



# Mount Carmel Area

September 17, 2020

Update

# *September 17, 2020 School Board Meeting Update*

- MCA decided to move back to full in-person instruction for all students regardless of last name starting on Monday, September 21st.
- Full In-Person instruction will be 5 days per week for all students.
- *Virtual students will have option to remain virtual.*

# IMPORTANT!

- ***If sick or exhibiting any symptoms stay home from school!***

- Reminder daily screening must continue before sending your child to school.
- Continue to practice:
  - Face Coverings when in public
  - Social Distancing
  - Frequent Hand Washing
  - Mindful of social gatherings

## 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 <a href="#">Community Mitigation Framework</a>
<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 <a href="#">Community Mitigation Framework</a> ) while the school remains open

## *Planning for the weeks and months ahead...*

- We have been communicating since June about the unique nature of how we would deal with the COVID-19 pandemic in our community.
- We all want normalcy and a set schedule for our teachers, students, and parents
- We all hope we do not need to move out of our current full in-person 5 day per week instructional model that will start on Monday, September 21st.
- ***But we must continue to prepare for varied instructional models....***

*If we need to move back to “Hybrid” Instructional Model we will follow this schedule:*

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

## *Possibility of Virtual Instruction for all students...*

- We all hope virtual instruction for all students will not happen again.
- But we must all at least prepare for this option especially related to child care.

# Finally...

- Contact your main principal office with any additional questions or concerns.
- Continually check back to our main website for updates

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [mca.k12.pa.us/wp/](http://mca.k12.pa.us/wp/). The page features a navigation menu with links for District, About Us, Schools, Academics, Arts, Athletics, MCA Life, Contribute, and Forms. A sidebar on the left contains a 'School Menus' button. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Left Column:** A green header reads 'Daily Home Screening for Students'. Below it, a red header says 'Attention Parents and Guardians'. The text states: '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 daily for these symptoms. Click to enlarge.' Below the text is a photograph of students in a computer lab.
- Middle Column:** A black header with a red checkmark icon reads 'I AM ATTENDING'. Below it, a red header says 'Daily Attendance'. The text reads: 'Proceed to the form to record your daily attendance. Form must be completed by all MCA (synchronous, or asynchronous) Virtual Learners in 7th to 12th grade daily between 12:01am and 11:59pm.' Below this is a screenshot of a web form titled 'I AM ATTENDING' with fields for 'Daily Attendance' and 'Attendance Office'. At the bottom, a reminder states: 'Reminder for in person students: You still must contact the attendance office at 570 339-1500 (ext 3134) if you will not be present on a particular school day. This call should be completed by Pam.'
- Right Column:** A section titled 'Tweets by @MCAEducation' features a purple header 'In Person Instruction'. The tweet text includes: 'MCA will return to full in person instruction for all students Pre K to 12 starting on Monday, September 21st', 'Students may attend 5 days per week regardless of last normal', 'Those students that chose virtual instruction may remain virtual.', and 'Reminder to all parents and guardians concerning the importance of conducting daily morning screenings of your child before sending them to school. Please keep your child home if sick or exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.' The tweet is from 'Mount Carmel Area School District @MCAEducation' and is dated '1h'. Below the tweet is a section titled '2020-2021 CLASS OFFICERS' with a list of names and roles.