

Back to School Plan 2023– 2024

Madison Central School District Families,

As we prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, we are making major changes to our required Back-to-School Plan.

The public health emergency ended on May 11, 2023; however, schools are still required to have a plan in place through September 2024. The following changes will now be part of our plan for 2023-2024.

(Please note we have eliminated the majority of the previous plan. Many of the items that remain are requirements)

The School District:

- Encourage physical distancing, proper hand hygiene, increased sanitation, face coverings, staggering class release times, hallway flow directed, adjusting lunchtime and seating, and recess modifications.
 - [How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask](#)
- Monitor for student illness and isolate and contact parent/guardian immediately
- As with any community health concern, we will monitor and take recommendations from Madison Regional Health System and from the SD Department of Health and Education
- ~~Adjust to the proper Level as needed in our plan~~
- ~~Communicate changes to parents~~
 - ~~[Close Contacts – Madison Central School District](#)~~
- ~~Rapid Testing of Staff with symptoms of Covid-19 (While supplies are available)~~ [Rapid Test Consent Form](#)
- K-12 After school help provided for students needing additional academic support
- Counselors available for K-12 students
- Provide information on community counseling services for students and staff - 605-256-9656
- Provide contact information on vaccination availability through [Madison Regional Health System](#) – 605-256-6551
- **Parents/Guardians:**
- ~~Review guidelines for each Level and adjust as needed~~
- ~~Conduct home health screening checklist each morning with child(ren)~~
- Keep your child home if they have a fever, cough or flu symptoms and have them return only when there has been a time of 24 hours with no temperature and no medication (Timeframe may change and will follow CDC/SDDOH guidelines)
- ~~Create a family plan in the event your child is sent home due to a temperature or related symptoms~~
- ~~Create a family plan in the event we need to move to Level III or IV during the school year~~
- ~~Please reinforce the importance of students following the changes made for the safety of all during this school year~~

School Phase Status

Level I – [Green] – Low to moderate risk, normal face-to-face instruction, declining and/or flat confirmed cases in city, county and surrounding area, precautionary procedures per local and state health recommendations, face coverings optional. The district may move a building to Level II if the percent of

students/staff from separate households with active Covid-19 cases is greater than 1.5% in a building. (Each building will have their own level status)

Level II — (Yellow) — Increased risk, normal face-to-face instruction, limited cases in school and flat or slow increase in city, county, and surrounding area, continue to follow precautionary procedures per local and state health recommendations, face coverings required. If the percent of students/staff from separate households with active cases moves above 1.5% in a building, face coverings will be required in that building until the percentage of active cases drops back below 1%, at which time the building will move back to Level I.

Level III — (Red) — High risk, increasing number of cases, lack of ability to cover classrooms with substitutes, move to distance learning

Level IV — (Blue) — While in Level III, cases have consistently declined in the city, county, and surrounding area. Move to implementation of hybrid platform for transition back into in-person instruction. Students Jr. K through 12th, will be split into Group A and Group B at the beginning of the school year. Group A would resume in-person classes on Monday and Tuesday for the full day (buses will run) and Group B will attend posted online lessons during the day. On Wednesday, staff will be available for online help, and deep cleaning will take place in the facility to prepare for Group B attending onsite. Starting on Thursday, Group B would resume in-person classes on Thursday and Friday for the full day (buses will run) and Group A will attend posted online lessons during the day. While in Level IV, if cases continue to decline, a decision will be made on the need to stay in Level IV or to move back to Level II of in-person all day for all students, if cases would increase substantially, a decision will be made to move back to Level III. (The intent of this hybrid Level is simply to transition back to full time in-person instruction, and we would hopefully only be in Level IV for a 14-day timeframe.) Face coverings required.

Transportation:

- — Busses will be sanitized after each use (2 times per day)
- — Hand sanitizer available upon entering and exiting the school bus
- — Out-of-town routes may no longer make in-town stops (Fewer kids on each bus)
- — 1 or 2 additional in-town routes (Fewer kids on each bus)
- — Encourage parents to drop-off and pick-up students, if possible, instead of riding the bus
- — Windows will be opened a little, when temperature allows, for better air flow

Food Service:

- Food service workers and lunch supervisors will sanitize tables in between groups
- Students will have touchless scanner cards in MS & HS
- Food service will have a scanner sheet for each elementary class
- Hand sanitizer will be in place for students prior to entering the food service area
- Hand sanitizer will be in place for students leaving the food service area

- Administration determination of limited outside visitors/guests
- ~~Social distance as much as possible~~
- ~~Plexi-glass dividers on each table at Level II & IV — provides a clear barrier between students~~
- ~~Lunchroom and eating areas will be expanded where possible~~
- ~~Timeframes will be adjusted as needed~~
- ~~Some meals may be prepackaged~~

Technology:

- All paperwork signed at the beginning of the school year

General Cleaning of Facilities:

- Additional touchless hand sanitizer stations in all buildings
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers in all buildings
- ~~Sneeze guards for all reception areas and office desks~~
- Disinfecting wipes for all buildings
- 4 handheld ionizer sanitizers and 2 backpack ionizer sanitizers
- Precautionary Covid-19 signage for all facilities
- ~~Multiple sanitizing of bathrooms each day~~
- ~~Multiple sanitizing of high usage areas each day~~
- ~~Buses sanitized twice daily~~
 - [Cleaning and Disinfecting Our Facility](#)

Building Mitigation:

- ~~Open House scheduled by appointment over 2 days in August~~
- ~~Classrooms decluttered for maximum social distancing~~
- Administration determination of limited outside access to facilities
- Social distance, hand washing signage
 - [Wash Your Hands Poster](#)
- ~~Bathroom breaks staggered~~
- Proper cough covering
 - [Cover Your Cough Poster](#)
- ~~Recess staggered — administration determination of playground quadrants — if deemed necessary~~
- ~~Hallway traffic signage~~
- ~~No usage of water fountains~~
- Bottle Filling Stations are available in all buildings
- Students and staff encouraged to bring a water bottle (Refillable at bottle filler stations)
- ~~Plexi-glass shields at all administrative reception areas as needed~~
- ~~Stay healthy information provided to all students, parents, and staff~~
- ~~Elementary, middle school and high school activities will be provided as possible — state guidelines SDHSAA/SDDOH~~

- ~~Scheduled additional handwashing in grades Jr. K – 5th~~
- ~~Face coverings optional for MCSD Staff (Unless required upon administration determination)~~
 - [How to Wear and Take Off Your Mask](#)
- Touchless thermometers in all buildings
- Designated area in each building for students or staff showing signs of fever or related symptoms

Communication:

- Continual communication as we move through the school year
- Communication with parents when a student has a temp or related symptoms and needs to be picked up – DOH protocols
- ~~Communication with parents if a positive test takes place and decision on needed adjustments or changes in the current Level – student and staff privacy rights will be followed~~
- Partnership needed with families to self-check before school each day
- ~~Partnership with families to transport their children when possible~~
- Require any student or staff member who goes home with a temp of the mandatory 24-hour period of no fever with no medication before they are allowed back (Following any changes in CDC/SDDOH guidelines) – if a positive case the length of time will be determined by the most recent guidelines from the SDDOH, CDC and MRHS
- Contact person – Supt. Joel Jorgenson – 605-256-7700

Test Positive for COVID-19

- Isolate for 5 days. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms
- ~~Mask worn until day 10.~~
- If they continue to have fever or other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, they should wait to end isolation until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and their other symptoms have improved.

In addition, the following will be removed from our Back-to-School Plan Website:

Remove Reopening Color Chart

Remove Close Contact Information

Remove Active & Recovered Weekly Information

Thank you,

Madison Central Board of Education & Administration

See [Color Chart Companion Document](#)

Tentative Plan Review Schedule:

June Board Meeting 2023

November 2023 Board Meeting

May 2024 Board Meeting

