

MEDUXNEKEAG CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

Green Phase Covid Operational Plan 2021-2022

The intent of this document is to provide a quick reference for MCS school staff, families, and visitors on MCS protocols regarding Covid-19 risk mitigation.

Approximately two-thirds of our student population remain at risk of contracting Covid-19. These measures will reduce their risk and make contact tracing efficient and effective.

Our goal is to keep our student population safe, to keep our staff safe and to have in-school learning for as many students as possible should there be a confirmed case of Covid among the MCS family.

To facilitate a safe return to school and smooth communication of new expectations, there will be a staggered entry. Except for kindergarten, all homerooms, Grades 1-8, will have half of the students return on Tuesday, September 7th and the other half return on Wednesday, September 8th. All Grades 1-8 students will be in school on Thursday, September 9 and Friday, September 10th.

Kindergarten students will also have staggered entry as communicated to parents in June.

On a child’s first day of school ONLY, one (1) parent/caregiver will be permitted to enter the building with their child. All adults entering the building must wear a mask.

Tuesday, September 8	Wednesday, September 9	Thursday, September 10	Friday, September 11
Kindergarten Group 1 Half of all homerooms (top-part of alphabet)	Kindergarten Group 1 (half day) Half of all homerooms (bottom-part of alphabet)	Kindergarten Group 2 All students Grades 1-8	Kindergarten Group 2 (half day) All students Grades 1-8

Operational Expectations

- Students will wash their hands before coming to school or getting on the school bus.
- Students will wear masks on the school bus and sit in the same seat with the same people.
- All students, staff and visitors will wear masks on our sidewalks and as they enter the building. All students and visitors will use the Main Entrance for arrival. Students may arrive from 7:45 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.
- All doors to the building, except for the doors to the entry vestibule, will be locked from 8:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.

- Visitors to the school will be minimized. Visitors will always wear a mask. Visitors will always wear a mask and be required to sign in and out at the main office.
- Masks will be worn in all common areas; hallways, washrooms, lobby, cafeteria, etc.
- Students arriving prior to 8 a.m. will wait at their assigned cafeteria table. They will wear a mask. They will be directed to their classrooms at 8 a.m. where the hall supervisor will ensure that hallways are not congested.
- Supervisors will also monitor the movement of students to the Breakfast Program; ensuring that masks are worn, and that hallway traffic is kept to a minimum.
- Hand washing/sanitizing will occur at entry to school and rooms.
- Teachers will maintain washroom logs.
- Water bottles are required. No fountain use except as filling stations.
- Congestion in common areas will be minimized. Hallway and stairway direction arrows will be followed. Wait circles will be used at water bottle-fill stations and washrooms.
- Spaces will continue to be equipped with disinfectant and cleaners. Spaces will be disinfected after use.
- Staff moving between classes will maintain a 1m distance between themselves and students.
- The number of staff moving from classroom to classroom will be minimized.
- The number of students moving room to room will be minimized.
- Sharing of items will be minimized and determined by what is reasonable, given the age and developmental phase of students.
- Equipment shared between classroom will be disinfected between uses.
- The cafeteria will run as last year, with classes being assigned a table.
- Students will pre-order lunch and students grades 3-8 can pre-order morning snacks.

- The playground spaces will be used on rotation by grade level groupings. Inside school spaces will be used on rotation by grade level groupings.
- Sign in logs for clubs, sports teams, drama and all other noon-hour and extra-curricular activities will be maintained. There will be no audiences for indoor school events.
- Outdoor learning continues to be encouraged.
- Students will prepare to depart at the end of the day, by gathering their materials at lockers and coat racks under teacher supervision in a staggered manner, (a few students at a time), ensuring that the hallway is not congested.
- Students will return to their classroom and wait inside their classroom for the announcement to exit.
- Students will exit the building, wearing a mask, via their designated door once an announcement is made.
- Supervisors will ensure that students get safely to their bus or family member.
- Family members picking up students will wait for students OUTSIDE at their designated exits, wearing a mask.
- Staff and students with 1 Covid-like symptom will need to always mask. Students and staff with 2 or more Covid-like symptoms need to stay home and call public health for testing advice.
- Staff and students developing 2 or more Covid-like symptoms while at school, will need to go home. For students, parents will be called and the student will wait in the isolation area for immediate pick up.
- If a Covid case is confirmed, parents and staff will be notified. Contact tracing will begin.
- Teachers will be prepared to move to on-line learning if necessary.

MSTE/Computer Lab:

- Teachers will need to book the MSTE/computer lab through the MCS Onsite. Classes can be in the lab for a maximum of one period.
- Middle school students will be expected to wipe screens, keyboards, equipment, chairs, and tables prior to leaving.

- The exiting teacher will be responsible to ensure that students clean screens, keyboards, equipment, kitchen area, tables, chairs, and that high touch surfaces are properly disinfected before leaving the lab.
- Students will need to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the lab and after leaving the MSTE/computer lab.

Gyms:

- Phys.Ed teachers are strongly encouraged to instruct outside whenever possible.
- Equipment/locker rooms will be disinfected between uses; students and teacher will be responsible for disinfecting equipment and shared surfaces before exiting the gym or outside teaching area.
- The dividing gym curtain will separate classes when necessary.
- Students will need to wash/sanitize their hands before entering the gym and after leaving the gym.

Main Office:

- Students are not permitted to enter the Main Office to use the equipment/phone.

Work Room:

- Doors will remain closed.
- Staff must disinfect the computer screen, keyboard, mouse, table and chair after use.
- Staff must wear a mask and practice 2m of social distancing.
- Students are not permitted to enter the Work Room.

Staff Room:

- Doors will remain closed.
- Visiting professionals will wear their mask.
- Staff will disinfect their sitting/eating space after use.
- Refrigerators and microwaves can be used.
- Staff must bring all utensils, dishes, etc. with them and take them home.
- Sink will be kept clear of dishes.

Washrooms:

- All washrooms will “act as” gender neutral while we continue to minimize student contact.
- Students need to use the washroom in their wing/pod if possible.
- Students will use a verbal check to ask if the washroom is fully occupied.
- Stop and wait floor stickers will be outside each washroom.
- Staff are to monitor students leaving the class for the washroom.
- Frequent washroom breaks are strongly discouraged unless medically necessary. (Students will need to provide a medical note)