



MOUNT CARMEL AREA

— AUGUST 2021 —
BACK TO SCHOOL UPDATES

REVIEW OF MASKING GUIDANCE

- June 28, 2021 - Pennsylvania lifts masking mandate
- July 12, 2021 - CDC recommends masks for only unvaccinated in indoor settings
- July 27, 2021 - CDC now recommends even fully vaccinated wear masks in areas of “high” or “substantial” transmission in indoor settings.
- July 28, 2021 - PA officials state there will be no mandate of masks
- PA DOH announces support of CDC Guidance
- ***At this time 49.9% of Northumberland County is fully vaccinated with another 3.5% partially vaccinated (Total - 52.6%)***
- ***58.4% of Pennsylvanians have at least one dose***
- ***SOURCE:***
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Dashboard.aspx>

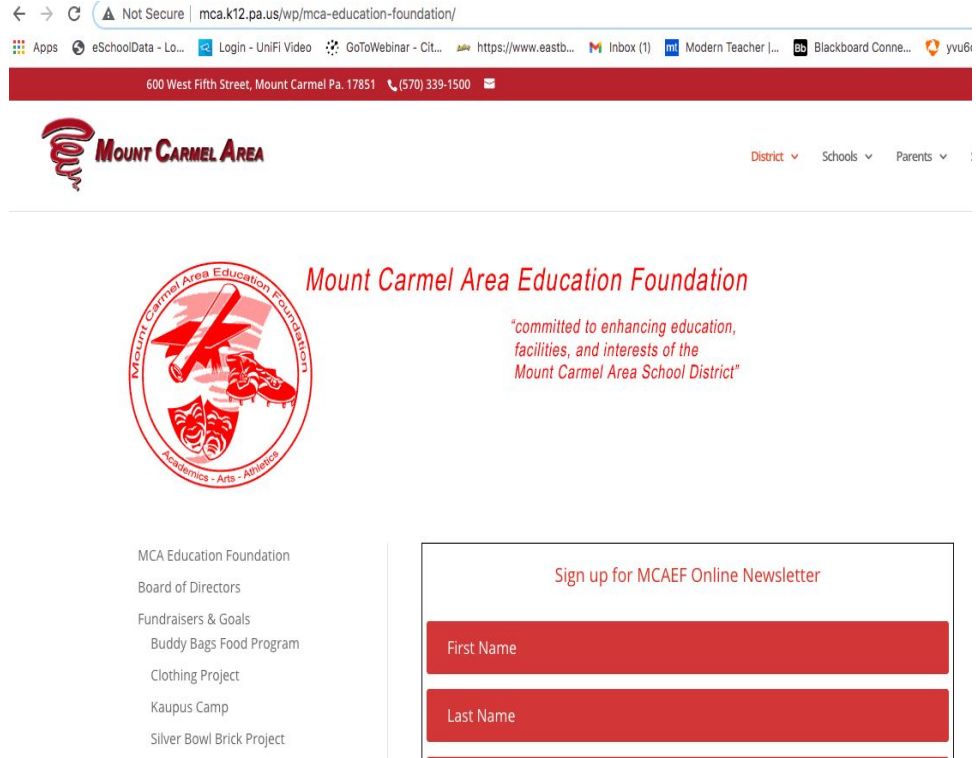
MCA

At this time, MCA recommends mask wearing by all individuals as per CDC guidance but we are not mandating.

- ***Due to federal mandate - students and staff must wear masks on our buses. Please make sure your child comes to the bus stop with a mask.***
- MCA will adhere to any requirements that is issued by the state regarding masks and as always we will closely monitor our local situation.
- As we have learned over the last year plus - we all must be prepared, at moments notice, to adapt to new and updated guidelines.

Back to School Items


- Dress code has returned.
- Those in need of clothing items should check out the Mount Carmel Area Education Foundation website for more information on our Clothing Drive.
- Regular time schedule in both buildings has returned.
- Student Chromebooks will be returned on 1st day of school.
- ***Reminder to communicate any change of address resulting in new bus stop to your principal office immediately! (Due date - August 18th)***




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First Name

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Back to School

- Will communicate positive COVID cases via district real time tracker found on main website. (*Same as last year*)
- Will contact all families *immediately* if their child would be possibly considered a close contact.
- All parents and guardians are expected to complete daily morning screenings before sending their child to school.
- <http://www.mca.k12.pa.us/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/MCA-DAILY-SCREENING-TOOL.pdf>
- Students should **STAY HOME** if sick.
- Students will be updated daily with class assignments via their specific teacher Google Classroom.



2021-2022 COVID 19 DAILY SCREENING TOOL

TO: MCA Parents/Guardians

FROM: Mount Carmel Area School District

RE: Complete daily prior to sending your child(ren) to school or bus stop.

PLEASE TAKE TEMPERATURE DAILY

Group A

1 or more symptoms

- Fever (100.4 or higher)
- Cough (New Onset)
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing

Group B

2 or more symptoms

- Sore Throat (New Onset)
- Runny Nose/Congestion
- New Lack of Smell or Taste
- Muscle Pain
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Headache
- Diarrhea

Stay home if your child:

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A OR
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B OR
- Are taking fever reducing medication

Construction Update

- Rooftop HVAC units replaced in both buildings.
- BiPolar ionization systems added to both buildings and Silver Bowl Field House
- Dust collector in JH-SH will be replaced in September
- ***All projects will greatly improve overall air quality and ventilation in our district buildings. Bipolar ionization systems will greatly reduce airborne pathogens that cause COVID-19 as well as significantly reduce the spread of other viruses such as the common cold and the flu.***
- *Thank you to our custodial and maintenance staff for all their hard work this summer!*

Open House

Reminder, the first day of school is on Monday, August 23rd for all students Pre K to 12.

Open House Night is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th at 6:30pm in the Junior-Senior High School for grades 7 to 12.

Elementary Back to School Events will be as Follows:

Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 6-7:30pm - Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 6- 7:30pm - ES Open House - Grades 1-3

Thursday, August 26, 2021 from 6-7:30pm - ES Open House - Grades 4-6

We will overcome.....AGAIN!

- Thank you to the MCA learning community for being supportive of our school district.
- There will be inevitable challenges but we will work through everything ***together*** and we will communicate changes as quickly as possible.

MCA ADMINISTRATION

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