



# VIRGINIA WINDS ACADEMY

## **VWA COVID Policy for 2022-2023**

***Virginia Winds Academy's priority is the safety of its students and staff.***

### **COVID vaccinations**

All students and staff must be vaccinated for COVID or show a negative COVID test taken within 72 hours before each VWA event (rehearsals and concerts).

Students and staff are vaccinated: *(same as last year)*

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, or
- 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine.

The bivalent booster is highly recommended by the CDC, Fairfax County, and the Virginia health department. VWA reserves the right to require bivalent boosters if CDC recommends them

Students must provide proof of vaccination before the first rehearsal by submitting a valid digital copy, photocopy, or scan of the student's COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card issued by the United States Department of Health & Human Services and the Center for Disease Control to VWA's COVID Card portal. You must submit a negative COVID-19 test result if you don't meet these requirements.

A photo or scan of the student's test results can be submitted to the COVID Test portal. The COVID Card and COVID Test portals are listed below.

### **Masks**

Wearing masks is strongly encouraged during rehearsals but will generally be optional. However, all students and staff **MUST** have a mask on their person, in their music case, or belongings. VWA reserves the right at any time to require masks to be worn depending upon the current infection rate in the area as reported on the CDC or similar sites. If masks are needed for an activity, VWA will post signage at the entrances of the activity (rehearsals & concerts). See the examples below.

Please note that Virginia Senate Bill 739 does not apply to non-school activities in FCPS facilities and does not affect VWA's decision to require masks.

If VWA's concert venues require either vaccination proof or the wearing of masks, VWA and its staff, students, and patrons will conform to that policy.



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## **COVID Monitoring**

VWA staff will make visual inspections for any signs of sickness before and while participating in VWA activities. In addition, student temperatures may be taken by trained staff with a non-contact infrared body thermometer.

Parents will be required to promptly pick up their student or arrange for pickup if signs or symptoms of illness are present.

## **COVID Exposure**

VWA will follow CDC guidelines. Students can return after at least five days with a negative COVID test if they have not experienced any symptoms.

## **COVID Infection**

VWA will follow CDC guidelines. Students can return after at least ten days and a negative COVID test. Percussion students will be permitted to return after five days with a negative COVID test but **MUST** wear a mask for at least five additional days.

## **Parents/Guardians/Adults in the activity area**

VWA staff and parents or drivers that remain in the activity area must also conform to this policy.

## **Email address to report an absence or late arrival.**

The address for Junior Division is: [jwabsent@vwa.band](mailto:jwabsent@vwa.band)

The address for Senior Division is: [swabsent@vwa.band](mailto:swabsent@vwa.band)

**Thank you for your cooperation and support**

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**You may upload an image of your COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card here:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCoSbimERCotphSjOdMpy-C8oIzIelzOz6wPUBj9s9JddlmQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

**You may upload an image of your COVID-19 negative test results here:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAuBYJXBJlqQVg8TstJBM4L3ZR2Pyb5p4hCZqcWT72J5qfew/viewform?usp=sharing>

**Signs will be posted at VWA activity entrances:**



**They will also be posted at [www.VWA.Band/Masks](http://www.VWA.Band/Masks)**

**Remember to always have a mask available to you as conditions may change.**