



Screening from Home, Safety Protocols at School and What Happens if Someone in My Household is Covid-19 Positive?

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Screening from Home

It's critical for you to screen your child's health at home before sending your son or daughter to school every day. Please take his/her temperature by mouth daily. If your student's temperature is above 100.4, your student should remain at home for the day. If your student is ill or is presenting any Covid-19 symptoms, please also keep your student home for the day. Students who become ill during the day will be quarantined with constant adult supervision until you are able to come to school to pick them up.

Please review handwashing protocols with your student. Handwashing with soap and water should occur for at least 20 seconds to be considered sufficient. Many recommendations are to sing the Happy Birthday song as that's about 20 seconds in length.

Please also teach students proper cough and sneeze etiquette. Here's language you can use: Cover your mouth and nose every time you cough or sneeze. Use a disposable tissue to cover your mouth or nose if possible. If a cough or sneeze sneaks up on you and no tissue is available, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve. This prevents your hands becoming contaminated. Clean hands immediately with soap and water preferably or hand sanitizer if soap and water is not readily available.

Safety Protocols at School

Face masks will be required for all students and staff at MAPS. A mask is defined as cloth material that covers the nose and mouth. Masks may be secured to the head or simply wrapped around the lower face. They can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton or linen, and may be factory-made or made by hand.

Please make sure your students have a clean cloth mask every day. Everyone will be expected to wear a mask at all times, including on the bus, except while eating breakfast or lunch. We will have disposable masks available, but please consider cloth masks as part of our dress code until you hear differently.

We will align as closely as possible to social distancing guidelines trying to keep all students and staff as close to six feet away from each other as possible and are using the definition of close contact (less than six feet away from someone for 15 minutes or more) as the guiding principal for how we arrange classrooms, spacing and movement through the buildings.

All students will be eating breakfast in their classrooms. Because we remain in Phase 5, elementary students will be eating lunch in their building's cafeteria with strict social distancing. Junior/senior high school students will be divided into both the cafeteria and part of the gym.

We will have hand-sanitizer throughout the buildings available to students and staff as required in the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap.

Teachers will be cleaning student desks every time students change locations or leave their classroom space. So, rest assured a student will not be sitting at a desk where another student was previously sitting without it having been cleaned with an EPA-approved disinfectant.

What Happens if Someone from my Household Tests Positive for COVID-19?

If you or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 please call and speak with your building principal right away. Your principal will guide you on what this means for students attending school. We will guard your confidentiality. We also communicate regularly and frequently with Public Health Delta Menominee (PHDM) to ensure that what we do and what we tell you is aligned to their recommendations.

Let's define a couple of terms:

- Someone who tests positive for COVID-19 must **ISOLATE** themselves from others.
- Someone who is identified as a close contact to a positive case must **QUARANTINE**.
- **CLOSE CONTACT** is defined as a person who was within six feet of a person infected with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes with or without a mask.

If someone in the house other than the student tests positive for COVID-19:

- Students will be required to quarantine (and cannot physically attend school) for 14 days after the last exposure to the positive case. It is important to note that, in some instances, quarantine periods may extend beyond 14 days.
- Public Health Delta Menominee (PHDM) will advise the principal of when the student may return to school.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19:

- Positive cases will isolate for approximately 10 days. PHDM will notify the case of the specific isolation period and the criteria that need to be met to discontinue home isolation.
- Siblings and parents, if they are living in the same household, will need to quarantine for the entire time the positive case is in isolation plus 14 days.
- Any students and staff who meet close contact criteria will need to quarantine.
- If there is a likelihood of close contacts within a group (e.g., a kindergarten classroom), and they cannot be identified individually, the whole group may need to quarantine.
- Public Health Delta Menominee (PHDM) will advise the principal of when the student may return to school.