

# MCPS Return to School, Fall 2020

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT



State or Local Health Directives		Safety and Health Protocols*	On-site and/or Remote Learning
<b>Phase 0</b>	Local or State stay at home order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All school facilities are closed to the public.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full time remote learning</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 1</b>	<p>Restricted local or state operations</p> <p>Limits on group size at 10-15, without social distancing, as per local or state order.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff are monitored during the day for symptoms. Symptomatic individuals isolated &amp; sent home. Health screening done at home.</li> <li>Handwashing and steps to limit germ transmission are pro-actively taught and dedicated time throughout the day</li> <li>Student groups will be kept together in static groups (AKA Cohort Groups) for contact tracing and limiting transmission</li> <li>Frequent sanitizing of surfaces and bathrooms</li> <li>Face coverings required for all students and staff; always while indoors and on buses. Required for outdoor groups when social distancing is not possible.</li> <li>No public visitors to schools</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hybrid School Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blended Model of on-site and remote learning</li> <li>Learning will occur two days per week on-site with a shortened day schedule. ***The remaining three days per week occur remotely.</li> <li>Students will be divided into two groups alphabetically, students with last names beginning A-K will attend 2-days on-site and students with last names beginning L-Z will attend 2 different days on-site. (Keeping families together, even if last names differ)</li> <li>Families could choose 100% virtual learning through our MCPS Online Academy**</li> <li>In the event there is a confirmed case, either staff or student, there could be a short term school closure as recommended by MCCHD</li> <li>No extracurricular activities (K-8) Limited HS extracurricular activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 2</b>	<p>Modified local or state operations</p> <p>Limits on group size at 50, without social distancing, as per local or state order</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff are monitored during the day for symptoms. Symptomatic individuals isolated &amp; sent home. Health screening done at home.</li> <li>Handwashing and steps to limit germ transmission are pro-actively taught and dedicated time throughout the day</li> <li>Student groups will be kept together in static groups (AKA cohort groups) for contact tracing and limiting transmission</li> <li>Frequent sanitizing of surfaces and bathrooms</li> <li>Face coverings required for all students and staff; always while indoors and on buses. Required for outdoor groups when social distancing is not possible</li> <li>No public visitors to schools</li> </ul>	<p><b>Modified School Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site learning will return to every day for all students, with a shortened day schedule.***</li> <li>Near to full capacity in schools with modified operations and school activities (modified lunch or recess to limit large grouping)</li> <li>Modified school schedule, shortened day and block schedule to allow for static groupings of students and limit mixing of students</li> <li>Families could choose 100% virtual learning through our MCPS Online Academy**</li> <li>In the event there is a confirmed case, either staff or student, there could be a short term school closure as recommended by MCCHD</li> <li>Limited or modified extra-curricular activities in order to minimize mixing of groups</li> </ul>
<b>Phase 3</b>	<p>Return to normal local or state operations</p> <p>There may be limits on group size</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Handwashing and steps to limit germ transmission are pro-actively taught and dedicated time throughout the day</li> <li>Frequent sanitizing of surfaces and bathrooms</li> <li>Face coverings (TBD)</li> <li>Visitors will be allowed</li> </ul>	<p><b>Traditional School Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site learning will return to every day for all students, with a full schedule</li> <li>Students will rotate through schedules and routines as normal</li> <li>No restrictions on extra-curricular activities</li> <li>100% virtual learning available to some students based on personalized learning plan</li> </ul>

\*This represents an overview of major protocols, there will be other mitigation strategies. Please see the MCPS COVID-19 Response Plan on our website for a comprehensive list.

\*\*MCPS Online Academy is a separate, 100% virtual program available to any student in Phase 1 or 2.

\*\*\*Shortened schedules under Phase 2: K-5 8:30am-2:10pm; 6-8 8am-1:30pm; HS 10am-3:30pm