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Dear MCVSD Parents and Guardians:

The reopening of schools requires a broad community commitment to reduce the risks of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. Such commitment involves social distancing, wearing face coverings, cleaning, disinfecting and meticulous hygiene practices such as frequent handwashing. As our district moves to follow a hybrid instructional model on October 5th, I would like to share with you important procedures you and your child can expect in order to keep our school community healthy and safe.

Morning Procedures:

- All faculty and students are required to complete the district's Traffic Light COVID survey every school day. We ask that the [survey](#) be completed between the hours of 12 AM and 7AM. Information on how to access the survey is located on the district website. Once completed, the survey will result in a Green "Go" Traffic Light. This is necessary to enter school each day. Your child will need to have their traffic light survey result icon open and ready to show to morning monitors upon entering the school building. If the survey answers trigger a Red "Stop" Traffic Light, your child will be required to stay home. You may contact your school nurse for further instructions.
- The survey requires students to have a temperature check **prior to leaving for school**. COVID-related fever is defined as a temperature of 100.4 F or greater. Please ensure that your child's temperature is taken and falls below this guideline. In addition, your child will have his/her temperature checked upon entering the school building by your school's morning monitors. Anyone with a fever will be sent home and a physician's medical clearance will be needed to return to school.
- The NJ Department of Health has released guidelines for parents to complete a short checklist for COVID symptoms. We ask that you monitor your child for the following:

Section 1: Symptoms

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection in children and may put your child at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. Please check your child daily for these symptoms:

Column A

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fever (measured or subjective)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chills
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rigors (shivers)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Myalgia (muscle aches)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Headache
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore Throat
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nausea or Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fatigue
<input type="checkbox"/>	Congestion or runny nose

Column B

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cough
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shortness of Breath
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficulty Breathing
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of smell
<input type="checkbox"/>	New loss of taste

Students who are sick (e.g. fever, vomiting, diarrhea) should **not** attend school in-person. If **TWO OR MORE of the fields in Column A are checked off OR AT LEAST ONE field in column B is checked off**, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

- An Isolation Room will be provided to isolate any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms and the student's health conditions will be monitored by the nurse at all times.
- Ill students will remain in an isolation room until picked up. Parents are encouraged to pick up ill students in a **timely manner**. No student will be permitted to go home in an Uber, cab, or on the bus.

Face Coverings:

- We have purchased a machine washable face covering for each student
- NJ DOH dictates face coverings are to be worn at all times for staff, students and visitors, unless doing so would impede their health. If your child requires an accommodation for wearing a face covering please contact the school.
- We ask that you provide your student with an additional back up face covering
- The face covering is required to be worn around the nose and mouth and fit snugly under the chin. bandanas, scarves or towels are not permitted.

Hand Sanitizing Stations:

- Hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) will be in each classroom and hand-sanitizing stations with alcohol-based sanitizers will be located at the entrances and exits of the buildings and near the lunchrooms and restrooms.
- Students should wash hands for at least 20 seconds at regular intervals, including before and after eating, after using the restroom and after blowing their nose/sneezing or coughing.

Lunch Procedures:

- Students will eat lunch in assigned cohorts practicing social distancing.
- When possible, students will be permitted to eat lunch outside.
- Parents should provide a bagged lunch for their child.

- A Grab and Go lunch will be provided by some MCVSD schools.

Students **Testing Positive** for COVID-19:

- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 follow CDC guidelines and have a physician's medical clearance to return to school.
- Students **who have symptoms of COVID-19 AND have tested positive** (by PCR, rapid molecular or antigen testing **OR have not been tested** (i.e. monitoring for symptoms at home) should stay home and away from others until:
At least 10 days have passed since their symptoms first appeared **AND** they have no fever for at least 24 hours **AND** Other symptoms have greatly improved (for example, symptoms of cough or shortness of breath have improved)
- Students **who have no symptoms and have tested positive** should stay home and away from others until:
10 days have passed since the collection date of their positive COVID-19 diagnostic test **AND** they have not developed symptoms

Student with COVID-19 Symptoms **Testing Negative**:

- Students who **have symptoms and have tested negative** should stay home and away from others until:
24 hours after their fever has ended without the use of fever reducing medicines and their symptoms have greatly improved. Physician's medical clearance needed to return to school.

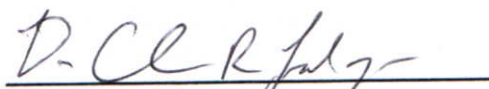
Close Contact for Contact Tracing Protocols:

- Individuals who are considered **close contacts** (contact within 6 ft of someone testing positive for 10 minutes or more) should:
Self quarantine and monitor for symptoms for 14 days from the last date of exposure with the Covid positive person.

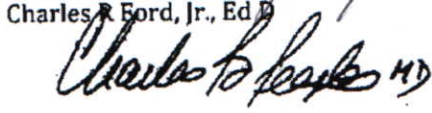
Daily Dismissal:

- Dismissal will be staggered to allow for social distancing.
- Students are required to wear face coverings on the bus at all times.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our return to school operations, please contact your building principal or nurse.



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