

Communications Process: COVID-19

Our district remains committed to transparent, detailed, and frequent communication with our MCS families and staff. As we transition to in-person learning, this guide explains how and when families will be contacted should their child be in close contact with a student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19. Additionally, we are providing action steps for a family whose child tests positive or is identified as a close contact for COVID-19.

MCS COMMITMENTS TO FAMILIES

We are prepared to take immediate action steps to protect the safety of our students and staff and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The following communication protocols detail what our families should expect.

What happens if a student or staff member in your child's school or on your child's school bus tests positive for COVID-19?

- MCS staff will identify any "close contacts" (defined as any person who was within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more of the person who tested positive).

If your child is identified as a close contact, you will receive timely communication from MCS, including:

- Phone call (if we are alerted before 9:00 p.m., calls will be made the same day; if we are alerted after 9:00 p.m., calls will be made the next morning)
- Detailed instructions about quarantine, return-to-school criteria, and information from Cobb & Douglas Public Health
- Email or phone call from your student's teacher about the transition to virtual learning (during the quarantine period; communication from the teacher will occur within 24 hours of identification as a "close contact")

If your child is not a close contact, but a student or staff member in your child's classroom, school, or school bus tests positive for COVID-19, you will receive the following communication from MCS:

- Email informing you of a positive case within the school or on the school bus

Notification During School Hours

During the school day, if your child begins to show any COVID-19 symptoms or is identified as a close contact, you will be contacted and asked to immediately pick them up from school. A child with COVID-19 symptoms or who is identified as a close contact will not be allowed to ride the school bus home.

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FAMILY COMMITMENTS TO MCS

For MCS schools to safely reopen, we must have transparent and efficient communication from our families to MCS staff.

We ask that each MCS family commits to the following communication protocols:

What should I do if my child is identified as a close contact outside of school?

If your child attends in-person learning and you are informed that they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 (close contact occurred in the community and not at school):

- Contact the principal or nurse at your child's school by email or phone (refer to this guide for contact information)
- You will be contacted by MCS staff regarding quarantine directions; you can expect your child to be quarantined for 14 days
- Your child will have the opportunity to transition to full virtual learning, until they meet the return-to-school criteria

What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

If your child attends in-person learning and they test positive for COVID-19:

- Contact the principal or nurse at your child's school by email or phone (refer to this guide for contact information)
- The school nurse or contact tracer will ask specific questions regarding who your child may have been in contact with the previous 48 hours from the date of symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, the previous 48 hours from date of testing.
- You will be directed to have your child follow specific isolation guidelines:
 - If your child is symptomatic (has symptoms), they need to isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms.
 - If your child is asymptomatic (no symptoms), they need to isolate for 10 days from the day of testing.

What is the difference between quarantine and isolation?

We understand the terminology can be confusing. The CDC has provided guidance to help families understand the difference. Please refer to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID-19-Quarantine-vs-Isolation.pdf> for additional details.

How do I contact my child's school?

8:00am-4:00pm (M-F): email or call

4:00pm-8pm (M-F): email

After 8:00pm (M-F) or Sat/Sun: call MCS COVID-19 Response Team

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