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MASKS

Are MCCSC staff and students required to masks?

Yes, MCCSC staff and students are required to wear masks while indoors and on school buses. MCCSC staff and students are not required to wear masks while outdoors.

What masks are acceptable?

The CDC provides guidance on the acceptable kinds of masks and ways to wear a mask at this [link](#).

What if my child loses or forgets their mask?

Extra masks will be available on buses and at schools. In order to sustain our supply, please plan to send your child to school with their own mask.

Are visitors, including parents and/or guardians, required to wear a face covering when they enter the building?

Anyone visiting a school will be required to wear a mask. Volunteers or guests assisting in outdoor activities are not required to wear a mask while assisting outdoors.

What about students with special needs or special health considerations?

Families whose students have Individualized Education Plans should talk with their child's teacher about any possible changes due to updated COVID-19 protocols. Families whose students have health plans, or 504 plans should also talk with the school if there are any changes that need to take place due to updated COVID-19 protocols.

GENERAL

Will there be any after school clubs or before and after school care?

We will have before and after school care as well as after school clubs. All school sponsored activities taking place in the school must comply with the same health protocols as the school day. All groups will be required to stay within a specified area so disinfection and cleaning of the area can occur after the group is gone.

HYGIENE / SAFETY

Are students, staff and/or visitors screened prior to entering a school building?

It is the expectation of parents and guardians to send healthy students to school each day. Parents and guardians should not send their student to school if they exhibit the following symptoms:

- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- Chills
- Sore throat
- New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (For students with chronic allergic asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline).
- Headache, *particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pain

Self-screening notifications are in all buildings alerting individuals NOT to enter the building if they are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19.



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EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

What should MCCSC students do if they are experiencing symptoms consistent with Covid-19?

If your student is experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, please contact your student's school. Please do not send your student to school and school related activities. When a student is called in absent for or sent home from on-site school and/or school sponsored extra/co-curricular activities related to illness with symptoms consistent with COVID-19, families and students are given three options for returning to school. Based on guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health, before your student may return to school or school related activities and events, one of the following must occur:

- Option 1: Student completes a 10-day isolation period at home
- Option 2: Student is seen by a medical provider and has a Return to School statement
- Option 3: Student shows proof of a current negative Rapid Antigen COVID Test or PCR COVID test.
 - **Rapid Antigen tests must be performed by a health professional to be accepted; home test results are not accepted.**

Please contact the MCCSC Health Services Call Center at 812-349-4757 and let us know what your plans/updated plans are for the student.

Important information:

- MCCSC Clearance before returning: Once we have received your student's return to school statement or negative COVID test results, a MCCSC Health Services employee will contact you to inform you when your student may return. Please note that the student may not return to on-site school or on-site school sponsored extra/co-curricular activities and events until a MCCSC Health Services employee contacts you confirming the requirements were met.
- Send Medical statements: Please have all medical statements faxed to (812) 330-2475 or email to callcenter@mccsc.edu.

Are household members of ill staff and students permitted to attend on-site school and school related activities?

Yes, as long as the ill staff or student does not test positive.

POSITIVE TEST

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?

Parents/guardians of positive students should contact the school to relay the positive result. The student should isolate at home away from others and not report to on-site school or school related activities including extra curriculars and athletics. Health Services staff will contact the family of or the positive individual and initiate an intake interview. The questions in the interview will include symptom onset, symptom presentation, testing information, household member intake, and identification of any known close contacts. Health Services will inform the family of or the positive individual their return to school dates and answer any questions they may have.



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How long will a positive staff member or student need to isolate if positive for COVID-19?

Positive individuals will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms or 10 days from the test collection date if asymptomatic. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 11 as long as symptoms are improving, and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

When will I be notified of a positive individual in my child's school?

When there is a positive student or staff member in a classroom, notification will be sent to families of students in that classroom after all identified close contacts have been informed.

When a classroom is moved to online learning, the families of students in that classroom will be notified. The entire school will also be notified.

What do household members associated with MCCSC of a positive staff or student need to do?

Asymptomatic fully vaccinated household members (will need to be able to provide proof of vaccination):

Household members that are asymptomatic and fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine but will need to continue to monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last exposure and avoid individuals that are immune compromised, over the age of 65, or pregnant.

It is recommended to be tested 5-7 days after last exposure to the positive individual. If test is positive, notify school or immediate supervisor and isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 11 as long as symptoms are improving, and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

If symptoms arise at any time during the 14 days after exposure to the positive individual EVEN if they tested negative prior, they should isolate immediately and obtain a COVID-19 test. If positive they will need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 11 as long as symptoms are improving, and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication. Please notify the school or immediate supervisor of the positive test result to initiate Contact Tracing.

If COVID test is negative, individuals that are fully vaccinated may return to on-site school and school sponsored activities when symptoms have improved, and they are fever free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

Non-vaccinated household members:

Will need to quarantine for 14 days from last close contact to the positive individual and may participate in one of MCCSC's 2 return to classroom quarantine options before the 14 days option with Enhanced Precautions.

Please note that the positive individual will need to isolate away from the household member, if isolating is not possible the household member's quarantine time will be extended for 14 days from the last day of the positive individual's isolation period.

What defines isolation in the home from household members?

Isolation in the home would be defined as the positive individual and the non-positive household member not sharing any common areas such as:

Bathrooms: meaning the positive individual would need their own bathroom

Sharing meals together even if separated by six foot



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Sharing common space, examples: hanging out together in the same room, even if separated by six-foot, riding in a vehicle together, positive individual preparing meals in the kitchen, etc.

Please note that the positive individual will need to isolate away from the household member, if isolating is not possible the household member's quarantine time will be extended for 14 days from the last day of the positive individual's isolation period

CLOSE CONTACT / QUARANTINE

How does contact tracing work?

Once MCCSC is made aware of a positive case, Health Services staff will contact the family of or the positive individual and initiate an intake interview. The questions in the interview will include symptom onset, symptom presentation, testing information, household member intake, and identification of any known close contacts.

Health Services will inform the family of or the positive individual their return to school dates and answer any questions they may have.

Health Services will then reach out to principals, coaches, supervisors, etc. for any close contacts during school related activities.

Close contacts are identified through seating charts and testimony from positive individuals and the adults involved at MCCSC.

Health Services will then reach out to families of or the close contacts to inform them that they have been identified as close contacts via phone. If they are un-reachable by phone, an email will be sent.

What does MCCSC define as a Close Contact?

Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hr period during the infectious period*. The exceptions to this are in the indoor classroom setting, the distance is 3 feet of an infected person as long as the students were facing the same direction and wore masks the entire time. During the school day for outdoor class and recess time, close contacts will not be identified.

*Infectious Period: 2 days before the infected person's symptoms began or 2 days before the positive test for persons not showing symptoms.

Will staff and students have to quarantine if identified as a close contact?

Staff and students identified as a close contact will need to quarantine. Asymptomatic staff and students identified as a close contact may be exempt from quarantine if:

- o They provide proof of full vaccination (2 weeks passed last required dose)
- o They provide a positive COVID-19 test within the last three (3) months

What does a fully vaccinated staff or student close contact need to do?

All fully vaccinated asymptomatic individuals (even if a close contact) do not need to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms throughout the 14 days following their exposure and are encouraged to get tested 5-7 days after exposure. Please see Enhanced Precautions for procedures for asymptomatic fully vaccinated close contacts.



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What are MCCSC's Quarantine Options?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) continue to recommend quarantine for a full 14 days and recognize that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the COVID virus. CDC and IDOH will continue to evaluate and update guidance and recommendations as necessary. Other than a full 14-day quarantine, there are two other options available for schools. When returning prior to day 15 - Individuals must follow enhanced precautions through day 14.

Option 1 - Return on day 11 after 10 days of quarantine-no testing required to return to school.

Option 2 - Return on day 8 after 7 days of quarantine-this option requires testing.

Option 3 - Return on day 15 after 14 days of quarantine-this option requires no testing.

What are Enhanced Precautions for Asymptomatic Non-Vaccinated Close Contacts?

Enhanced Precautions for asymptomatic non-vaccinated close contacts when returning to the classroom prior to a full 14-day quarantine

-Close contacts may return to extracurriculars including clubs and athletics on Day 15.

-Masked at all times on bus and during school day, no exceptions.

-Maintain distance of at least 3 feet from others at all times during the educational school day. The only time lesser distance of close contact is 3 feet is during the educational portion of the day when everyone is in the classroom and wearing a mask.

-Lunch to be eaten separately from others as mask will be off when eating. Remain 6 feet from others, no exceptions.

-Hand hygiene should be a priority.

-Symptom monitoring daily by parents, as needed by school staff, during the school day.

-If ANY signs or symptoms are identified while at home, student/teacher/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a COVID test.

-If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home as soon as possible to get a COVID test.

-If COVID test is positive, begin 10 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began.

-If COVID test is negative, because individual is a close contact, must complete remainder (days 8-14) of 14-day quarantine and remain at home until symptoms improved and 24-hours fever free without the use of fever-reducing medication.

What are Procedures for Asymptomatic Fully Vaccinated Close Contact?

-All fully vaccinated asymptomatic individuals (even if a close contact) do not need to quarantine but should monitor for symptoms throughout the 14 days following their exposure and are encouraged to get tested 3-5 days after exposure.

-Hand hygiene should be a priority.

-Symptom monitoring daily by parents, as needed by school staff, during the school day.

-If ANY signs or symptoms are identified while at home, student/teacher/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a COVID test.

-If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home as soon as possible to get a COVID test.

-If COVID test is positive, begin 10 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began.

-If COVID test is negative, individuals that are fully vaccinated may return to on-site school and school sponsored activities when symptoms have improved, and they are fever free for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.



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VACCINATION

How is the school going to determine who is vaccinated and who is not? How will you determine who needs to quarantine?

The school will not ask for vaccination status, however, if a student/staff is identified as a close contact, a parent/guardian can let us know if their student is vaccinated or have had COVID-19 in the previous three months. We would need proof of either of those situations. Asymptomatic fully vaccinated individuals and individuals with a previous COVID-19 infection in the last 90 days do not need to quarantine.

Will teachers be made aware of their student's vaccination status?

Teachers would not be notified of vaccinations status as the schools are not requiring that information of parent unless needed for contact tracing purposes.