



Mooreland Public Schools

# Return to Learn Safely Plan

2021-2022

For Students & Families

# Overview



The 2021-2022 school year is well underway and we are having a great school year. The well-being of our students and staff is our top priority. We are highly aware regulations and situations concerning COVID-19 are changing daily.

MPS has established some safety procedures and precautions that are in place to help create the safest school environment possible. The Return to School Safety Plan we now have in place will be flexible and change as local and state health conditions change.

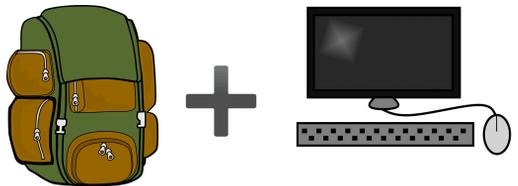
We will communicate any changes through OneCall, our school website, social media, and emails. The MPS COVID team will continue to meet and discuss changes for this plan.

We appreciate your flexibility, support and above all else, patience.

Our learning options will include:



**Traditional  
in-person learning**



**Distance learning environment**

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# Learning Pathways



## Traditional in-person learning

- All classes will be taken on the school campus during the regularly scheduled time.
- Students will have in-person instruction with a traditional academic school day.
- Elective and athletic classes will continue as scheduled.
- Faculty and staff will use Google Classroom during traditional learning to create an easier transition to assist students that may need to utilize distance learning.
- Traditional will be the main pathway of instruction unless distance learning is needed by students in quarantine.



## Distance learning environment

- Students that are experiencing Covid related symptoms may utilize distance learning with approval.
- Distance learning will be available to all students as needed; school will provide computers for students.
- A \$25 per student in grades 4-12 electronic device fee (no more than \$50 for a family of two) will be charged to help with upkeep.
- Coursework will be via Google Classroom with teachers on-site during regular school hours to help students with lessons and assignments.
- Paper packets may be utilized in lower grades.

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# Parent/Student/Staff Responsibilities



The effectiveness of our COVID-19 Return to School Safely Plan relies on each individual's personal responsibility to honestly monitor his or her health. Returning to school may mean that students and staff may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

Mooreland Public School administration strongly recommends some guidelines and a self-assessment routine to help parents, students and staff assess health each day.

## Daily Health Self-Assessment Procedure

### Exposure:

Have you been within 6 feet or had direct contact with a lab-confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

- Yes
- No

**\*If you answered YES do NOT come to school. Parent/guardian or staff member should contact the school office.**

### Symptoms:

If you have any of the following symptoms, speak to your health care professional, school staff and **DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS** until 48 hours after you are free of fever and symptoms or respiratory infection (not allergies or asthma), without the use of fever-reducing medications. This applies regardless of whether you have been tested for COVID-19 or not.

- Fever (Please check temperature daily before coming to campus. Temperature should be below 100 degrees F.
- New cough
- New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New chills
- New muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

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# MPS Practices



## Student physical health

- Every student and staff member **MUST** perform the daily health assessment at home each morning.
- Students may utilize distance learning after showing 2 or more days of symptoms.
- If a student actively engages in the distance learning environment and completes their assignments, they will not receive an absence.
- Students exhibiting fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents will be required to pick their student up.

## Students with Special Needs

- MPS will follow each student's IEP when providing services
- In the event that the school moves to distance learning, but is not quarantined, in-person services will be provided to those students.

## Our mask policy

- Our mask policy will be determined by the COVID committee members at meetings and will align with state and CDC guidelines. See page 9 for more details.

## Student exposure notification

- Per the CDC, local public health authorities determine and establish quarantine options for their jurisdictions.
- In the event a student has a positive diagnosis of COVID-19, Woodward County Health Department will begin the contact tracing process.
- Per Oklahoma State Department of Health protocol, exposed students will be notified as needed.
- Due to confidentiality regulations, Mooreland Public Schools will not release specific student or staff names or information in the event of a positive case.
- It is impossible to plan for all scenarios with a positive test. Cases will be handled individually and with guidance from county and state health officials.

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# MPS Practices

## Transportation

- Traditional transportation will resume
- Windows will be down for air circulation when possible.
- Temperatures will not be taken at this time.
- Masks are not required to be worn by students or staff at this time. Masks may be worn by any student or staff member if so desired.

## Classroom food

- All food needs to be pre-packaged.
- If your student has a health condition that requires them to have a special snack, please send it in a sealed container.

## Physical Distancing

- Based on local COVID numbers, if need be we will limit seating in our gymnasium to 50%.

## Vaccinations

- MPS has a current list of vaccination sites posted on the school website.

## Cleaning & Sanitation Protocols

- Personal hygiene signs will be posted throughout the school grounds.
- Increased cleaning and sanitation protocols have been implemented across the district.
- Hand sanitizer will be available upon entering each building and in each classroom.
- Disinfectant will be used daily in classrooms, doorknobs, and other frequently used surfaces.
- Students are encouraged to bring individual reusable water bottles to use at our refillable water stations.
- Increased handwashing is highly encouraged.
- Our school is equipped with newer ventilation systems and filters are changed more frequently than recommended.

## Visitors

- Visitors are not limited in the buildings at this time.

## COVID testing

- MPS will not administer COVID testing, but will encourage families to seek testing locally.

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# FAQs



- **Will the school district calendar change for the 2021-2022 school year?** MPS is planning for the entire school year (if possible) to be on campus, as long as health officials deem it safe to do.
  - **Will students and staff be required to wear face masks?** Students and staff may go without their masks at school and on school transportation if they feel comfortable not wearing masks. Anyone desiring to continue wearing a mask may do so.
  - **How will MPS communicate with me during times of disrupted traditional learning?** MPS will contact parents/guardians via OneCall, school website, the Mooreland Leader, social media, group messaging and email.
  - **When will distance learning be used?** MPS will move to distance learning on an as needed basis. MPS will work with health officials to determine when it is safe to go back to the traditional format.
  - **How do I contact the school with questions or concerns?** Call 580-994-5520 for the elementary; 580-994-5426 for the high school.
- **What steps will be taken if a student and/or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?** Because each case is unique, MPS will work closely with Woodward County Health Department to determine the appropriate next steps. It may require certain classes or areas of the school to close for cleaning.
  - **Will extracurricular activities and athletics take place?** At this time, guidance from OSSAA and the Oklahoma State Department of Education has indicated that these activities will take place as scheduled.
  - **Will Grab and Go still be offered for students?** The Grab and Go option in the school cafeteria will still be offered for students in grades 7-12. Order will need to be made by 8:45 am the day a student desires a Grab and Go.
  - **How do I contact a counselor to help my student during times of distance learning?** Call 580-994-5520 (elementary) or 580-994-5426 (JH/HS) to speak or set up an appointment with the counselor.

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# Distance Learning FAQs

- **What happens when I test positive?**

Parents who test positive need to let the school know and quarantine their students for 10 days from the date of testing. Students who test positive need to also let the school know and then quarantine for 10 days from the date of testing.

- **What happens when I test negative?**

If a student tests negative, they have to quarantine for 10 days. They may come back after 7 days if they have a negative test on day 5 of quarantine. This is per the Woodward County Health Department.

- **Will the school notify me if my student has been exposed?** Yes, the school will contact you if your student was in direct exposure to someone with covid.

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# COVID FAQs

## DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask

## DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape



Are prioritized for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators

## OSDE COVID-19 County Risk Levels

<https://oklahoma.gov/covid19/covid-19-alert-system.html>

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