

Moriah Central School COVID-Related Procedures for the Start of the 2021-22 School Year

One thing that we can all agree upon is that procedures and strategies change quite frequently when dealing with COVID-19. Listed below are current strategies and procedures that MCS will follow for the start of the school year:

Vaccinations

- Encourage all eligible faculty, staff and students to get vaccinated.

Monitoring Community Transmission

- MCS will rely on the Essex County Health Department to assist with this as needed.

Wearing Masks

- Masks are required to be worn inside by all employees and students.
- Masks are not required outside.
- Mask breaks will occur as needed.
- Masks may be removed during meals.

Physical Distancing

- Students will remain separated in classrooms at a minimum of three feet, six feet is preferred.
- Students and staff will remain at six feet distance while eating.

Transportation

- All employees and students must wear a mask at all times on the bus.
- Physical distancing will occur as much as possible.
- Siblings will be expected to sit together on the bus.
- Only one pick up and drop off location will be allowed due to possible contact tracing.

Sports and Extracurricular Activities

- Masks are required for all indoor sports.
- Mask are not required while participating outside.
- COVID screenings for unvaccinated athletes and coaches may be requested based on the county COVID-19 transmission rate, the District will work closely with the Essex County Health Department if this screening process is required.

COVID Screening/Testing to Promptly Identify Cases, Clusters and Outbreaks

- MCS will rely on the Essex County Health Department to assist with this as needed.

Temperature and Questionnaire Screening

- There will be no morning screening requirement for staff and students prior to entering the building. The act of arriving at school is the employee and student way of attesting they are not sick and do not have COVID symptoms.

Good Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Everyone is encouraged to wash their hands regularly.
- Everyone is encouraged to cover a cough and/or sneeze.

Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested

- Employees and students should not report to school if they are sick or experiencing COVID related symptoms.
- Employees and students should get tested if they are experiencing related symptoms.

Contact Tracing, In Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

- MCS will rely on the Essex County Health Department to assist with this.

Currently, the District is waiting for finalized guidance from the Essex County Health Department pertaining to weekly screenings, rapid testing and PCR testing. Once this information has been received a more detailed explanation of the District's reopening procedures will be mailed to you.