



## **MEDORA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-2022**

### **GENERAL GUIDANCE**

- All students will attend in-person every school day and schools will be at full capacity
- Masks are highly recommended for students, staff and parents in the school building and on school transportation
- Social distancing of 3 feet will be practiced, when possible, but it may not be possible in many cases.
- The COVID vaccine is NOT required, but is available for students and staff ages 12 and above, through Schneck Medical Hospital. Schneck will be hosting an optional COVID vaccination clinic, at various sites.
- Students and staff with proof of vaccination will NOT need to quarantine if they are identified as a direct contact through the Department of Health, as long as they remain symptom free.
- Unvaccinated students and staff who are direct contacts will be required to quarantine for 14 days, per CDC guidelines.
- School staff who are required to quarantine will need to use sick days to cover their time away from work.
- Athletics, clubs and all other extra-curricular activities will operate in-person and with spectators.
- Visitors will be welcome into buildings.
- MCSC will host in-person school events/open houses.
- Field trips will return, as possible based on venue/location.

### **CLASSROOM PRACTICES**

- Classrooms and learning environments will be scheduled at full capacity.
- Students may share school or art supplies and will be asked to sanitize hands before and after shared supply use.
- Student seating may be arranged to have all students face the same direction, when possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in classrooms and students will have the opportunity to clean hands as they enter/exit classrooms and handwashing will be encouraged.

### **CLEANING**

- MCSC will continue to use enhanced cleaning practices and provide extra hand washing materials and cleaning supplies.
- MCSC will continue to meet the Indiana State Department of Health's recommended environmental steps to reduce indoor COVID transmission through humidity, air-conditioning, air filters, etc.

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## **ILLNESS**

- Anyone experiencing symptoms of illness may be excluded from school buildings or events.
- If your child is ill or quarantined, teachers will provide missed school work per normal procedures.
- Parents need to be attentive to the daily health of their children and should ensure their child is symptom free and safe to attend school each day. School staff should also ensure they are symptom free before coming to school/work.
- MCSC will observe 100.4 degree temperature as the fever threshold for illness. Please contact the school nurse with concerns or questions about your student's current health symptoms.
- Schools will NOT conduct COVID tests.

## **SUSPECTED COVID**

- Suspected COVID symptoms include:
  - Fever of 100.4+ degrees
  - Chills
  - Sore throat
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Diarrhea
  - Nausea
  - Abdominal pain
  - Vomiting
  - Headache (particularly new, severe, or with fever)
  - New loss of taste or smell
- If a student or staff member exhibits a potential COVID-19 symptom (other than a fever or loss of taste/smell), they must evaluate whether or not the symptom is typical based on their medical history and use good judgement regarding school attendance.
- If an individual exhibits a (1) fever, (2) loss of taste/smell, (3) a potential COVID symptom not typical for their medical history, or (4) more than one potential symptom, they may not attend school until one of the following have been met:
  1. Documentation of a negative COVID test + fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medicine) + symptoms significantly improved/resolved + not identified as a direct contact exposure.
  2. Isolate at home for a minimum of 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared + fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicine) + symptoms significantly improved/resolved + not identified as a direct contact exposure.

*The Jackson County Health Department and/or Indiana State Department of Health may require additional documentation or impose additional medical restrictions on a case-by-case basis.*

## **CONFIRMED COVID**

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, they will not be able to return to school until all of the following conditions are met: (1) out of school for at least 10 days, (2) all symptoms are gone, (3) fever-free (without fever-reducing medicine) for 24 hours.

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