



Welcome to the 2022-23 School Year – COVID-19 Guidance

MTCS remains focused on providing strong educational programming to every student in a safe and healthy learning environment. We want to assure all families that we are here to support the growth and development of each child as a learner and as a citizen. We are committed to providing an equitable and relevant learning experience for each student as an individual. This document provides an overview of the district’s COVID-19 plan for the 2022-23 school year. It outlines the district’s plan to support student learning in a safe and healthy environment, with the goal of minimizing the impact that COVID-19 has on our school community.

Safety & Security

- MTCS believes that the safety and security of every MTCS member is of the utmost importance.
- MTCS will continue to monitor the COVID-19 federal, state, and local guidance to ensure the health and safety of our district community.

Health Protocols

- Masks are optional. MTCS recognizes the individual right of others to make their own choice regarding the wearing of masks.
- If an illness occurs, the sick individual will be asked to stay home and isolate away from others for five days and to mask for an additional five days following their isolation.
- MTCS will also follow the required state notification process for positive cases.
- Students and staff becoming ill at school will be sent home.

Environment Practices

- Classrooms/Offices will be cleaned daily.
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies will be available in all classrooms/offices.
- Classrooms/offices will run an air purifier throughout the day.
- Classrooms that have windows will keep them open, weather permitting.

Vaccinations

- MTCS highly encourages all staff and students to be “up-to-date” with their vaccinations.
- Information / Resources are available to assist anyone within the MTCS community with accessing the free vaccinations and booster shots offered by the state of Minnesota.

Testing

- The Minnesota Department of Health encourages that any individual showing COVID-19 symptoms to participate in testing.
- MTCS has available take-home testing kits for students and families to access.
- MTCS will no longer be offering on-site testing.

The district will continue to monitor the information provided by the state and federal governments, the Minnesota Department of Education, the Minnesota Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control on a regular basis. If you have any questions or would like any additional information regarding the district’ educational programming, COVID-19, or community resources, please visit our website at www.mtcs.org.