



COVID-19 Case Protocols

2021/2022

Overview

- The 2021/2022 Reopening plan has been revised to meet CDC, NYSDOH, SCDOH and NYSED recommendations and guidelines.
- The 2020-2021 plan was used as a foundation for this year's plan.
- Modifications were made to meet the new guidelines and accommodate the safe return of all students, staff and visitors.

Communication

- Live plans will be posted on each school website.
- Connect-Ed calls/emails/texts will be sent to keep parents/guardians updated.
- Letters will be posted on each school website regarding building procedures and covid positive cases.

Teaching and Learning

- All students will receive in-person instruction this year.
- Remote learning will be available should it be required by a government agency.
- Students who are isolated or quarantined will be able to receive instruction/materials remotely via Google Classroom.

Observing Signs of Illness

- Parents are encouraged to watch for any signs of illness and a link for COVID-19 symptoms is located on the MCCSD Final COVID-19 Plan
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

Social Distancing

- Current recommendations are to try and maintain 3' of social distancing.
- Barriers will no longer be utilized in classrooms unless required by CDC/NYSDOH/SCDOH.
- Individual classroom structures may vary based on size and configuration.

Mask Wearing/PPE

- Masks are required inside of the building regardless of vaccination status.
- Students and staff should supply their own masks.
- Additional masks will be made available for all students and staff if needed.
 - Child size and adult size are available
- Gloves/Face shields/Gowns will also be provided as needed.
- Stock is maintained at the district level and building level to ensure sufficient supply.
- Videos to demonstrate proper use of PPE are available on the district website.

Plan for Suspected Case

MIDDLE COUNTRY SCHOOLS COVID-19 GUIDELINES (Updated 8/25/21)

NOTES: If a staff or student who has been cleared from their COVID-19 illness comes in close contact with an active case within 3 months of the contact's test date, the staff/student does not have to quarantine.

People who have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 are NOT required to quarantine if they have been fully vaccinated (2 weeks after final dose) against the disease within the last 12 months and are asymptomatic.

You MUST go home if you have:

1 OF THE FOLLOWING:

Fever over 100.0
New Cough
Shortness of Breath
Difficulty Breathing
Loss of Taste or Smell

OR

2 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Headache
Body Aches
Chills
Sore Throat
Nausea/ vomiting
Diarrhea

OR

If an **adult** has been within 6 feet of someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer within the past 24 hours, or if a case coughed or sneezed on you or hugged you, see below to determine outcome..

If a **student** has been within 3' of an infected case or between 3' and 6' unmasked for 15 minutes or longer within the past 24 hours, or if the case coughed or sneezed on you, or hugged you, see below to determine outcome.

When may I return to school?

If you had a **Positive COVID-19 test**, you may return after 10 days from date of test or onset of symptoms **AND** if you have been fever free without taking medication for least 72 hours **AND** symptoms are improving.

You must have DOH CLEARANCE.

If you did not take a **COVID-19 test**, you may return after 10 days **AND** at least 72 hours with no fever without taking medication **AND** symptoms are improving. If you provide a doctor's note with an alternate diagnosis you may return as per doctor's recommendation.

If you had a **Negative COVID-19 test**, you may return after you have been fever free for at least 72 hours without taking medication **AND** you have no symptoms. This only applies to symptoms not exposure

You may return after 10 days from exposure and no symptoms. Monitoring for symptoms must continue for 4 more days.

You must have DOH CLEARANCE.

Plan for a Suspected Case (Cont.)

- Isolation
 - Students will be placed in a isolation area designated by each school (monitored by nurse or adult) until they are picked up from school.
 - Staff will be sent home immediately.
- Immediate cleaning of all contact areas by custodial staff.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Procedures

- Custodial staff will be cleaning high touch areas throughout the day
- Cafeteria desks/tables cleaned after every scheduled meal.
- Hand Sanitizer available for all students/staff throughout the building (Non-Alcohol).
- Desks cleaned daily by night staff.
- EPA approved products for disinfecting will be used.

Ventilation

- All building have been upgraded to MERV-13 filters.
- Windows and doors will remain open as much as possible.

Technology and Connectivity

- K-12 1:1 Chromebooks
- Continued IT support to students, staff and families at home to ensure proper connectivity.

Field Trips and Off-Site Learning

➤ Field Trips

- Field Trips will be permitted this year based on students/staff following district and site protocols.

➤ Off-Site Learning

- Off-Site learning will be permitted (ex. Life Skills) as permitted by site.

Transportation

- Masks must be worn at all times while on bus.
- All efforts will be made to seat family members together.
- Accurate seating charts will be maintained by drivers and made accessible whenever needed by the District COVID Team.

Employee/Visitor/Vendor Screening

- All parties entering the building must attest to the following
 - **Statement #1:** I am feeling healthy and well today and do not have a temperature higher than 100.0 degrees. I have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days.
 - **Statement #2:** Within the last 10 days, I have not been in close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If you have tested positive in the past 3 months or been fully vaccinated within the last 12 months, the previous sentence does not apply if you are asymptomatic.
 - **Statement #3:** Within the last 10 days, I have not tested positive for COVID-19. If you have tested positive in the past 3 months or been fully vaccinated within the last 12 months, the previous sentence does not apply if you are asymptomatic.
- Temperature scanning will be performed for all vendors and visitors.

Physical Education Classes

- Various settings will be used
 - Outdoors
 - Gymnasium
 - Classroom
- Students in grades 8-12 will be changing for physical education utilizing the locker rooms.

Awards Ceremonies, Concerts, Plays etc.

- Awaiting further guidance

Individual Building Plans

- Individual building plans will be posted on building web sites and linked on the MCCSD main page through the reopening plan.

Contact Tracing

- When the district is notified of a positive COVID-19 case the COVID Case Protocol is initiated.
 - Administrator notifies the COVID Team (Cabinet, Dr. Craig Unkenholz, and Joe Mercado).
 - Contact tracing by administrator is conducted following guidelines detailed earlier.
 - District survey is completed and reviewed by COVID Team.
 - Parents are notified of quarantine students.
 - Community notification is made on building website.
 - SCDOH is notified.

Q&A