

MCHS
Reentry plan under phase 2 MCSD COVID plan

The purpose of this is to add context to the policy and provide some insight in how it will generally work. This is not a statement for or against vaccination. It is only to provide further information to guide each parent and student as they make decisions about the 2021-22 school year.

To familiarize yourself with the district plan, please follow the link. It is important to read the policy fully and pay special attention to Phase 2 guidelines as that is our current status in MCSD.

<https://www.madison-schools.com/cms/lib/MS01001041/Centricity/Domain/5346/August%202021-2022%20MCS%20Reentry%20Guidelines.pdf>

Please be advised that masks are both optional at times and may be required at others depending on the spacing of students throughout the day. This is spelled out in the policy under phase 2. If the class is doing close group work for a period longer than 15 minutes or on a bus, masks would then become mandatory. The student would work independently or provide their own transportation if they chose not to wear a mask in those cases. Please make sure your child brings a mask each day for those mandatory times if you plan for them to participate in those activities.

The school day will begin at 8:25 and end at 3:35 as normal, but some changes have been made throughout the day. Students will change classes in 2 shifts between classes to lower the number of students moving through the hallway. We will have 6 total lunches with adequate space to leave an open seat between each other. **School lunch deliveries will not be permitted under phase 2 or 3 of the district policy.** Please review the bell schedule for phase 2 on our website for specific bell times throughout the day.

The following is a description of different scenarios that will apply using the policy when we face positive COVID cases and how it will apply to students. It is only a general guide and each situation will have to be reviewed closely and decisions made based on all the factors involved.

Madison County School District COVID Phase 2 explained:

- 1) If student is **VACCINATED**, he/she will not quarantine unless the entire school does, or he/she has symptoms. Have the vaccine card or a picture of the vaccine card on your phone and when called in for contact tracing, show your card and the student will return to class.
- 2) If a student is **not Vaccinated But WEARS A MASK**

If the student is unvaccinated, but masked, and maintains a minimum of 3 ft of distance you **reduce the possibility of** having to quarantine.

- a. If a student is in “close-contact vicinity” of a positive case, the positive case and any unmasked will be quarantined. If the positive case was unmasked- all close contacts mask or not (excludes vaccinated) will be quarantined.
- b. In settings where students are grouped closely for more than 15 minutes masks SHOULD be worn by all. If a student is masked but someone else isn't and they test positive all will have to be quarantined excepted those vaccinated.
- c. Don't congregate for more than 15 minutes is the best way to avoid being quarantined. 1 positive unmasked person will result in any unvaccinated masked or unmasked close contacts into quarantine with them. (group work, sports, congregating before and after school)

We hope this additional context will help all of our stakeholders have a better understanding so each can make wise decisions.

Thank you for reviewing this material and we all hope to be back to phase 1 soon.

Sincerely,

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