

McGregor COVID Policy Updates:

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COVID exclusion guidelines will be replaced with the Standard Illness Policy. (Keep your kids home when sick. May return when symptoms have improved and it has been at least 24 hours following resolution of fever, vomiting, or diarrhea without medication use. Must be well enough to participate in class activities and coughing must be controlled so as not to be a disturbance to the student or others.)

- COVID testing is no longer required when symptomatic but is still recommended.
- Staff/students with COVID are required to isolate for 5 days, returning on day 6 and wearing a mask when in the building thru day 10. If unable to wear a mask, they must remain out of the building for 10 full days.
- Student-athletes cannot participate on days 1-5 but may participate in in-person practice on days 6-10 (MSHL POLICY Last update on 01/20/22.... as far as I have seen, there are no new updates)
- Unvaccinated, household members may remain in the building unless symptomatic, at that point, the student or staff is required to test or remain out of the building for 5 days returning on day 6 and wearing a mask thru day 10.

McGregor Public School Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan - Fall 2022

McGregor recognizes that COVID-19 is still present in our community and acknowledges the concern related to additional variants as they arise. We will follow the outlined mitigation strategies for the 2021-2022 school year during the regular school day and for all sports and student activities.

All COVID-related school policies that have been adopted by the McGregor School Board of Education are available on the school website. * **This plan is subject to changes based on timely reviews of local data** * Changes may occur at any time and will be updated as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the MN State High School

League (MSHSL). At a minimum, this plan shall be reviewed every 6 months by the McGregor School Board.

ATTENDANCE AND SCREENING PROTOCOL:

Daily Screening Protocols and Reporting: Parents are asked to screen their children at home before sending them to school using the following MDH Screening Guidelines:

STUDENTS AND STAFF SHOULD STAY HOME IF THEY ARE EXPERIENCING:

- New Onset Cough or Shortness of Breath
- Fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Congestion
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- Gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting, nausea
- **Positive COVID-19 Test

****IN ADDITION:** If someone in your home has TESTED POSITIVE for COVID-19, we ask that you monitor any additional children for signs or symptoms, testing them for COVID should symptoms arise.

CONTACT TRACING All Positive COVID cases are reported to MDH per state policy. Exposures for COVID-19 are no longer being tracked at the school. Parents should consider coming to school as the same risk as being out in the community.

DISTANCE LEARNING Distance learning curriculum is not available for the 2022-2023 school year. All students are required to attend in person, five days a week.

ILLNESS OCCURRING IN THE SCHOOL When a staff member or student develops any symptoms of illness, we will follow the following protocol:

- Isolate and monitor the person in the school nurse's office while they wait to be picked up or until they are able to leave the facility on their own.
- Siblings of the ill child will NOT be removed from the school building. We ask that you use informed decision-making to determine if the siblings shall remain in the building. For example: if your child's illness turns out to be strep throat, siblings are able to be in the building. If the illness is determined to be COVID-19, siblings may come to school unless they begin with symptoms. At

that point, the school would require a negative test to return.

HEALTHY RETURN TO SCHOOL

In most cases, students and faculty are allowed back into the school building when they are 24 hours fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms have improved. In short, if a child is not feeling **well they should not be in school**.

HOUSEKEEPING

Enhanced hygiene and cleaning protocols will continue to be a district-wide focus. Doors will again be propped open and door handles routinely wiped down. Air quality and ventilation systems have been updated to provide proper filtration.

LOCKER ROOMS Will be open for use.

MASKS

The CDC, MDH, and AAP continue to STRONGLY RECOMMEND the use of face masks on all persons regardless of vaccination status inside the building if the county transmission level is high. At McGregor School, **masks are optional** and will not be required on the school grounds either inside or outside during the instructional day. All sports-related workouts and/or practices or competitions are subject to the rules designated by the Minnesota State High School League.

POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

Should be reported to Allison Paquette, School Nurse, for proper reporting. Positive COVID cases will remain out of the school building for 5 days from symptom onset or test date (if asymptomatic), returning on day 6 IF the student is willing to wear a face mask thru day 10. IF the student is unwilling or unable to wear a face covering, they shall remain out of the building for 10 days from symptom onset or positive test.

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

Bus capacity and seating will return to normal, seating with family members are encouraged but not required. Assigned seating may still be utilized at the Driver's discretion.

WATER FOUNTAINS

Students are encouraged to continue using personal water bottles throughout the school day.

