

Mount Carmel Area School District

Health Update #3
September 1, 2020

With an abundance of caution due to recent positive COVID cases in our district and community...

- MCA will be moving to the following hybrid schedule over the next two weeks.
- This move is being made to reduce our building population and help with social distancing.
- This schedule can change at any time due to possible additional COVID related cases, issues, or changing CDC, PDE, Local Emergency Management guidance, or PA Department of Health guidance.
- *As stated previously we all must prepare for any possible child care issues this current schedule may create moving forward. As well as prepare for possibility to have more virtual learning days.*

Hybrid

- Under this Hybrid Plan only students that chose in person instruction will follow the attached schedule.
- All students that chose virtual synchronous learning - will continue to learn virtually as they have since the start of school.

Wednesday, September 2nd

JH-SH (Grades 7 to 12)

- Full Virtual Day for all students

Elementary

- Students with last name A-L (Grades 3 to 6) attend in person.
- *All students in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade are in session regardless of last name.*
- *All IEP and GIEP (Grades Pre K to 6) students are encouraged and welcome to attend regardless of last name.*
- *Students with multiple last names in household may attend.*
- *Students not attending in person will attend virtually today.*

Thursday, September 3rd

JH-SH Building

- Students with last name M-Z attend in person.
- *All IEP and GIEP (Grades 7 to 12) students are encouraged and welcome to attend regardless of last name.*
- *Students not attending in person will attend virtually.*

Elementary Building

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Friday, September 4th

JH-SH Building

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Elementary Building

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Monday, September 7th

- No school. Labor Day
- Buildings will be deep cleaned over the labor day weekend.

Tuesday, September 8th

JH-SH Building

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Elementary Building

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Wednesday, September 9th

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Thursday, September 10th

JH-SH

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Elementary Building

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Friday, September 11th

JH-SH Building

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Elementary Building

- Students with last name M-Z (Grades 3 to 6) attend in person.
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Future Hybrid Schedule

If a hybrid schedule is needed beyond 9/11, the following in-school schedule will be followed consistently beginning 9/14 and into the future.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-k, K and 1 and 2 attend in person <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students with last name A-LStudents with multiple names in one householdAll IEP and GIEP attend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-k, K and 1 and 2 attend in person <p>Group A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students with last name A-LStudents with multiple names in one householdAll IEP and GIEP attend	All Students attend virtually to allow for additional deep cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-k, K and 1 and 2 attend in person <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students with last name M-ZAll IEP and GIEP attend	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Pre-k, K and 1 and 2 attend in person <p>Group B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students with last name M-ZAll IEP and GIEP attend

If this schedule is put into place, the rotation is fixed and will not change for snow days or holidays.

Assess current situation

- The MCA administration and school board will continue to assess our current situation with guidance from the PA Department of Health.
- As stated earlier in this presentation, things can change quickly based on new information.
- We all must be prepared for that change that may include additional virtual days if our cases continue to rise.

If family is need of child care or internet service :

- Please contact your building office and we can try to pass along information on local child care facilities.
- Please complete the attached survey to help us plan:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B9CBYHB>
- If your family is in need of internet service please contact our main office at 570 339 1500. There may be services or options available.
- Current wi-fi access is available outside the Mount Carmel Public Library.
- A CSO case manager will be available at the Mt. Carmel Library 10am to 4pm Thursday and Friday, September 3rd and 4th.
- Clients may also contact CSO by phone (570) 644-6575

Important!

- Parents and Guardians will complete a screening for their children BEFORE sending them to school each morning.
- If any family needs a temperature check device - please reach out to our district.
- Keep your child home if sick or exhibiting any COVID related symptoms.
- School must have updated and current contact information!

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

Daily Home Screening for Students

Parents: Please complete this short check each morning and report your child's information [INSERT YOUR SCHOOL REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS] in the morning before your child leaves for school.

SECTION 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sore throat;
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
<input type="checkbox"/>	Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
<input type="checkbox"/>	New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

SECTION 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

<input type="checkbox"/>	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19; OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with person under quarantine for possible exposure to SARS-CoV-2; OR
<input type="checkbox"/>	Traveled to or lived in an area where the local, Tribal, territorial, or state health department is reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases as described in the Community Mitigation Framework
<input type="checkbox"/>	New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
<input type="checkbox"/>	Live in areas of high community transmission (as described in the Community Mitigation Framework) while the school remains open

Extra Curriculars

- Will be screened multiple times during the day. Will be expected to be screened at home before being sent to school every morning and then again before all practices or activities. Afternoon screening will be completed by MCA district athletic therapy staff.

Parents/Guardians: Continue to stress to your children...

- Importance of wearing masks in public
- Importance of social distancing in public
- Importance of washing hands
- We will overcome this together!