

SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

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STUDENTS RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- ▶ For the 2021-2022 school year, the Muscogee County School District plans to return to in-person instruction for students. For those students whose medical needs, either physical or psychiatric, do not allow them to attend in-person instruction Hospital Homebound Services are available. Applications will be available upon request at each school location or on the district website.
- ▶ Pre-k – 2nd August 6th
- ▶ 3rd-12th August 9th

STRATEGIES FOR MAINTAINING CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS AND REDUCING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

- ▶ Collaborating with a Medical Advisory Committee consisting of local health care providers to include pediatricians, Department of Public Health (epidemiologist), and board attorneys
- ▶ Layered mitigation strategies
- ▶ Monitoring of local spread
- ▶ Direct and on-going access to the Department of Public Health epidemiology department
- ▶ Providing opportunities for vaccination

What DIDN'T Change?

- ▶ Physical distancing
 - ▶ Isolation rooms
 - ▶ Notification of positive case
 - ▶ Cleaning and sanitation
 - ▶ Self monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19
 - ▶ Illness protocols
 - ▶ Limited visitor access
 - ▶ Limited large groups
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WHAT DID CHANGE?

- ▶ No temperature checks
 - ▶ No Qualtrics daily survey
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MASKS

- ▶ Per CDC, the AAP and our local medical panel guidance, MCSD will begin the 2021-2022 school year with masks required indoors for all students and staff regardless of vaccination status.
 - ▶ Masks are required on all MCSD Buses per federal mandate
 - ▶ MCSD reserves the right to revisit mandatory masking as local conditions warrant
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STUDENTS AND STAFF EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS

- a) No symptoms without fever reducing medications for 48 hours; Or
- b) Have a clear alternative diagnosis from a medical provider; Or
- c) Proof of a confirmed negative test. In addition to the test, they can return to school/work once there is no fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines for 48 hours and they have felt well for 24 hours ; Or
- d) If an employee is suspected of having COVID-19, the employee/student may return to school once:
 - ▶ Symptoms have improved, AND
 - ▶ The employee/student is free of fever, without medication, for three consecutive days after the 7th day of the onset of symptoms, AND
 - ▶ 10 days have passed since the onset of symptoms, and he/she has been cleared to return.

QUARANTINE GUIDANCE

- ▶ Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more or 15 minutes cumulatively.

Fully Vaccinated: Individuals who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19, with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, are NOT required to quarantine *if it has been at least 14 days (2 weeks) since the completion of the COVID-19 vaccination series (two doses in a two-dose series OR one dose in a one-dose series).*

RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER EXPOSURE

A student or employee can return to school after day 7 upon receiving a negative test result and having no symptoms. Testing must occur on day 5 or later after exposure.

A student or employee can return after 10 days and having no symptoms.

- ▶ After stopping quarantine, you should:
 - Watch for symptoms until **14 days after exposure**
- ▶ If you have symptoms, immediately self-isolate.