

2021-2022
RETURN TO IN- PERSON SCHOOL
MITIGATION PLAN
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In-Person Learning for 2021-2022

School Begins August 5, 2021, in class, face to face, while continuing to follow CDC guidelines, AZ Dept. of Health Services, Pinal County Health Services and Governor Ducey's Executive orders.

However, we are aware that parents may still want their children to attend their classes remotely. Students MUST QUALIFY for distance learning based on need and success this last year doing distance learning. ALL students, whether doing in-person or remote distance learning must register by the end of July.

DISTANCE LEARNING INSTRUCTION MODEL-

Parents and students choosing an all online version of learning WHO QUALIFY will experience a complete online delivery model led by Edgenuity teachers and a staff member from the district who will monitor time on task and work as a liaison between Edgenuity and the student.

- Students will have access to, and regular contact with the Edgenuity teacher via phone and email and the MSM staff member will help to ensure success.
- There will be an opportunity to transition back into in-person learning with the district only after completion of the first semester. Once a student is placed in distance learning with Edgenuity they must stay for a complete semester.
- Students who choose the distance learning model will NOT be able to participate in athletics.
- Parents are encouraged to actively participate in their student's learning to assist the school with student participation and completion of courses from home.
- Online is a flexible way to engage in learning until the family is ready for the student to return to the classroom.
- Students most successful in the online model exhibit self- motivation or have an adult to help guide them through their learning environment and procedures to fulfill course requirements and achieve academic success.
- After the chronic illness form is completed, the information will be reviewed and assessed by a staff member and next steps will be communicated to the family.
- Any needed support or resources will be identified, such as students who may have special needs, English Language Learners or gifted students.

Governor's Executive Order-

Executive order 2021-15 released June 15, 2021 states that unless required by law the school district may not require COVID vaccines or mandate wearing a mask at all times. However, masks are highly recommended while on campus, social distancing shall be maintained in all areas. In regard to transportation, parents have a choice to put their children on the bus with a mask that will be worn at all times on the bus or they may choose to transport their children themselves. This is for the health and well-being of all parties on the bus.

<https://azgovernor.gov/executive-orders>

HEALTH & WELL-BEING

The heart of our decisions remain the safety of our students and staff.

School Campus and Classrooms

- Student seating will be arranged to maintain as much physical distance as possible (3 ft. as required by CDC guidelines). Desks will be faced in the same direction rather than facing each other. Students will sit on only one side of tables or between dividers for social distancing.
- As much as possible, physical distancing will be maintained in open or common areas, such as hallways, stairwells, gyms, and auditorium.
- Students will utilize their own school supplies and keep their belongings stored or in their backpack throughout the day. Please mark your child's belongings with their name so there is no confusion.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottle to school with their name on it. Students can refill from one of our water filling stations on campus. Regular water fountains will not be available.
- Adjustments to drop-off and pick-up routines have somewhat changed to facilitate physical distancing.
- Signage will be posted in all rooms and common areas explaining hygiene practices to prevent spread.
- Physical education classes may focus on personal fitness instead of high-contact exercises and will take place outside, when weather permits. Equipment will be cleaned in-between uses.
- Courses that involve significant interpersonal contact, such as labs, will be modified to allow for physical distancing.
- Special education and English language services will resume under the close direction of our educators and individual IEP Team. Students will be provided structured interventions and additional support time.
- The method of homebound instruction will be determined based on the individual needs of the family and child

Face Coverings

<https://directorsblog.health.azdhs.gov/go-maskless-outdoors/>

- The AZ Department of Health Services says that if you are fully vaccinated you do not have to wear a mask outside or if you can maintain a 3 ft social distancing. However, if you have not been vaccinated it is recommended that students always wear a mask. Students are required to have their own mask, but if they should show up to the bus or school without one, they can be provided a mask. The school will provide one reusable mask for students.
- Face coverings must align with district dress code. (appropriate markings, etc.)
- Students may remove their masks if social distancing guidelines are met (3ft). If social distancing guidelines cannot be met, students must keep their mask on.
- Any student who has difficulty breathing or who is incapable of physically removing the face covering on his/her own will not wear cloth face coverings, and alternate methods of

protection will be discussed by parents and staff. Parents are responsible for identifying this to the health aide or front office. Cloth masks should not be worn when students are engaging in physical activity, but as much as possible should maintain social distancing. Students who refuse to comply with the safety protocols adopted for in-person learning will be assigned to an online learning program pursuant to ARS 15-841 (F).

Hand Hygiene

Frequent hand washing/cleaning is encouraged at regular intervals through the day with both soap and water or hand sanitizer. Instructions for hand washing will be posted in all needed areas:

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available on every wing of the school for mobile use in the high-traffic areas of campus.
- All classrooms will have hand sanitizer.

Health Screenings

- Prevention begins at home. Students should stay home if they feel ill or are exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19; cough, sore throat, headaches, congestion/runny nose, fever of 100.4 or higher, difficulty breathing, aches/chills, vomiting, nausea, or diarrhea. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- We encourage families to utilize our Family Health Guide for a friendly one page resource to determine if your child should attend school.
- If the teacher has concerns based on a visual check of the child, they will contact the school nurse prior to sending the student to the nurse's office. If there is a legitimate concern you will be required to pick up your child once called. We would prefer not to go through the hassle so if your child is unwell, please keep them home that morning.
- Students will be reminded of proper hygiene, including:
Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth. Covering the mouth when coughing. Covering the nose when sneezing and safely discarding tissues.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Enhanced Cleaning

- Students will be required to participate in an "end of the hour" cleaning process. This includes disinfecting their desks, any shared equipment or areas touched.
- Additional disinfecting of high touch point areas, such as countertops and door handles will be handled by custodial personnel.
- All classrooms will have an EPA N-list registered disinfectant available for staff to disinfect high touch points as needed throughout the day.
- Training will be provided on the proper use/procedures for disinfecting classrooms and other community areas.
- Continued air quality will be maintained by cleaning all HVAC unit coils and changing air filters as scheduled.
- Hepa filtered machines that filter out COVID illness are provided in all classrooms with students.
- Custodial and maintenance staff are prepared and trained to disinfect classrooms/common

areas where exposure is known.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html>

Visitors on Campus

- To promote safety and social distancing, we ask that only essential visitors come to any of our campuses or buildings.
- Visitors needing assistance are encouraged to complete any business through virtual meetings, email, or by phone.
- Guest speakers and non-essential volunteers will NOT be permitted on campus at this time.
- Front office/attendance staff will disinfect shared surfaces routinely throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to visitors after using shared pens and/or paperwork.
- Outside visitors/parents that must meet in person will be required to wear a mask and complete a health screening. The meeting room will be set-up to promote social distancing and thoroughly cleaned before and following the meeting.

Dropping Off Items

- Only essential items may be dropped off for your child. Items deemed essential include the chromebook and medication.
- Items that will not be accepted include, but not limited to food, drink, athletic equipment, celebration regalia and projects. (Please plan ahead.)

Social-Emotional Well-Being

- All staff are provided professional development to support the social-emotional well-being of both staff and students. The professional development will address both a remote learning environment and an in-person environment.
- Counselors will assist in addressing the social and emotional needs of students. We recognize that many students may struggle with processing our new normal and each of our schools is prepared to aid our students in any way.
- The MSMUSD has continued its partnership with Oracle Behavioral Health to provide our students with intensive support if needed. If you feel your child needs intensive support, please reach out to your child's counselor to begin the referral process.
- A Hotline number for students will be posted in various high traffic areas for students to talk to someone.

Response to Reported Cases

- The district will utilize the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust protocols to respond to reported cases or cases of exposure.
- The principal and school health aide will follow established screening protocols and will consult with public health officials to determine how best to handle students and staff who display or develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- An isolation room will be set up in the office for students or staff who may be sick.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Education is more than what happens in the classroom.

Transportation Services

- Students will be asked to comply with physical distancing guidelines when waiting at the bus stop, during boarding and while exiting the bus.
- Siblings will be encouraged to sit together.
- High touch-point areas, like handrails, door handles and the driver area will be cleaned in between bus runs and the buses will be thoroughly sanitized each night.
- Bus staff and students may be asked to wear face coverings on buses when physical distancing cannot be kept due to bus load. Please have your child come with a face mask in the event this occurs.
- Windows may be open for increased air circulation during seasonal times of year.
- Families are encouraged to transport their children to school to reduce the number of students on a bus.
- **Bus riders must ‘opt-in’ to receive district transportation.** This means that just because you typically, in past years have ridden the bus or just because you live outside of San Manuel is not enough for us to pick your child up. We need to know because of the pandemic whether you are choosing for us to transport your child or you will be providing your child’s transportation to and from school. The reason for this is to ensure physical distancing.

Breakfast & Lunch Services

- Children need healthy meals to learn. MSMUSD offers healthy meals every school day. Typically breakfast cost \$2.00 and lunch cost \$3.25 for paid students. Your children may qualify for free meals or reduced price meals. The reduced price is \$0.00 for breakfast and \$.40for lunch. During the 2021-2022 school year, until money runs out, we will providing free meals for all ages 1-18.
- Food Nutrition Services will provide meals, with a menu available on our district website, or students may bring their lunch to school.
- The entire square footage of the cafeteria will be used to support appropriate physical distancing during each mealtime, as feasible. When weather permits, students (grades 6-12) may enjoy lunch in the school’s outdoor areas.
- A no-touch point-of-sale system will allow students who choose to purchase food to do so in a safe way. Students must know their lunch number to utilize the no-touch point-of-salesystem. Our younger students will be given a card for help with their lunch number.
- Proper line spacing will be required for those students waiting to make their food purchase.
- Food and condiments will be served in individually bagged or cupped containers.
- Food Service staff members will wear face coverings at all times.

- Hand sanitizer dispensers and hand washing stations will be located at the entrance of all cafeteria doors. Students are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer or wash their hands before purchasing their meal.
- Those students who are being provided Distance Learning will have their own window of time to come to the outer perimeter of the school (the drive thru area) to collect their meals separate of the rest of the student body.

High School Lunch Services

- There will be enhanced cleaning of tables, counter tops, and other high touch-point areas in-between lunch periods.
- Outdoor spaces will be opened to allow high schoolers to spread out while eating.
- Indoor tables will be spaced out as much as possible.
- Markers to promote physical distancing will be on the floor to indicate where to stand in lunch lines inside. Seating is marked for social distancing as well.
- Students and parents are encouraged to use the online prepayment system to deposit funds into student lunch accounts.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

- Students K-5 will go to the playground or to the cafeteria to eat breakfast prior to the start of school. Students will use hand sanitizer before entering playground.
- 6-12 students will need to remain in the courtyard, cafeteria or in classroom before school and be cognizant of social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to students as they enter campus and temperatures taken.
- Walking students are encouraged to leave campus and head home directly after school.
- Busing students need to load the bus immediately after the final bell, maintaining social distancing.

High School Athletics & Clubs

- District participation in athletics will be guided by CDC guidelines, NFHS/AIA AND CJHL protocols, and any other state directives.
- Daily health screenings and temperature checks will be taken for all athletes, every day, before practices and completion. Students displaying signs of illness or with a fever will be sent home immediately. Your child's coach/athletic director will follow up regarding return to practice guidelines.
- Locker room procedures will be established and communicated to all athletes to reduce the number of students using the locker room at one time.

Events & Field Trips

- Every effort will be made to hold activities such as honors assemblies, school assemblies

and clubs in a manner that follows CDC guidelines.

- School events and large gatherings, such as festivals or fundraisers, will be held only if CDC guidelines can be used to keep everyone safe.

Communication & Training

- Students will be educated about their role to help support a safe and healthy environment.
- All staff will be provided with training and information to recognize the signs and symptoms of illness in others. They will also be provided training to self-monitor their own health according to CDC guidelines.
- Staff will be provided response based resources.
- Guidance counselors and staff will have sufficient training and time to address the social and emotional needs of our students.