



Home of the "Mustangs"
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MCSD Mitigating Strategies for 2023-24 School Year

Maine Consolidated School District (MCSD) is preparing for the 2023-24. 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 2022-23 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

Sanitation and safety:

- School will be cleaned and disinfected regularly
- Bus drivers disinfect regularly
- All bathrooms will be 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.
- 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 the east 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
- Field trips we will continue to monitor, allowable
- 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
- Specials may meet outside if weather permits (as all classes will be encouraged to do)

Procedure for Covid-19 Symptoms or a Positive Test:

MCSD 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.

COVID-19 Reporting

- CCHHS has adapted COVID-19 reporting as we move into the endemic stage of the pandemic. One comprehensive COVID-19 report is published each Friday by 10 a.m. and the COVID-19 Weekly Schools Report has been discontinued. The weekly Coconino County COVID-19 Report is available [here](#).

Community Level and CDC Masking Guidance

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends masking protocol based on each county's Community Level. You can find Coconino County's Community Level in the Weekly COVID-19 Report linked above*. To find masking guidance, click [here](#).
- To summarize current masking guidance, see below. At the time of sending this email, Coconino County is in **Medium** Community Level based on CCHHS reporting.
 - **Low** COVID-19 Community Level: No masking is advised
 - **Medium** COVID-19 Community Level: Consider wearing a mask when indoors when in contact with someone at high-risk for severe disease
 - **High** COVID-19 Community Level: Wearing a well-fitting mask indoors in public is recommended, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings)

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19

- Click [here](#) for the details on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. Please note: CCHHS continues to recommend that individuals follow CDC masking guidance and mask to their comfort and risk level.

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children

- Children six months and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - The Moderna vaccine is available for ages 6 months to 5 years, two doses, four weeks apart.
 - The Pfizer vaccine, (already approved for ages 5 to 17 years at a lower dosage) is approved for 6 months to 4 years, two doses, three weeks apart, and a third dose at least two months later.
- Coconino County Health and Human Services is administering child and adult vaccines at CCHHS clinics. Additionally, several healthcare providers and pharmacies offer COVID-19 vaccinations. COVID-19 vaccines are provided at no cost. Click [here](#) for COVID-19 vaccination locations.

COVID-19 Testing

- COVID-19 testing locations can be found [here](#).
- Families can order COVID-19 at-home tests from the Federal Government [here](#).
- Schools and districts can request at-home COVID-19 tests from CCHHS to distribute to staff and families by completing the COVID-19 Rapid Test Order Form located at [LINK](#).

Help for Coconino County Families Impacted by COVID-19

- K-12 students and families in Coconino County who have tested positive for COVID-19 since July 1, 2021, can receive help paying for groceries, lodging, and laundry services. This program is offered by the Coconino County Superintendent of Schools. Learn more [here](#) and please consider sharing the attached flyers with your families.

Staying in Touch with CCHHS

- If you need to contact CCHHS or if you have questions, please contact us at covid19information@coconino.az.gov.

Share Updated Information with Your School Community

- Please follow CCHHS on social media for the latest updates on COVID-19. Please share the posts as you see fit.
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoconinoCountyHHS>
 - Instagram: <https://www.facebook.com/CoconinoCountyHHS>
 - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/coconinohhs>

Responsibility of MCS D 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.