

Macon County School System

School Re-Opening

Virtual Town Hall Meeting

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

► **Precautionary Principle**

Schools, teachers, administrators, and parents must recognize that there is no 'zero risk'. Reopening schools will require accepting that the goal is risk and harm reduction.

► **Layer Defenses**

No one control strategy alone can limit the transmission of disease. MCSS will approach reopening with a layered defense strategy, where many small interventions and strategies are combined, simultaneously. MCSS will deploy an 'all in' approach that uses every control feasible.

► **Share Responsibilities**

Just as there is no single control strategy that is effective in and of itself, there is no single entity that is solely responsible for keeping everyone safe. Successfully reopening MCSS will require continual collaboration and ongoing cooperation between governing board, administrators, staff, teachers, parents and students. Everyone has a critical role to play.

School Nutrition

- Breakfast and Lunch will be served beginning August 3, 2020 – August 31, 2020 for all students ages 1 – 18 in the county.
- Please complete the online survey to ensure that enough meals are available for every child. (www.macon.k12.ga.us)
- Meals will be delivered along the regular bus routes.
- Breakfast and lunch may also be picked up at Macon County Elementary and Middle School.





Health and Safety Protocols

➤ **Masks/Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- Masks/Shields required for employees, visitors, contractors, etc.
- Mask/Shields required for students
- Additional PPE in clinic and when serving medically fragile students

➤ **Physical Barriers in Key Locations**

- Physical partitions placed in select locations such as cafeteria, media center, etc.
- Isolation room and other school clinic partitions

➤ **Wellness and Healthy Hygiene**

- Hand sanitizing stations installed in school hallways
- Hand-washing and sanitizing scheduled throughout the day
- Paper towel used for drying hands in restrooms
- Water fountains used for refilling water bottles only
- Replace hugs, handshakes, and high-fives with smiles, waves, and thumbs-ups

Health and Safety Protocols

► Health Services

- All persons who are sick will be expected to stay at home
- Those who become sick at school or work will be sent home immediately
- Students reporting to the clinic will have their temperature taken
- A room will be designated to isolate symptomatic persons
- COVID-19 response team.

► Public Health Signage

- CDC-designed signage displayed prominently throughout building to reinforce healthy hygiene and expected school and workplace behaviors
- Health information posted on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (e.g. “Stay at Home If Sick” notices)



Health and Safety Protocols

► Enhanced Cleaning

- Improved routine cleaning and disinfecting by environmental staff
- Safe and effective cleaner provided to all teachers and office staff to use on high touch surfaces throughout the day

► School Nutrition

- Stagger lunchtimes in shared spaces and clean and disinfect surfaces between groups
- Students will eat in classrooms, courtyard or cafeteria (schedule provided to teacher)
- Students will be seated in a manner that supports social distancing
- Reinforce 'no sharing' of food, utensils, drinks, etc.
- Meals will be available for parent pick-up/delivery for digital and remote learners as well as quarantined students.

Instruction and School Expectations

School Logistics

- Remove extra furniture and arrange desks in classrooms to improve social distancing (limit grouping)
- Stagger class changes and strategically distribute school lockers
- Building visitors, including parents, will be restricted.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held remotely
- Extracurricular activities (groups) will adhere to all safety and social distancing guidance until further notice – sports, dance, cheer, drum line, etc.
- Access to recess or playground will not be limited. Physical education classes will be held outdoors when possible. Students will wash or sanitize hands before and after recess.
- Each student will be issued a chrome book or laptop for the distance learning. Bags will be provided for the protection of the devices. The devices will be "checked out" to the student and parents will be responsible for the return of the device and any damages that may occur. Parents are welcome to provide devices for their students.

Reopening 2020-2021 School Year

Option 1

Virtual (Home-Based)

- MCSS will create an Individual Remote Learning opportunity for students in grades Pre K-12. This option is available for students who have an underlying health condition, a social or emotional condition, or other special or extenuating family circumstances that prevents them from safely returning to a face-to-face school environment due to COVID-19.
- Individual Remote Learning is also open to other interested families. The decision to enroll in Individual Remote Learning is a voluntary choice by each family. Families must commit to one grading period (9 weeks) for grades Pre K – 5 and 18 weeks for grades 6-12. A change request will be accepted after the first nine weeks.
- **Deadline to decide: August 5, 2020. Please contact your child's school. No changes after the deadline will be accepted.**

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Option 2 Virtual (School – Based)

- All students and staff will report in a hybrid face-to-face AB Model structure for social distancing and cleaning practices in place.
- Students will attend two days per week based on community.
- **Deadline to decide: August 5, 2020. Please contact your child's school. No changes after the deadline will be accepted.**

Sample Schedule

Day	Community
Monday	Marshallville & Oglethorpe
Tuesday	Marshallville & Oglethorpe
Wednesday	Virtual Day Students Pre K -12 School & Bus Sanitizing
Thursday	Montezuma & Ideal
Friday	Montezuma & Ideal

Instruction and School Expectations

► Attendance and Grading

Whether face-to-face or online, students must be present or logged into their classes according to their schedule. Attendance will be taken for all students daily. For the schedule below, students must attend class at the assigned time listed on the schedule to be marked present. Classes will be synchronous which means that virtual students will attend class during the same time of AB face-to-face students. This will allow students to get the same real time instruction as students in the classroom. **Wednesday** is a virtual day for all students and will be used to make up assignments, review lessons, or work ahead. Teachers will be available to answer questions and provide parental guidance. This day will also be used for building and bus sanitizing. See scheduled for Option 1 and 2 below:

Period	Subject	Teacher	Day	Time
1st	ELA	Hall	M, T, TH, F	8:00 – 8:55
2 nd	Math	Walters	M, T, TH, F	9:05 – 10:00
3rd	Social Studies	Milton	M, T, TH, F	10:05 – 11:00
LUNCH 11:00 – 11:45				
4 th Period	Science	Johnson	M, T, TH, F	11:50 – 12:40

Transportation: Safety Precautions

- Bus drivers will wear masks.
- Masks are required for all students riding school buses.
- Hand sanitizers will be used as each person boards the bus.
- Assigned student seating will improve loading and unloading.
- Students will sit on every other seat.
- Family members in the same household will sit together to create seat space.
- Temperature checks will be performed by monitors prior to students boarding the bus. (Temperature of 100.4 or greater)
- Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms are not permitted on the bus. (Students showing obvious signs of being unwell such as coughing, difficulty breathing, vomiting, or headache will not be allowed on the bus or in the school.)



Transportation: Cleaning for Safety

- **Bus drivers sweep, wipe down/clean and disinfect after each trip (morning and afternoon routes).**
- **Safe and effective cleaner will be used for high touch surfaces after each route.**
- **Disposable gloves, paper towels, hand sanitizer, first-aid kits, cleaning supplies will be available and secured on the bus by drivers and monitors.**



Transportation: Parents Responsibility

- **Parents or responsible person must accompany elementary students to the bus stop and remain until students are cleared to board the bus.**
- **Parents or responsible person must keep sick children home.**
- **Parents may opt to provide transportation for their students.**



Sources

- **Georgia Department of Education**
 - **Harvard School of Public Health**
 - **Centers for Disease Control**
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