.

Here are the top recurring themes provided by respondents:

- **In-school learning is a priority and it is important to students’ well-being.**
  The vast majority of respondents feel students are safe attending school in-person and that in-person learning substantially benefits students’ social and emotional well-being.

- **Additional childcare options, better internet service, and more teacher support would benefit many who must self-isolate or quarantine.**
  For those who need to self-quarantine or isolate, the schools are performing well in general, however additional support in the form of direct teacher support as well as additional childcare and internet service options would be beneficial.

- **Most respondents do not agree with social distancing, mask-wearing, or vaccine mandates.**
  The majority of respondents do not agree with the use of many COVID-19 mitigation procedures including social distancing and mask-wearing. Additionally, respondents overwhelmingly disagree to some extent with the concept of a vaccine requirement.
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Summary Analysis
Updated to reflect additional responses received as of December 31, 2021

• **In-person school benefits student well-being.**
  The vast majority of respondents feel attending in-person school has benefited their students’ well-being with 93.68% responding Strongly Agree (81.6%) or Somewhat Agree (12.08%).

• **Students feel safe attending in person.**
  The vast majority of respondents responded that their students feel safe attending in person with 93.67% responding Strongly Agree (77.28%) or Somewhat Agree (16.39%).

• **Most respondents feel they receive enough information about COVID-19 and reported cases, but some could use more information.**
  A majority of respondents feel they receive enough information about COVID-19 and reported cases as 74.11% responded Strongly Agree (46.74%) or Somewhat Agree (27.37), however a sizable minority of 25.88% responded Strongly Disagree (13.59%) or Somewhat Disagree (12.29%).

• **Safety protocols are adequate to keep students safe.**
  A vast majority of respondents feel there are adequate safety protocols in place to help keep students safe from COVID-19 with 87.66% responding Strongly Agree (58.50%) or Somewhat Agree (29.16%) with a minority of 12.33% responding Strongly Disagree (5.79%) or Somewhat Disagree (6.54%).
Quarantine or Self-Isolation

Quarantine or Self-Isolation (N=531)

- My family has a plan for emergency childcare should our student need to self-isolate or quarantine.
  - Strongly Agree: 17.00%
  - Somewhat Agree: 9.68%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 15.37%
  - Strongly Disagree: 62.43%
- My family has adequate internet service for my student to complete homework and assignments if asked to self-isolate or quarantine.
  - Strongly Agree: 15.86%
  - Somewhat Agree: 7.68%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 17.73%
  - Strongly Disagree: 64.41%
- When asked to self-isolate or quarantine, my family received enough information about COVID-19 testing and a timeline to return to school.
  - Strongly Agree: 46.11%
  - Somewhat Agree: 7.59%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 10.51%
  - Strongly Disagree: 35.80%
- When asked to self-isolate or quarantine, my student received enough support from their teachers to continue learning while at home.
  - Strongly Agree: 35.92%
  - Somewhat Agree: 16.89%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 16.09%
  - Strongly Disagree: 35.92%

Total Number of Respondents: 531, 8 skipped (as of December 31, 2021)

Quarantine or Self-Isolation (N=357)

- My family has a plan for emergency childcare should our student need to self-isolate or quarantine.
  - Strongly Agree: 60.85%
  - Somewhat Agree: 12.39%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 12.39%
  - Strongly Disagree: 62.75%
- My family has adequate internet service for my student to complete homework and assignments if asked to self-isolate or quarantine.
  - Strongly Agree: 62.75%
  - Somewhat Agree: 7.64%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 8.24%
  - Strongly Disagree: 22.41%
- When asked to self-isolate or quarantine, my family received enough information about COVID-19 testing and a timeline to return to school.
  - Strongly Agree: 37.78%
  - Somewhat Agree: 11.08%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 8.24%
  - Strongly Disagree: 42.90%
- When asked to self-isolate or quarantine, my student received enough support from their teachers to continue learning while at home.
  - Strongly Agree: 37.39%
  - Somewhat Agree: 29.75%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 15.86%
  - Strongly Disagree: 17.00%

Total Number of Respondents: 357, 2 skipped (as of December 10, 2021)
Summary Analysis
Updated to reflect additional responses received as of December 31, 2021

- **Most have emergency childcare solutions, but some could use additional assistance.**
  The vast majority of respondents have a plan for emergency childcare should their child need to self-isolate or quarantine with 77.80% responding Strongly Agree (62.43%) or Somewhat Agree (15.37%), however a minority of 22.20% could use additional childcare options with 12.52% responding Strongly Disagree and 9.68% responding Somewhat Disagree.

- **Most have adequate internet service for remote learning, but some need additional options.**
  The vast majority of respondents have adequate internet service for remote learning with 85.31% responding Strongly Agree (64.41%) or Somewhat Agree (20.90%), however a minority of 14.69% responded Strongly Disagree (6.97%) or Somewhat Disagree (7.72%).

- **Generally, respondents received enough information about testing and return-to-school timelines, but there are some who see a benefit from more information.**
  While a majority of respondents felt they received enough information about COVID-19 testing and a timeline to return to school with 81.91% responding in agreement, the Strongly Agree figure of 46.11% dropped comparative to other responses in this section with 35.80% responding with Somewhat Agree and a minority of 18.10% responding Strongly Disagree (7.59%) or Somewhat Disagree (10.51%).

- **While most generally felt they received enough support from teachers while in remote, some could use additional support.**
  When it comes to receiving support in remote learning, fewer responded with Strongly Agree at 31.46% and while the majority (67.38%) responded in agreement, a significant minority of 32.62% responded needing additional support with 16.89% responding Strongly Disagree and 15.73% responding Somewhat Disagree.
Perspectives of Prevention Procedures

Perspectives of COVID-19 Prevention Procedures
(N=538)

- I know which agency to contact if I have a question or objection about a particular COVID-19 mandate.
  - Strongly Agree: 25.66%
  - Agree: 17.42%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 20.79%
  - Strongly Disagree: 36.14%

- The school board should closely follow all mandates and requirements passed by the government.
  - Strongly Agree: 22.24%
  - Agree: 23.18%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 15.89%
  - Strongly Disagree: 38.69%

- All eligible students and staff should be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine or receive an exemption.
  - Strongly Agree: 8.96%
  - Agree: 3.93%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 22.69%
  - Strongly Disagree: 66.60%

- Social distancing helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.
  - Strongly Agree: 22.24%
  - Agree: 37.39%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 14.55%
  - Strongly Disagree: 27.79%

- Students and staff should wear masks at all times in school.
  - Strongly Agree: 13.57%
  - Agree: 20.07%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 18.59%
  - Strongly Disagree: 47.77%

Total Number of Respondents: 538, 1 skipped (as of December 31, 2021)

Perspectives of COVID-19 Prevention Procedures
(N=359)

- I know which agency to contact if I have a question or objection about a particular COVID-19 mandate.
  - Strongly Agree: 24.02%
  - Agree: 19.83%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 17.75%
  - Strongly Disagree: 35.47%

- The school board should closely follow all mandates and requirements passed by the government.
  - Strongly Agree: 14.33%
  - Agree: 33.33%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 21.63%
  - Strongly Disagree: 41.29%

- All eligible students and staff should be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine or receive an exemption.
  - Strongly Agree: 8.06%
  - Agree: 9.47%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 22.75%
  - Strongly Disagree: 68.52%

- Social distancing helps reduce the spread of COVID-19.
  - Strongly Agree: 13.93%
  - Agree: 16.17%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 21.57%
  - Strongly Disagree: 52.65%

- Students and staff should wear masks at all times in school.
  - Strongly Agree: 11.70%
  - Agree: 22.09%
  - Somewhat Disagree: 18.94%
  - Strongly Disagree: 52.65%

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Summary Analysis
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- **Additional information about which agency oversees particular aspects of COVID-19 to contact regarding policies and mandates could be beneficial.**
  The majority of respondents generally know which agency to contact with 61.80% responding Strongly Agree (25.66%) or Somewhat Agree (36.14%) to questions regarding COVID-19, however a substantial minority of 38.21% respondents are unsure who to contact with 17.42% answering Strongly Disagree and 20.79% answering Somewhat Disagree.

- **The majority of respondents at least somewhat disagree with the school board closely following all mandates and requirements passed by the government.**
  The majority of respondents (61.87%) were in at least some disagreement with the school board following all mandates and requirements with 38.69% answering Strongly Disagree and 23.18% answering Somewhat Disagree. More than a third of respondents, 38.13%, agreed that the board should closely follow all requirements with 22.24% answering Strongly Agree and 15.89% answering Somewhat Agree.

- **The vast majority of respondents are strongly against a vaccine / exemption requirement for students and staff.**
  The vast majority of respondents (66.60%) answered Strongly Disagree to the concept of requiring either a vaccine or exemption of staff and students. 76.49% were in some form of disagreement with 9.89% answering Somewhat Disagree. A minority of respondents were in some support of a vaccine / exemption requirement with 14.55% answering Strongly Agree and 8.96% answering Somewhat Agree.

- **Respondents were mixed when it comes to using social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, leaning towards disagreement with social distancing.**
  Respondents were nearly split on social distancing, with a negligible majority of respondents (51.96%) disagreeing with social distancing with 24.67% answering Strongly Disagree and 27.29% answering Somewhat Disagree. Nearly half of respondents (48.03%) agree with some form of social distancing with 22.24% answering Strongly Agree and 25.79% answering Somewhat Agree.

- **The vast majority of respondents are strongly against students and staff wearing masks at all times in school.**
  A majority of respondents (66.36%) disagree with mask-wearing at all times with 47.77% answering Strongly Disagree and 18.59% answering Somewhat Disagree. A third of respondents (33.64%) support some form of mask-wearing with 20.07% answering Strongly Agree and 13.57% answering Somewhat Agree.
Additional Feedback

Respondents were provided with an optional comment box to provide additional feedback to either elaborate on topics addressed in the survey or to comment on items not addressed in the survey.

- Each bullet point represents the feedback from a single respondent.
- Respondents were not limited to the length of their response to the open-ended comments so some responses are longer than others.
- Comments containing personal attacks and/or language inappropriate for children under the age of 18 (e.g. swear words) have been stricken from the results.

*The responses below have not been edited in any way from what respondents entered, however, Spanish-language responses have been translated into English.*

- No more mask!
- If you do make it mandatory for students to get the vaccine to go to school, and we then decide to homeschool. Will they be able to participate in school sports, without the vaccine?
- The mandates are unconstitutional and they do not work! Want proof look at the covid infection rate difference between Washington state (mandates) and Arizona state (no mandates)!
- While the intentions of the school are good in providing safety for our children, I think the mandates from the state are very narrow minded, and only considered one aspect of our children’s well being. There seems to be no interest in evaluating the negative impact of the safety measures that are implemented (especially masks) on our children’s psychological and social development. Personally I believe the school is harming our children in following those directions. The CDC data shows that covid in children is less dangerous than the flu. (there were no measures taken in the past because of the flu season). We've been told that the school philosophy is that all students should be provided with a safe environment for education. My question is: What harm are we inflicting on all the other students in order to keep a "few" safe?
- There should not be any exemptions from getting the Covid-19 vaccine shots.
- Absences - students should not be deemed absent if they are following mandates to stay home. Testing requirements - students and staff should not be required to test for covid and stay home if they have ONE mild symptom (ie; a headache) that could be attributed to tons of things besides covid. Likewise, students should not be penalized for staying home if they have symptoms that could be either allergies or covid, and families want to give the child a day or two to see if the symptoms resolve or progress.
• Vaccines should be and always have been a choice. No one should be allowed to force our children into polluting their bodies with a vaccine that has been proven ineffective. I feel the wording in this survey was meant to direct answers in a certain way and to detour family from answering in general.

• I just wanted to say thank you. I know this isn't easy, and you have probably received ample negative comments. I appreciate the diligence and recognize how hard you are working to keep my child safe in these unprecedented times and sincerely appreciate all of it!!

• You don’t children shouldn’t have to wear mask and studies support that. Under no circumstances should the school board require the coco's vaccine for young children.

• Thank You All For Being There So Our Kids Can Be Back In Person Learning. Holiday Cheers To All!

• Please, can our kids and teachers not wear masks??? Is there ANY proof that it is helping?!?! Other states not requiring masks don't have students dying from covid left and right. Nor is it spreading rampantly through their schools. This is ridiculous. I know it's the governor's mandate, and not the school, but just felt the need to vent. Thank you for all you do.

• Making sure parents wear masks to pick up and drop off kids makes us nervous because there's many parents who refuse.

• I am concerned about the lasting effects of Co2 exposure of constant mask wearing and the fear mongering the Government is clearly inundating our children with.

• The students need to take their masks off. And forced vaccinations are unacceptable. Medical freedoms are more important than being forced into an ineffective experimental drug with side effects that can be just as costly and deadly than the virus.

• I'm concerned that the school will implement a vaccine mandate to continue to be funded by the state.

• In person learning has been the best for my student. She didn't do well at all with at home learning. Single parent household, I'm working all the time and she was always alone. no motivation and she was extremely depressed. She is happy to be back at school even in a mask. This is by far the best option for my student.

• What are the new mandates? Would you comply with a required vaccination?

• The mask mandate should end.

• Your job is education. It is not health. You are hurting kids trying to keep your funding. It's sick. You are going to fall on the wrong side of history.

• Thank you for following the scientific data that promotes safety and community health.
• Thank you for taking the survey. We really don’t think masks should be required.

• Common sense compliance with the state DOH guidelines should be followed as we progress through in-person learning over the rest of this year.

• Children are not as effected by Covid but they are being hurt by these policies

• Masks don’t work. Let our children breathe.

• Forcing masks on children is unnecessary, unhealthy and abusive. We’re strongly considering home schooling if the mandates continue.

• No questions or concerns. We support the district in what they’re doing to adhere to statewide mandates and keep staff and students as safe as possible. Thank you!

• We need to be better informed on proposed masked mandates and what it will be the current to have them lifted. Also, what will be the plan to catch up all the children to their specific grade level or will they all be kept back year to account for the lack of in person teaching last year.

• Students should be able to sign in online to watch classroom when they are home with covid. Or, they should have an online covid teacher for each grade. Horrible support when quarantined during covid.

• I’m tired of all this Covid stuff it is not killing kids. If the school does have an out break just send them home

• One of the answers should of included some what agree. I would have used to get answer if it was available.

• Many people have been working as essential workers through this since the beginning without the luxury of “throwing a tantrum” for lack of a better term. It is my belief that the mandates put in place and the requirements to follow them are what have kept our family safe. People will always try to make a stand, gripe and complain against something they feel they are being forced to do and by all means, they have a right and a choice not to follow the rules, but if you think about it, is it so hard to wear a mask and give someone their space, even get vaccinated to help be part of a solution that will save a countless number of lives? Hopefully people will quit being part of the problem just to try to prove something and come together to be part of a solution. If you can’t do what’s being asked, then provide practical, alternative solutions that will help stop the spread. Schools absolutely must follow state mandates. No question about it.

• I personally believe that masks and social distancing should be available for those who want it, but not a requirement. If someone is sick then obviously stay home until healthy just like any other time before Covid. I don’t agree with forcing a mask, or vaccine on staff or students. We comply out of respect, but don’t agree with choices being made. A required vaccination would cause us to immediately unenroll.
• There is no general sickness besides COVID. If a kid is just not feeling well with a tummy ache the kid must stay home until a negative test. Kid misses school because they were around someone at school with covid, no symptoms, gets behind and it's the parents problem. We work full time and it’s hard to find child care and manage let alone try to learn the common core math...

• The district is not providing any info regarding know cases and how many are out on quarantine. This info would help determine if parents feel safe sending their kids to school.

• Children should not be wearing mask or receive any shots except for flu. This force masking of children is wrong, this harms them emotionally and mentally. They are healthy and have strong immune system

• Please don’t mandate our children 5-11 to get the vaccine. I will not be sending my Christmas to school if that’s the case.

• If my student is in quarantine then I would not need childcare because the whole family would be in quarantine. Also, my child had no ability to do school work while quarantined because he had no chromebook. Having internet did no good without a chromebook and the school did not give us one.

• Keeping kids safe and following science not political hype is very important to my family.

• Covid 19 is no more of a threat than the common cold/ flu. It is time to let our kids be mask free and not push this “vaccine” on any person. Forcing these children to wear masks is not only damaging to their health but also their well being. They all need to let their immune systems do what god created them for.

• Do not mandate this vaccine for children. We need to be sure it won’t cause any effects on their bodies long term.

• It’s time to live our lives again, or there will always be another variant.

• I would like to see things go back to pre pandemic normal. Most people don’t have a hard time with COVID

• I feel as though the question "All eligible students and staff should be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine or receive an exemption" should be asked in two separate parts. I am absolutely against any kind of medical mandates period. These are two separate questions that should be answered separately.

• These mandates aren't helping anyone. People are dying and having heart attacks from this vaccine. My family is looking into moving to Montana where the mandates have never been enforced and we can live a normal life. Why is it in these states that never had the mandates have lower numbers? Giving a vaccine and wearing masks is for sick people not for Heathly people. Leave the kids out of it at the very least!!!! No masks, no mandates! I want my THREE kids in the district free from mandates and the teachers free from these unconstitutional mandates as well! This has gone too far for too long! We will continue to fight this. Our kids
deserve better. The kids in Montana have never worn a mask. Not even once. Think about what we are doing to these kids! It’s wrong in every sort of way.

- I have 3 children in the WSD I am so sadden by the lack of communication and care that my 2 youngest are getting. They both have missed 3 weeks if school due to being kept home. I really hope you all start thinking about the children that are falling more behind because of your strict civid rules!!

- I would be highly discouraged if the district decided to start openly defying any mandates that are currently in place.

- Return school to its original state. Children are weakening their bodies and being forced to suffocate.

- Vaccinated students and staff should not be required to wear masks!

- Thank you for prioritizing the safety of our kids

- Masks are unnecessary, forced vaccinations are absolutely unnecessary and go against the law and our constitution! You guys need to fight for our children and our families rights, even if it goes against our governors tyranny mandates! Someone’s personal autonomy is a big deal, and no government should ever go against that! Nor should you be required to get a vaccination (that doesn’t even protect you from Covid!) to be able to attend a public school!

- Masks should not be mandated! If people want to protect themselves They can choose to wear mask, not force others to wear it if they don’t want to

- When will MS and HS school students get lockers back? Why does the Washington state curve of delta covid wave have a very similar total trend to Florida when the covid measures are completely different? If covid mandates work, why does Florida have the lowest rates of covid in the country? Why aren’t school boards calling on these extended emergency order mandates to be passed through the legislation? How will recent federal court rulings affect our states covid vaccine mandates? Why is there so much credible research from respected universities showing the overwhelming evidence that natural immunity works but government agencies refuse to acknowledge them?

- How do we address children’s physical and health needs when masks are required for intense workouts and distancing is required during school lunch and passing periods? They need to breath and can’t when exerted. They need time to eat and have free time, but are rushed.

- Yes I would like to know the psychological ramifications this fear mongering and mask wearing and isolation within the school is having on my children and who is to be held responsible for that?

- Very happy kids are back in school learning. My kids got so behind in school when they had to do school at home. Now they are finally catching back up to where they should be. I do not
agree that children should be required to get the Covid vaccine. That is up to a parent to decide

- I would like to see school return to pre pandemic norms.

- Let's get things back to normal

- It's very scary to think our children may not be able to attend school unless they are vaccinated. Vaccinations should always be a choice so please do not enforce this on our children!

- There has been no risk vs benefit analysis regarding masks. Student & staff mask exemptions should be being honored without discrimination. Schools are just about the only place kids are being forced to wear masks. After having parties, sleepovers, dates, and just living their lives normally, they come to school where they are forced to wear a mask for 8+ hours a day. We should be asking what sense this makes, and what this is teaching them. Parents should have control over their child's healthcare, ALL of it. School boards members should be able to make their own health decisions, wearing a mask or not. They also shouldn't be forcing medical devices on the public. The meetings are outside of in person learning hours, no students are present, and just makes no sense putting a mask on just to attend a public meeting in the taxpayers building.

- Don't agree with making school age children wear masks all day long at school or getting disciplined for not wearing a mask. Masks in school should be optional for those who feel it is necessary to their own health. Similar to how immunocompromised people have worn masks in the past (prior to covid).

- My family and a student with a close contact and we received negative test within date required to return to school once. Student was back to school we received a second close contact from the same class how does this happen if proper protocols are taken?

- The best study shown to date shows masks are 11% effective against Covid-19. This is negated by the fact that after approximately 3 minutes in closed quarters, air is recirculated, making masks ineffective. Furthermore, masks are a standard DROPLET precaution and Covid-19 has been proven to be an AIRBORNE disease. You can't down grade healthcare precautions and expect any results. Now you have spent almost 2 years hindering our children's education and social development for ineffective health precautions all in the name of theatrics. Those who want to be vaccinated have been. Those who don't want to have made an informed decision about their healthcare. Public health information is born and bread in the idea of autonomy. There are plenty of diseases out there that or more fatal than Covid that have not been fueled by politics. Initially, the lockdown was about overwhelming our healthcare system's ventilator capacity. Ventilators are no longer a standard of care in the treatment modality of Covid. Our hospital systems are not overwhelmed by Covid patients, they are overwhelmed by under staffing. I know, I work in a local emergency department. Unmask our children, let them embrace a carefree childhood. These are supposed to be the best times in these kids lives, and now they are marred by scare tactics, fear mongering, an ineffective education, and learning to be afraid of their peers. LET KIDS BE KIDS. LET ADULTS MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS, AND RESPECT THE AUTONOMY OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL! UNMASK OUR CHILDREN! Also, if you mandate vaccination for children, my kids will be removed from the school system. There are
zero long terms studies that show effects on growing brains, bodies, and reproductive systems. The one study they have is incredibly small and all of the information has been wildly extrapolated out for all of our children. Should the vaccine be available to high risk or immune-compromised children, yes. Should it be mandated, absolutely not. It is unethical and wildly irresponsible to mandate vaccination. Also, vaccination has nothing to do with immunity. Until they recognize natural immunity and figure out titers to measure immunity, like they do for every other disease out there like the measles, Hep B, and whatnot, then this is nothing but theatrics based in optics and not science.

- Mandates are just that in my opinion.... a “mandate” not a law. I believe each parent should decide whether their child wears a mask or not along with whether they get the vaccine or not. It should all be a personal choice. The same should go for teachers and staff. They should have the right to choose what is best for themselves.

- Follow science

- There is limited time for children to adequately eat lunch

- Unmask our kids!!! It’s a health risk having them in masks that are contaminated. Covered in bacteria. Sneezed in. And putting our kids at risk

- Let these students return to normal like the rest of the country. Common sense is not being used in this state.

- Wearing masks while at school is extremely difficult while at school. Several of them have ADD, so the masks are another distraction. I wonder if there is a benefit of wearing the masks when most of the teachers have been vaccinated.

- If you require vaccines to attend, you will lose students. I will quit my job and pull my students and homeschool. Let people make their own decisions on what to do with their bodies.

- Will there be an option for students to go maskless if they are fully vaccinated? If you follow the guidelines from the OSHA requirement, that may/may not be passed, employees who are fully vaccinated are exempt from needing testing or wearing a mask. Has the school board given any consideration to following that osha order instead of WA state?

- My children have never had to self quarantine so I can't answer those questions. But I believe no one should wear a mask unless THEY WANT TOO! IT SHOULDN'T BE FORCED! THANK YOU

- Should have the option on the quarantine for n/a I have not has experience with my student

- Masks off. No vaccine mandates.

- Would love to see our students and staff without masks. Make it optional for those that wish to wear one. No one should have to be forced to put something into their bodies if their are risks (talking about the vaccine here).
• Our students and staff should not be required to wear masks or follow a vaccine mandate that infringes upon their constitutional rights as an American citizen! These are the times we need to be good leaders and Stewards of the future generations and show them what this country stands for!

• I disagree with the masks being worn at school, even if they were n95 masks the children touch, adjust, and play with them all day. So in my opinion they are not helping with germs of any kind, they are just making it so that the germs are for sure on their face at all times. As long as the mask that they have been adjusting is in their face the germs are also. I think that washing hands and teaching healthy ways to live is more beneficial. For example: how to wash hands, what to do if we cough, what to eat if we are fighting off a virus, what hinders our immune system, what helps our immune system. I’m not someone who thinks to go against laws but a lot of what we are being told to do is not law but mandate and is, in my opinion harming our freedom of health. And our freedom of privacy. And last but not least our freedom to work, go to school, shop etc. with our own knowledge and common sense. We all know how to take care of our health and everything else should be optional. (Masks, vaccines, mandates, pressure on businesses,) these should be decided by ourselves and not decided for us. It’s only causing chaos and anger towards the wrong people. This community is smart, strong, and capable of coming together to make decisions for ourselves. With the amendment in mind and faith.

• We are all vaccinated, please lift the mask mandates.

• We need to stop forcing MASKS on our kids when they do nothing to stop the “spread” of the virus.

• I can assure you if our government requires students to get vaccinated and Woodland follows the mandate, there will be next to no students to teach...

• If we are following “the science” the school district should look at the statistics and data for children instead of causing unnecessary panic and worry in children who may not be able to put this virus and its effects into perspective. It’s shameful that forcing children to wear masks all the time and try to force people who have a slim to none chance of dying from COVID or even getting sick from COVID is a policy put in place. If the district actually cared about children they would get rid of those policies and go back to teaching children and caring more about their mental and emotional well being.

• NO ONE SHOULD BE FORCED TO GET VACCINATED. If it becomes mandatory for the kids they, like many others will not be going to Woodland. Also, the masks need to be optional. They are not good for the kids. It is ridiculous when my third grader tells me she has to wear one all the time while in class, but her teacher does not wear one while she is at her desk.

• Just to reiterate: Masks and vaccinations should not be mandatory!

• Thanks for all you do and we support whatever is decided even if it goes against how we feel about it. I hate that this pandemic has divided instead of united!
• I’d like the kids to return without the requirement of vaccines or masks. Let those who want to wear them or get vaccinated choose to do that. No forceful vaccines should be pushed on people.

• I feel that we should have our freedom to choose what we want to do to our own bodies. For those who want to get the experimental covid vaccine they can have it. Or if they feel safer with a mask go for it. But it should NOT be a mandate by our extreme Dictator governor. So if a person thinks the covid vaccine works so good then why do they care if some people choose to not get the vaccine. They should be “safe” right since they got the vaccine. We live in America & we should keep our freedoms and choose what we feel is best for our children & our families. Thank you for asking our thoughts for our schools. Our children’s schooling is important. Thank you

• I wished school was online the rest of this year because of the disease still around. I know they need to be around people and less isolated, but I feel it was a little too early

• Have your mandated and protocols in order to appease Gov Inslee. Please relax on the mask policing. You’re making an authoritarian environment for the students. Most students understand basic science and understand the idiocy of the mask policy.

• I just hope you honestly will consider what the majority wants regardless of what the mandates are. My kids are 100 percent safe at school without vaccines for anyone and they do not need to be wearing masks. If I was concerned at all I’d be doing LRA. If you mandate vaccines for kids we will be homeschooling. Thanks

• Middle school needs the ability to do google meets/virtual classroom if kids are quarantined. The check ins from paras are not enough.

• The stress of masks, testing, quarantining, and being treated like he is always carrying a disease is not good for my child’s mental health which then affects his ability to learn. It would be nice to be given plenty of notice if you plan on requiring students to be vaccinated to attend school at any time in the future so we can make alternate plans for education.

• Student says that mask mandate is not enforced at high school. Students don’t wear mask and aren’t required to and/or wear them improperly (ie. under the nose). Also disciplinary rules for mask wearing aren’t enforced (3 strikes).

• Stop the mask mandate!!!!!!! Let our children BREATHE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The dirtiest part of a humans body is their mouth! They shouldn’t be circulating the same air for 7 plus hours! My child doesn’t want to go to school because of the MASK! Please take into deep consideration! Thank you! & don’t ever consider mandatory Covid-19 vaccination for students you will not have anymore.

• You can’t be exempt and be required to get the vaccine. Separate the question. You’ll get false answers, too confusing.
We do not support mandatory covid shots and believe it should be a personal choice. Wearing masks should be a personal choice as well. Mental health and socializing is most important and think we need to get back to normal.

No masks, no shots, keep kids in school!

The inability to protect the kids from covid during in person school sessions resulted in my entire vaccinated family contracting the virus. It’s completely irresponsible to allow children that are incapable of following mandates and social distance requirements to be allowed back in session without being vaccinated. As a high risk individual, it’s putting me and other in my position at risk. Selfish demands and illogical rhetoric should not supersede the safety of the teachers, staff, children and their families. I am entirely disappointed in the return to class roll out and until you can guarantee the safety of attendees they should all stay home.

Student education should be the priority of the Woodland school district/Woodland school board. The state mandates do not meet the threshold for constitutionality. Our district should be using their BSET JUDGEMENT about what will benefit the students educations in the district based on current scientific understanding from reputable sources. Health concerns should be the parents responsibility to evaluate and as such it is their sole responsibility to make decisions on the educational platform that best fits their needs. Woodland needs to encourage healthy habits but make school a place of learning again.

This is a weak and bogus survey!!

No more mask

Strongly disagree for vaccine mandates for children. Disagree for mandatory vaccine for teachers and staff, as a result is leaving the schools understaffed and children not receiving adequate education. Agree with masks and social distancing in class rooms with mask breaks for children and not required to wear masks while outside at recess times and lunch.

My kids are in LRA due to the unscientific requirements the state and school are forcing on them. They have teachers that do NOT get back to them in a timely manner so, no, I do not agree with what the school is doing. In addition, my daughter wore the same kind of mask others have worn (adults working in the public) and was required to change it last year on the last day she had to go to the school. Now, she is in a mask for 8 hrs straight with little to no interaction with others because she has to protect someone else? Sorry, not a thing. What happen to teaching others to feel safe? Well, congratulations, mine do not feel safe walking around a bunch of masked people. So, great job school

If my children are mandated to get the COVID-19 shot I will withdrawal them from WSD, all 5 of them!

When is the school administration and staff going to start serving students and parents instead of Governor Inslee
• Our children and staff should never be forced to become vaccinated or wear masks. Medical free will is incredibly important.

• Don’t care about covid-19. Live free or die!

• Personal choice shouldn't affect jobs of teachers or ability for students to attend classes

Commentary from the Survey Reopening Below:

• I have no questions. I have a statement that the CDC backed previously where children up until roughly age 18 were far less at risk of suffering severe symptoms and believe that this should be strongly considered when dealing with ANY and all information pertaining to the possibility of a mandate of the possibly harmful vaccinations.

• Please do not mandate or follow a mandate to force this vaccination

• Follow the science, stop following beaurocrats with no background.

• If you choose to mandate a vaccine I will pull all my kids in a heartbeat. There was a enough of us that will that will will greatly effect the schools in a negative way. If it comes to this I will also see how constitutional it can be that you would require and still receive our tax dollars for school funding. Everyone should be able to choose and not try to be forced it’s insanity it’s even an option.

• Covid is the same as cold and flu and we need to start treating it that way.

• PARENTS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF ANY OR ALL CASES AT SCHOOLS, SO THEY CAN DECIDE HOW TO KEEP THEIR CHILD SAFE.

• Unmask our children

• There appears to be little to no communication about who is currently teaching my first grader. I’ve had horrendously mixed reports on his progress. We were told at parent conference he was doing fine and two weeks later we received notice that he had subpar testing results and would require one on one direction. It is endlessly frustrating not to even know who to reach out to by email or on the communication app.

• stop forcing mask wearing for students

• I am glad the students are back in school. Soo much better for their mental health.
• Pre screening?? Corporations all over the world putting monitoring stations in because people have been taught to go to school and work until they are too sick to do so. Any temperature or any symptom should be caught at entry screening. Temperature profiling IS EXTREMELY EASY TO DO.

• Thanks to all the hard working teachers at this time.

• My child recently choose to leave elementary school because she doesn't want to wear a mask. She would love to be in person without a mask, no vaccine required. If the vaccine wasn't so new and there was some true testing, I could trust it. However I don't.

• When my children were at home quarantined because I had COVID there was no communication from the teachers or staff until I was well enough to be able to realize they had been doing nothing the whole time I was sick.

• Vaxs should not be mandated. It is our body, our choice. Masks do not stop the spread and should not be forced.

• In no way shape or form should students or staff be mandated to put anything in their body that they don't want to! We are a vaccinated family and that was our choice, but if we didn't want to be vaccinated that is absolutely our right as a FREE American family.

• Please follow public health guidelines.

• We are still technically a part of public school since Lewis River Academy is connected to the public school. We chose to do LRA for the first time as an alternative to all of the masking and social distancing that was to take place in public schools. We LOVE Woodland’s teachers and staff and fully support them during these difficult times in the public schools. It's incredibly important to me that we have the freedom to chose wether or not our children mask, receive certain vaccines, isolate when they actually have a fever or more severe symptoms rather than just cold or seasonal allergy symptoms. Many many many of my close friends and families who have their children enrolled in the in person public school option, have told me their kids have missed so so so much school due to the requirements of isolation after coughing/sneezing from just allergies or the common cold. Other than just being uncomfortable masking, it prevents kids from seeing facial expressions of their peers and teachers which is an important part of learning and observing body language, it brings a sort of coldness and is a very unfriendly environment to be in all day long. Many of my friends kids struggle with headaches from masking all day not to mention that there are NO studies that show wearing these cotton masks prevent ANY type of transmission at all. Mandating a vaccine is unconstitutional. Not all bodies are the same. Not all will respond the same. For some, it’s more likely to cause harm than good and for others, it’s completely safe. It’s not a blanket preventative option that fits all. Following this kind of dangerous mandate isn’t putting your staff, kids, parents and community members first. If this was TRULY about health, our government would be screaming from the rooftops about getting our bodies healthier, pushing out information about how covid is working in the body and inserting itself in fat cells and causing inflammation (which is why the obese have a much higher morbidity rate). If this was about HEALTH, our government wouldn’t mandate a vaccine that hasn’t gone through anywhere near the testing and trials as others in the past before
releasing it and approving it through the FDA speed tracked. If this was TRULY about health, they really would follow the science and have all health organizations trained in how to report and log adverse reactions after vaccinations were given. They’d be rapidly collecting that data and making charts and graphs to assess it’s successes, failures, and dangers. If this was TRULY about health, they wouldn’t be banning safe medications that have been FDA approved since the 70’s that not only are effective in preventing covid, but significantly reduce the symptoms and recovery time. This is not about health. Yes, covid is real, yes many many people are getting sick and some do die. Every death is tragic. But less than a 1% death rate is no longer a pandemic. This is not about health, it’s about control and manipulation. Washington has some of the highest rates of infection yet it’s got some of the heaviest mandates in place. Florida has some of the lowest infection rates yet have been one of the most open states during the pandemic. Thank you for reading all I have to say. I’d like to add that my two boys have thrived at home both in their learning, socially, and emotionally. We still do sports and church and socialize much with family and friends. Without the masks, plastic walls, etc. Our hearts beam seeing friends smiling faces and are so fulfilled. We love Woodland staff and hope you’ll be strong leaders in climbing up and out of these mandates that are hindering learning, adding stress to children and families, and are unconstitutional.

- Let school be a place where lonely/depressed students can see smiling faces again and children can focus on learning. Let people mask if they prefer it and go unmasked otherwise.

- We believe all students and staff should be routinely tested, regardless of vaccination status.

- We would like masks to be optional for students and staff

- My child will not be getting the vaccine EVER if it is a mandate she will be home Schooled!

- Unmask the children! Let our kids be kids!!

- My daughter has had several staph infections on her face and has been more sick with NON-Covid colds since having to wear a mask 24/7 while at school. I suggest that it should be the option of the parent or individual to mask or not.

- I see a lot of partial mask wearing inside the school.

- Would like it off kids wearing masks would be optional

- My children will NOT be vaccinated against covid19. I will pull them from school before allowing it!

- I am curious how students social distance on the bus. As well as how it is handles when kids take their masks off.

- Pandemic is over. Please consider following the data already available and ignore the governors mandates which are not based on any science other than the political.
• If a child feels safe at school with no mask then they should be allowed the choice especially if they are vaccinated

• Follow the law and state and science. Protect these kids.

• The children need lockers and a longer lunch! My 5th grader’s backpack weighs almost 20lbs and she has to pack it around all day due to no lockers. 15 minutes is not enough time for students to get their lunch, find a seat, and eat.

• Vaccine mandates are unconstitutional.

• can we PLEASE make masks a choice!? Also very sad the parents could not attend veterans day assembly or winter concert. The videos were much appreciated but made me so sad. We couldn't see their shining faces behind theirs masks. Not to mention the muffled voices.

• Please don't close schools again it only hurts my family

• If a vaccine mandated is implemented WE WILL REMOVE OUR CHILDREN FROM WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ASAP!!!!