

### **What are the symptoms parents should be screening for prior to sending their students to school?**

Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school. The Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. Patients with COVID-19 have had mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

Fever or chills	New loss of taste or smell
Cough	Sore throat
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	Congestion or runny nose
Fatigue	Nausea or vomiting
Muscle or body aches	Diarrhea
Headache	

### **Will MCA require parents to notify the school if their student tests positive for COVID-19?**

Yes, students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should call or email the campus as soon as possible. MCA communication will be provided to the parents of students who came in contact with the COVID-19 positive student or staff member.

### **Who should I contact if my child or someone in our household tests positive for COVID-19?**

Call or email the campus as soon as possible. Students or staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.

### **What will the procedure be if someone in my student's class or school is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19?**

- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student's parent/guardian.
- Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus (e.g. go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) so that the classroom can be disinfected.
- School communication will be provided to the parents of students who encountered a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow school protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 10 days and be fever free without medication for 72 hours.
- Students who have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 will be asked to self-monitor and if they come down with symptoms to quarantine for 10 days and be fever free without medication for 72 hours.

### **What should I do if I had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

If you have, or suspect you have, had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, call your health care provider immediately and describe the contact you have had. Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 should call or email the campus as soon as possible.

### **Is MCA requiring daily screenings of students and staff?**

- Temperature screening of all students prior to entering the campus daily.
- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if symptoms are present.

### **Will always all students and staff be required to wear masks?**

Protective measures, including the use of face coverings, will be determined by the level of disease activity of COVID-19. The District will rely on data from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and Collin County Health Care Services as well as guidance from MCA Medical Advisory Committee. The District will develop a process to alert students, parents and staff of the disease activity level and when face coverings must be worn.

### **How will mask compliance be enforced? Will there be consequences?**

It will be a dress code violation. Chronic violations may result in more severe consequences.

### **How will the level of disease activity be determined?**

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### **What will lunch, recess, and specials look like?**

#### **Lunch**

- Lunch visitor will not be allowed at this time.
- Pre-K and K lunches will be delivered to classrooms/MPR room for students to eat. 1<sup>st</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade plans for lunches to be eaten in the cafeteria
- Social distance around all assigned seats will be provided
- Lunch times will be staggered

#### **Recess**

- Campuses will consider limiting the number of students per recess group. Staggered schedules can be utilized when needed.
- All students and staff will be required to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before entering the playground and upon exiting the playground.
- Brain breaks will be implemented as needed, at the discretion of the campus/teacher.
- "Mask breaks" will be implemented as needed.

#### **Specials**

- PE classes will be conducted outdoors whenever possible. Appropriate social distancing measures will be followed.
- Students will use their own art supplies.
- Music and PE equipment will be sanitized and wiped down after each use.
- Having specials in the classroom or outdoors is recommended.

### **Has MCA considered keeping students in one place and rotating teachers?**

Yes, MCA has weighed the feasibility of keeping students in the same classroom all day, along with many other strategies being considered or implemented across the country and world. MCA is currently planning the master schedule for campuses, which directly impacts the movement of students and teachers. At the elementary level, it is possible for specialized content teachers to move to students. This is not feasible in circumstances that require specialized classroom equipment or instructional settings. It is also problematic due to the large number and diversity of courses offered at the secondary level. In a school that prides itself in student opportunity, the ability to group cohorts of students together for all their coursework is limited by the desire to allow students to choose courses based on their own interests.

### **Will efforts be made to group cohort of Upper School students into the same course to limit exposure?**

The secondary schedule does not allow for cohorts due to the large number and diversity of courses available. MCA prides itself in student opportunity, the ability to group cohorts of students together for all their coursework is limited by the desire to allow students to choose courses based on their own interests.

### **Will MCA use partitions or something else to provide a physical barrier between students in the classroom?**

Desks or tables will be physically distanced (3 to 6 ft) as much as instructionally possible.

### **What happens if there is a COVID-19 spike and schools need to shut down?**

MCA can pivot to a "Virtual Closure" education model for a short or extended period. The length of the group quarantine will be based on health guidelines provided by state and local agencies as well as guidance from MCA Medical Advisory Committee. Currently, MCA is waiting for further direction.

### **What happens if my child's entire class or campus needs to on quarantine?**

Large groups of elementary and secondary students can temporarily pivot to a "Virtual Closure" education model. The length of the group quarantine will be based on health guidelines provided by state and local agencies as well as guidance from MCA Medical Advisory Committee. Currently, MCA is waiting for further direction.