

# MCS: COVID-19 OPERATING PLAN FOR 2021-2022



MCS is committed to being **BETTER TOGETHER** and we are ready to welcome your family to campus! The new COVID-19 Operating Plan for 2021-2022 follows the "healthy only" framework, school sanitation routines, and common-sense behaviors that have been successfully utilized at MCS to keep us **Staying Well, Caring Well, and Learning Well.**

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- No masks, social distancing, or temperature checks required (family discretion).
- Vaccines are a personal decision for students and employees.
- Quarantine for close contact in the classroom setting will be at the parent's discretion, as long as no symptoms are present.
- Regular handwashing and ongoing cleaning/disinfecting of common areas and frequently touched surfaces (desks, door handles, handrails) will continue daily.
- Close contact will be minimized when possible to allow for reasonable spacing in the classrooms.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

- Do NOT come to school if you have a temperature (100<sup>0</sup>+) or are experiencing a persistent cough, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, body aches, sore throat, and runny nose or congestion. Students experiencing these symptoms at school will be sent home immediately.
- Access to coursework will be available online for absences that are COVID-related.
- Bring your own water bottle filled and labeled with your name.
- All busing regulations such as masking and seating will come from the local school transportation department; students are required to follow applicable district protocols.



### EXPOSURE, POSITIVE TESTING AND QUARANTINE

- Students and school employees TESTING POSITIVE for COVID-19 must be isolated away from MCS. Such persons may return to school after 10 days since the symptoms started.
- Administrators and/or school nurses will notify parents when someone in the class has tested positive. Quarantine for students identified as a close contact in the classroom setting, will be at the parent's discretion as long as NO symptoms are present.
- Students are considered close contacts if a parent/caregiver/family member, living at the same location, tests positive for COVID-19. The school must be notified in such cases and the student will be quarantined at home. Students may return to normal classroom and extracurricular activities after 7 days IF they have received a negative viral (PCR or Antigen) test that was performed at least 5 days after the last exposure. Students choosing NOT to be tested may return to school after 10 days from last exposure if they are not showing symptoms.
- The following individuals do not need to quarantine because of close contact at both school and home, as long as they are symptom free: (a) Those fully vaccinated, (b) those diagnosed with COVID-19 by a positive test within the last 90 days, (c) those unvaccinated who have tested antibody positive within the last 90 days.
- Any athlete with positive symptoms reported will not be permitted to take part in workouts and must immediately contact his/her primary care provider or other health care professional. The athlete must be cleared by their provider or health care professional prior to returning to competition. Quarantined athletes will not be permitted to participate in workouts/games during the quarantine period.

We will continue to communicate updates as the plan is subject to change based on circumstances out of our control. We are eager to have students on campus and again fulfill our mission of providing the best possible school experience for every family. Thank you for your commitment to Christian education at MCS. It is indeed a privilege to partner with you in teaching and training the next generation to impact the world for Christ.

Please contact us if you have further questions or concerns at [info@mcsflames.org](mailto:info@mcsflames.org).

