



Home of the "Mustangs"
MAINE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL #10

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MCS D Mitigating Strategies for 2021-22 School Year

Maine Consolidated School District (MCS D) is preparing for the 2021-2022. These plans are based on guidance from the Arizona Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance, local public health service guidance, and the input of staff and Governing Board members who understand our district and community needs.

Section 15-342.05 - [Effective 9/29/2021] Face coverings; requirement prohibition

A. Notwithstanding any other law or order, a county, city, town, school district governing board or charter school governing body may not require the use of face coverings by students or staff during school hours and on school property.

B. A school district or charter school may not require a student or teacher to receive a vaccine for COVID-19 or to wear a face covering to participate in in-person instruction.

A.R.S. § 15-342.05

- "Maine Consolidated School District highly encourages the use of face masks and coverings for staff and students while indoor on campus"

Conditions related to COVID-19 likely will continue to be fluid throughout the 2021-2022 school year. This plan has been developed to be flexible enough to respond to changing health conditions, and to meet the diverse needs of our students and their family preferences. This will be a living document that will continue to be updated based on current information.

We are committed to:

- Provide continuity of learning that is engaging to students
- Prepare safe learning environments for students and staff, which mitigates their risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our school and worksite
- Communicate with students, families, and staff
- Address challenges to social emotional health of students and staff caused by isolation and disruption due to COVID-19
- Support staff with resources, training, and guidance

Health and safety concerns:

- Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of students, staff, and community
- Our goal is to be as normal as conditions allow; we will modify plans as needed
- The school year will begin with a serious review of personal hygiene practices with students
- Hand sanitizer is available everywhere on campus
- Disinfectant is from the US EPA COVID-19 list
- Increased air filtration
- For extended absences we can provide remote learning
- If sick or showing signs, **stay home**
- If sick you may return: 24 hours after no fever, other symptoms have improved, 10 days since onset
- PreK -3 may wear face shield in place of face mask
- 100.4 is temperature cut point

Sanitation and safety:

- School will be cleaned and disinfected regularly
- Bus drivers disinfect regularly
- All bathrooms will be disinfected regularly
- Playground disinfected regularly

At Home:

This is the first point on the screening continuum. Students and staff must not come to school if exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- chills
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- muscle aches
- sore throat
- headache
- fatigue
- congestion or runny nose
- cough
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- new loss of taste or smell

**Families, we ask your cooperation to follow the student screening expectations for the above symptoms each morning, to self-report symptoms to the school, and keep students at home if any symptoms are present. Students will have the opportunity to make-up work missed due to symptoms of COVID-19.*

Transportation and Student Drop Off:

- Students are allowed on campus starting at 8 A.M.

- No Morning EDCP (at this time)
- Bus drop-off in bus lane
- One student per seat (to the greatest extent possible, siblings will sit together)
- All non-bused students will be dropped off in North lot by new gate

School Year Procedures:

- ALL drop off and pick up of students at North lot
- ALL visitors check in the front office before visiting campus please
- EDCP may meet in afternoon in new location: sanitized daily, students sanitize upon entrance
- School registration is moving to online, but there will still be some paper forms
- Morning assembly through video or intercom (at this time)
- No assemblies (at this time)
- Field trips we will continue to monitor
- Friday care will be available, please contact office for cost and registration
- If student becomes sick during school, isolate in nursing room till parent pick up
- Calendar may change during the year
- Students wash hands or hand sanitize regularly
- Bathroom use upon request; 2-3 in bathroom at a time, hand sanitize before and after
- Students line up and walk with teacher to bus, EDCP, or pick up
- Teacher will come to classroom (inclusion) whenever possible
- Specials may meet outside if weather permits (as all classes will be encouraged to do)

Procedure for Covid-19 Symptoms or a Positive Test:

MCSO will coordinate with the Coconino Health and Human Services Department in the event of a positive test and coordinate as appropriate for contact tracing. The District is bound by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and will honor the privacy of impacted individuals. Communications and notifications pertaining to a positive case will follow the direction of the Coconino Health and Human Services Department.

- If a person becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms or reports a positive COVID-19 test, the procedures listed below should be followed:
 - MCSO staff should immediately report the situation **ONLY** to the authorized individuals
- If an employee develops COVID-19 symptoms at work, separate the employee from all other students, staff, or visitors, ensure that the employee wears a mask at all times, then make arrangements to send the employee home in a safe manner.
 - If the employee is able to self-transport, have the employee leave the site.
 - If the employee is not able to safely self-transport, contact a family member, emergency contact, or other method of transport to get the employee home or to a healthcare provider.
 - If the employee appears to be in medical distress, call 911
- If a student develops COVID-19 symptoms at school, separate the student from all other students and staff, with the exception of one staff member to supervise the student

- Have this staff member wear PPE and a face covering while maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from the student at all times, unless there is an emergency
- Staff should bring students to the health office for further evaluation
- Designated staff will immediately notify a parent or emergency contact to pick up the student and call 911 if the student appears to be in medical distress
- Close off any areas that were exposed to the symptomatic employee or student for a prolonged period
 - During that time, if feasible, open windows or outside doors to increase air circulation
 - After 24 hours, thoroughly clean and disinfect all surfaces in the area, per CDC guidelines
- Determine whether other employees or students may have been exposed to the symptomatic individual within six (6) feet and for a prolonged period of time (typically longer than 15 minutes)
 - If so, notify those individuals (or, in the case of students, their parents/guardians) of the potential exposure
 - DO NOT disclose the name of the individual who has become sick
- Employees or students who have developed COVID-19 symptoms or had a positive COVID-19 test may not return to the site until the following has occurred:

*24 hours after no fever, other symptoms have improved, 10 days since onset

Responsibility of MCSD Staff:

- Clean and disinfect classroom regularly including door handles, desks, pencil boxes, computers
- All library equipment and materials will be sanitized regularly
- Tech lab--Computers will be sanitized regularly
- Walk with students to help with social distancing
- Hand sanitize at beginning of day
- Hand sanitize upon exit of room
- Walkie-talkie or phone to communicate

Communications Plan:

- MCSD continues to deliver information to stakeholders in a multi-platform effort to ensure maximum communication reach via mass communications systems and targeted outreach based on desired objectives and tactics.