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## Return to Learn 2021 – 2022

### ❖ Start Date: August 12, 2021

### ❖ Safety Protocols

- Face Coverings – masks or face coverings will not be required to begin the school year.
- Those who choose to wear face coverings are encouraged to do so.
- If the governor declares a state of emergency during the year, a mask mandate will be considered.
- The correct procedure for wearing a mask is included in the link below by the CDC.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- Social Distancing will be practiced at all times when reasonable for the setting.
- Students will be split between the cafeteria and the gymnasium for morning arrival to allow for social distancing.
- Middle School has altered scheduling to reduce the hallway traffic and exposure in the hallways.
- Students will have assigned seating in each class and at lunch to assist with contact tracing in the event of an exposure.
- Desks will be disinfected throughout the day. Classrooms will be sanitized with a Clorox 360 machine.
- Community water fountains will be off limits; students are encouraged to bring their own bottled water in a spill proof container.
- Proper handwashing procedures and respiratory etiquette will be taught to all students at the beginning of the school year and refreshed as needed. Information about handwashing and respiratory etiquette from the CDC will be used for education.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/faqs/respiratory-hygiene.html>
- All of the filters for the HVAC system will be changed prior to school starting.
- Ventilation systems will be monitored in each building to maintain optimal ventilation.

### ❖ Important Guidance on COVID-19

- CDC Considerations for Schools  
[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC](#)
- CDC How to Protect Yourself and Others  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>
- Oklahoma State Department of Education Return to Learn Oklahoma  
<https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Learn%20Oklahoma.pdf>
- CDC Symptoms of COVID-19  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

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## ❖ DAILY SCREENING: Assessing Symptomatic Persons for COVID-19

- Checking students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms can pose challenges given the similarities between certain COVID-19 symptoms and seasonal allergies; challenges with younger persons recognizing when they are sick due to mild symptoms; and the fact that some persons may have COVID-19 and not have any symptoms at all.
- OSDH has developed a symptom assessment tool to help determine when someone should be kept home or sent home from school and/or tested for COVID-19:

“A” Symptoms	“B” Symptoms
Fever > =100.4 F	Nasal Congestion/Stuffy Nose
Sore Throat	Runny Nose
Cough	Muscle/Body Aches
Difficulty Breathing	Fatigue
Diarrhea or Vomiting	Chills
New Loss of Taste or Smell	Nausea
	Loss of Appetite
	Elevated Temperature < 100.4 F
	New Onset of Severe Headache
<b>Recommend testing when:</b>	
Person has 1 “A” Symptom OR	
Person has 3 “B” Symptoms	

Source: CDC’s Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention

## ❖ COVID-19 Protocols

- If symptoms develop:
  - Any student or teacher who comes to school with a fever or develops a fever while at school will be sent home. Students will wait in an isolated room. Once the student is picked up the room will be cleaned and disinfected.
  - The student/teacher should immediately notify a personal physician or healthcare provider. Surfaces in the person’s workspace will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Positive Case of COVID-19 on campus:
  - Any person who has been on campus with a positive case should notify the school.
  - The applicable county health department will be notified, and recommendations will be followed.
  - Areas used by the individual with COVID-19 will be closed off. If possible, we will wait up to 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting.
  - Employees and students using the same space will be informed (with respect of HIPAA) by school staff.
- Return to School:
  - In order to be readmitted to school after testing positive, students or staff must be ten days out since symptoms first appeared (without a test), after day seven after receiving a

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negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later), fever free without medication for 24 hours, and show an improvement of symptoms. A letter from a licensed physician/health department showing results of a negative test will also grant re-entry to school.

➤ **Confirmed Case Outbreak:**

- In the case that MPS or our Middleberg Community experiences an outbreak of confirmed COVID-19 cases, additional steps and precautions will be implemented. Possible precautions could be eating in the classrooms, altering daily schedules, or school closures with virtual instruction. These decisions will not be taken lightly. The health and safety of our students and community will continue to be our top priority.

- COVID-19 vaccination clinics will be held at school for students and staff members in coordination with the Grady County Health Department on an as needed basis. All staff members and age appropriate students will be highly encouraged to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

❖ **Attendance**

- Parents/Guardians are expected to screen their students daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to sending them to school.
- Absences due to the virus (suspected or documented) will not be held against the student. Attendance policies will be relaxed for cases involving COVID-19 to provide additional absences and to encourage sick students and staff to remain home.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to make sure they are prepared in the event the district is required to move to a distance learning platform.

❖ **Transportation / Morning Arrival**

- Bus routes will run as normal as possible with precautions put in place:
  - Families/siblings will sit together in assigned seats.
  - Buses will be disinfected after each trip.
- Students eating breakfast will go to the cafeteria and stay there until school starts.
- Students NOT eating breakfast will go to their designated area in the gym until school starts.

❖ **Check In/Out Procedure**

- Pre-K thru 4th grade - please sign your child in/out in the 1-4 building office.
- 5th-8th grade - Please sign your child in/out in the 5-8 building office.
- We will do our best to minimize parent time spent in the buildings. You may call ahead to let us know if your child will be picked up or checked in late or early.

❖ **Students with Special Needs**

- Individualized Education Plans (IEP), 504 Plans, and English Language Academic plans will be followed. District related service providers, such as speech and OT/PT, will be in contact with students and parents to arrange for continued services following COVID-19 protocols. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be maintained and

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followed according to safety policies. IEP and 504 meetings will be held in person unless a request is made for a phone or video conference. All IEP/504 team members are required to participate.

## ❖ **Distance Learning Information** (should a shutdown occur)

### ➤ Goal and Intent

- If it becomes necessary for the district to transition to a distance learning model for a period of time during the school year, the goal is to continue the educational process that has been occurring in-person in the classroom.
- Teachers will continue to lead and direct the learning process utilizing Google Classroom.
- Students will continue to learn new material with teacher support.
- Students will be accountable to connect to lessons and complete all assignments and lessons to receive credit.
- Attendance will be recorded. Completion of learning goals and login times will determine attendance and/or absences.
- Grades will be taken and posted to students' academic records.
- Staff will report to school and lead instruction from their classroom during regular school hours.