



## **District Reopening Plan CHANGE LOG & Frequently Asked Questions**

As mentioned, this document will be flexible based on guidance and learning from state and local health professionals, as well as, ongoing learning as we begin implementation of the overall plan.

We have created this document as a quick reference capture of any of the changes made to the overall plan. Our goal is to provide you with a dated log of changes so you don't have to search the entire plan.

We have also created a FAQ section where we are collecting information from families as they inquire about parts of the plan.

### CHANGES to PLAN

**July 16, 2020**

#### **Health Plan/Preventative Measures (page 3 & 5)**

- Face Masks - Staff and Volunteers:
  - Masks are ~~highly recommended~~ for staff within the building.

#### **CHANGED TO:**

Masks will be **required** to be worn by staff in the buildings at MJHS and MCHS.

After receiving survey results and having the majority of our students return to class face-to-face, careful reconsideration of space constraints in some areas of high traffic flow, and high population of these two buildings the decision was made to require masks to be worn. The exceptions are: PE class, band class and lunch (when eating).

AT THIS TIME, elementary buildings will remain highly recommended based our ability (in most areas) to spread out a little further throughout the day.

- Face Masks - Students:
  - Masks are ~~highly recommended~~ to be worn by students in the building.

#### **CHANGED TO:**

Masks will be **required** to be worn by students while in the buildings at **MJHS and MCHS**.

After receiving survey results and having the majority of our students return to class face-to-face, careful reconsideration of space constraints in some areas of high traffic flow, and high population of these two buildings the decision was made to require masks to be worn. The exceptions are: PE class, band class and lunch (when eating).

AT THIS TIME, elementary buildings will remain highly recommended. Considering the age of these students, their ability to effectively wear a mask, and our ability (in most areas) to spread out a little further throughout the day we will not change this recommendation.

As is the case at any time, your student is welcome to wear a mask at any time.

### **Health Plan/COVID-19 Tracking and Reporting (page 7)**

- It is recommended that parents report a diagnosis to school or district.

CHANGED TO:

It is REQUIRED that parents report a diagnosis to school or district.

Per officials at the Jefferson County Health Department, in order for effective and efficient contact tracing, families are required to report a diagnosis to the school or district as soon as possible.

**July 17, 2020**

### **Academic Delivery/Virtual Option (pages 3, 11, 13, and 25)**

- ~~MCHS or MJHS students opting for virtual learning will NOT be eligible to participate in any athletic, extracurricular, or co-curricular activities.~~

CHANGED TO:

MCHS or MJHS students opting for virtual learning through Madison schools will be eligible for participation in fall athletics. (See [Change of IHSAA Guidelines](#) press release)

On July 16, 2020 the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) redefined language and definitions regarding virtual learning and how it corresponds with IHSAA rule 18.7.

From the IHSAA release:

#### **Virtual options and athletic participation in the fall:**

Scenario 1: If a school is offering virtual, distance learning, e-learning or online courses taught by member school personnel, a student athlete can attend 100% of the day virtually and still participate in education-based athletics. However, local control decision making permit a school to set a requirement above the standard set forth by the IHSAA. For instance, a school may still require in building attendance for athletic participation.

Scenario 2: If a 3<sup>rd</sup> party is delivering instruction to your students (teachers not employed by your school/corporation) and the percentage of courses being taught by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party is over 30% of the total number of courses offered in a semester, a waiver is required from the IHSAA.

Scenario 3: If a student athlete is attending a non-member virtual school full time in the fall, IHSAA By-Law 12-6 is still applicable.

In scenario 1, member school would be considered Madison Consolidated Schools and its staff. It is the position of Madison Consolidated Schools that any student at MJHS or MCHS who selects Madison schools virtual option (SELECT Program) will be eligible for participation in fall athletics.

*\*\* If you had previously selected face-to-face instruction for your student and given this new information would now like to change to virtual learning, please contact your building principal to make the change.*

Scenario 2 refers to virtual instruction such as our PLATO online option that is student directed with no MCS personnel involved and students would not be eligible for athletic participation unless the appropriate percentage is met and a waiver is approved from the IHSAA.

Scenario 3 applies to homeschool students and the original rule of the IHSAA remains intact.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- *Why do I have to commit to virtual or face-to-face learning so early?*

In order to plan to the best of our ability, we need to determine (as quickly and closely) how many students will be coming to school. Not only from the classroom perspective, but for transportation and food service to ensure we are as prepared and efficient as possible to welcome students back.

- *Can students bring their own hand sanitizer to school and use at their discretion throughout the day?*

Absolutely! We encourage students to attach a small bottle to their backpack or carry with them and sanitize throughout the day and during activities.

- *Does my student have to wear a plain face mask or can it have a print or a design on it?*

*(Taken, in part, from Student Handbook)*

Students are expected to maintain an appearance that is appropriate for school and conducive to the educational atmosphere. We will follow these general guidelines of the student handbook dress code where masks are concerned.

While fashion changes, the reason for being in School does not. Students are in School to learn. Any fashion (dress, accessory, or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Personal expression is permitted with these general guidelines.

- Proper student dress and appearance are important for creating an educational atmosphere geared for success.
- Whenever a school official considers a student's appearance to be inappropriate, immodest, distracting to the educational environment, or unsafe, a conference will be held and the student will be asked to make accommodations.
- Students in violation of the school dress code will be asked to comply before returning to class or will be given alternate clothing or be assigned to detention for the day.
- Repeated violations of the dress code may result in disciplinary consequences.
- The following dress code applies to all students:

a. Students are expected to be well groomed and neatly dressed at all times. Personal appearance of any manner, including hair color that is excessively distractive to the educational process, will not be permitted.

b. All clothing should be clean and in good repair.

c. All clothing with vulgar, racist, or suggestive slogans or advertising that promotes alcohol, tobacco, or narcotic-related products is not permitted.

d. All clothing must be free from any gang related identification.

e. Nothing shall be worn that is considered detrimental to the educational atmosphere. (For example, pajamas, pajama bottoms, and/or slippers are not allowed.)

- *Were there any considerations about the length of the school day or utilizing staggered start times? Was there any thought given to more of an afternoon group where kids might only need to be in the buildings for 2-3 hours for instruction?*

Yes, there were a number of things considered. Alternate schedules with alternate days, staggered start times, 3/4 days on campus, 1/2 days at home....however, the guidance from the Department of Education also implored schools to look at options for child care within their communities. We understand that not everyone has the option to stay home with their student or drop off or pick up midday, or take off during the week for a weekly virtual learning day. We have done the level best we feel we can to try to accommodate as many families as possible, as safely as possible, and offer alternative options should you decide to keep your student at home.

An additional driving force behind the plan we selected is the transportation restrictions we have, as we simply do not have the necessary fleet to accommodate a number of these alternatives.