HEALTH SERVICES

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.

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.
EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

MCCSC COVID-19 Symptom Screening and Testing Guidance

If student or staff is sent home from school or kept home from school with single symptom of:

- Headache
- Abdominal pain or vomiting
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever of 100.4 and above

Student or staff may be allowed to return to school the following day or when symptom improving and fever free at least 24hrs without a covid test or note from physician

However, if student or staff is sent home from school or kept home from school with single symptom of:

- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste

Student or staff may be allowed to return to school with a negative covid test from a clinical lab (antigen/rapid or PCR) without a note from physician

If a student or staff is sent home from school or kept home from school with two or more symptoms of:

- Headache
- Abdominal pain or vomiting
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fever of 100.4 and above
- Malaise/fatigue
- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste

Student or staff may be allowed to return to school with a negative covid test from a clinical lab (antigen/rapid or PCR) without a note from physician if fever free for at least 24 hrs and improving symptoms.

For the above situations it is recommended and acceptable to have testing done according to the above guidelines using community testing resources if the student’s symptoms are mild and not serious enough to need to be seen by a physician in the parent’s judgement.

- If the student or staff has the above symptoms in addition to
  - difficulty breathing
  - chest pain
  - persistent abdominal pain or vomiting

Recommend contact physician for medical advice and covid and/or other testing done as indicated.
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.

How long will a positive staff member or student need to isolate if positive for COVID-19?
Positive individuals will need to isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms or 5 days from the test collection date if asymptomatic. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 6 with a negative lab antigen test as long as symptoms are improving, and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

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 days after last exposure to the positive individual. If test is positive, notify school or immediate supervisor and isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 6 with a negative lab antigen test 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 5 days from the onset of symptoms. They may return to on-site school and school related activities on day 6 with a negative lab antigen test as long as symptoms are improving, and they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.

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:
Updated Return to School Procedures after Quarantine for Close Contacts:
(Please note, for each of the scenarios below, the first day of symptoms or a positive test is Day 0.)

• Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who can follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14 (see MCCSC “enhanced precautions” on the COVID-19 Information and Impact page at www.mccsc.edu), may return on Day 6 from last exposure if a negative test is performed no sooner than Day 5. (Lab antigen test preferred, home antigen test accepted when lab antigen tests are not readily accessible.) To expedite a student’s return, proof of the test result (such as a photo) should be provided directly to the school office prior to return.
• Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who cannot obtain a negative test result but who can follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14, may return on Day 11 without a test.
• Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who cannot obtain a negative test result and who cannot follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14, may return on Day 15.
• All students who return to school after a quarantine may participate in extra-curricular activities with a mask through Day 14.

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 5 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 feet
  - 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 5 days from the last day of the positive individual's isolation period.

CLOSE CONTACT / QUARANTINE

How does contact tracing work?
Changes to Contact Tracing Procedures – MCCSC officials will prioritize case investigations and general contact tracing procedures to focus on notifying positive cases and people at highest levels of risk. This prioritization seeks to ensure that those with the highest risk levels are contacted in a timely manner. Dedicated staff will attempt to reach as many individuals as possible. However, circumstances may arise (such as days where a large number of cases are reported) where it is not feasible to contact trace all lower-risk individuals. The following order will be utilized for prioritizing contact tracing going forward:

1. Positive cases – Identify. Educate on isolation and return procedures.
2. Household close contacts – Identify. Check vaccination status. Educate on symptoms check and quarantine and return procedures (as necessary).
3. School close contacts where masking is not required – Identify unvaccinated close contacts (and those whose vaccination status is unknown) in situations where masking is not required. Educate on quarantine and return procedures.
4. School close contacts where masking is required – Identify unvaccinated close contacts (and those
whose vaccination status is unknown) in situations where masking is required. Educate on quarantine and return procedures.

Close contacts will not be identified for outdoor class and recess time. General notifications will no longer be sent to those who are not known close contacts.

**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:

- They provide proof of full vaccination
- 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 days after exposure. Please see Enhanced Precautions for procedures for asymptomatic fully vaccinated close contacts.

**What are MCCSC’s Quarantine Options?**
Return to School after Quarantine for Close Contacts – The following changes are recommended to provide more opportunities for students to return to school after quarantine and, thus, reduce the number of days of in-person instruction missed:

- Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who can follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14 (see MCCSC “enhanced precautions” on the COVID-19 Information and Impact page at www.mccsc.edu), may return on Day 6 from last exposure if a negative test is performed no sooner than Day 5. (Lab antigen test preferred, home antigen test accepted when lab tests are not readily accessible.) Proof of test result (such as a photo) must be provided to the MCCSC “Call Center” at callcenter@mccsc.edu prior to return.
- Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who cannot obtain a negative test result but who can follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14, may return on Day 11 without a test.
- Unvaccinated, asymptomatic close contacts who cannot obtain a negative test result and who cannot follow “enhanced precautions” through Day 14, may return on Day 15.
- All students who return to school after a quarantine may participate in extra-curricular activities with a mask through Day 14.

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

All students who return to school after a quarantine may participate in extra-curricular activities with a mask through Day 14.

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/staff should NOT come to school and should seek a COVID test.
If symptoms develop during the school day, individual should be sent home and follow the MCCSC COVID-19 Symptom Screening and Testing Guidance document.
If COVID test is positive, begin 5 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began. (Please note, the first day of symptoms or a positive test is Day 0.)

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 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 or during the school day, student/staff should NOT come to school and follow the MCCSC COVID-19 Symptom Screening and Testing Guidance document.
If COVID test is positive, begin 5 days of isolation starting from the date symptoms began. (Please note, the first day of symptoms or a positive test is Day 0.)

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.