

2020-2021 MSA REOPENING POLICY

Please Note: **Where you see Phase 1, 2, or 3 in this document, refers to which Phase the Governor has declared statewide. Our plans are based on what is allowed by the Governor's phases and LDOE STRONG START 2020 regarding capacity and mitigation measures.**

Our school and leaders have been working on detailed plans for reopening schools and providing educational services this fall using the Louisiana Department of Education's Guidelines updated on July 28,2020

There are many logistics that must be worked out such as classroom layout/assignments, student meal service, bus transportation, and online education.

PREPARING FOR A SAFE START:

CLEANING AND HYGIENE: In preparation for the return of students and staff, our maintenance and custodial staff have already taken many safety precautions with intense cleaning of all of our campus. Furthermore, we are disinfecting all school buses and putting regular cleaning protocols in place for buses, classrooms, bathrooms, cafeteria, and all high traffic areas in our facilities. MSA will install water bottle fillers OR provide bottle water to take the place of the school water fountains. This will ensure students have frequent access to clean water without compromising safety. ***Students can bring water bottles to school for this purpose.***

Child Nutrition is preparing to serve student meals in modified formats - likely in some grab and go format to ensure minimal contact outside of classroom groups.

According to health officials, the most important safety message is frequent hand washing. We will provide students many opportunities to either wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

MSA will be supplied with digital thermometers, which will allow for daily non-contact temperature screenings of all students by their homeroom teacher or first period class. Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent to the nurse's office and sent home. It will be very important for parents to monitor their child's health on a daily basis by watching for symptoms of COVID-19, and it would be very helpful if parents took their child's temperature each morning. Do not send students to school if they have a temperature of 100.4 or above or after administering fever reducing medicine.

COMMUNICATION: WE ARE ASKING ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO DOWNLOAD THE "REMINDEAR" APP TO COMMUNICATE WITH TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS. TO LOCATE THE TEACHER THROUGH THE REMINDEAR SYSTEM, SIMPLY TYPE THEIR NAME OR ASK THE TEACHER TO SEND YOU AN

INVITE USING YOUR PERSONAL PHONE NUMBER. YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER WILL BE AVAILABLE DAILY DURING THE OFFICE HOURS 1:15 PM-3:15 PM. IF AN EMERGENCY OCCUR CONCERNING GRADES, LESSONS, OR ATTENDANCE PLEASE CALL SCHOOL DIRECTLY AT 318-493-5068.

***ZOOM IS THE PLATFORM THAT WILL BE USED FOR ATTENDANCE AND AS WELL AS LIVE COMMUNICATION TO TEACHERS. ATTENDANCE WILL BE TAKEN DAILY AND RECORDED DAILY. EXCESSIVE ABSENTEES WILL BE REPORTED. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO USE THE CORRECT PERSONAL ID MEETING CODE PRESENTED BY TEACHER.**

******NO SPORTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE******

STATE GUIDELINES FOR PHASE ONE

BUS OPERATIONS: Students should be seated one per seat in every other seat when riding a bus. **MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES:** State guidelines are no more than 10 people including a teacher/staff member in a classroom. Individuals are to maintain 6-feet of spacing to the greatest extent possible.

FREQUENT HAND WASHING: Handwashing/hand sanitizer is recommended at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit.

FACE COVERINGS: Face coverings are recommended for adults and third graders and above. Individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear face coverings.

SYMPTOM MONITORING: Assess students on arrival and throughout the day, including conducting an initial temperature check.

ATHLETICS: Refrain from contact and high-risk sports.

MSA PROCEDURE FOR PHASE ONE

- Grades K through 12 will be receiving online distance instruction.
- Due to the limitations on transportation and group sizes, MSA will provide face-to-face instruction as an option to students with significant learning disabilities
- All other students will be served through online distance learning utilizing grade level, high quality curriculum using Zoom, Google Meet (synchronous) and Google Classroom (Asynchronous).
- 1:1 student to device ratio and connectivity: Chromebooks have been ordered and are expected in by October 30, 2020 to be 1:1 with our student population.
- School bus passengers ride one per seat with every other seat empty; 25% maximum school bus capacity, including adults. Members of the same household may sit in the same seat or adjacent seats, with an empty seat between household groups. **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP THEIR CHILD**

- Emergency feeding program will be put in place: Meals will be in a to-go box or bag for curbside pick-up OR delivery.

STATE GUIDELINES FOR PHASE TWO

BUS OPERATIONS: State guidelines are 50% of manufacturer's capacity.

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES: State guidelines are no more than 25 people including a teacher/staff member in a classroom. Individuals are to maintain 6-feet of spacing to the greatest extent possible.

FREQUENT HAND WASHING: Handwashing/hand sanitizer is recommended at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit.

FACE COVERINGS: Face coverings are recommended for adults and third graders and above. Individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear face coverings.

SYMPTOM MONITORING: Assess students on arrival and throughout the day, including conducting an initial temperature check.

ATHLETICS: Refrain from contact and high-risk sports

MSA PROCEDURES FOR PHASE TWO

- Our goal for Phase Two is to serve **all K students in our buildings on a daily basis** maintaining static groups of 25 or less including teacher in a classroom or parents have online option. **1st -12th grade will continue to be served through online learning.**
- Grade-level, high-quality curriculum using Zoom, Google Meet and Google Classroom will be utilized in instruction.
- Face coverings for grades 3-12 will be required (exception will be for people who have breathing problems as defined by the CDC.)
- Students with severe learning disabilities in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to attend school face-to-face daily.
- Attendance will be taken each day. Kindergarten attendance is taken face-to-face or online login; Grades 1- 12 attendance will be a taken using online login daily.
- Full bus capacity for 22 passenger buses is 11 students; for our 22 passenger buses the capacity is 11 students. Therefore, buses will run with no more than 50% maximum capacity of students in Phase Two. This may require double routes where possible and staggered arrival and dismissal times.
- Students riding the bus will be spaced to the maximum extent possible not exceeding 50% manufacturer's capacity of the bus; face coverings will be required while riding buses for 3rd through 12th grade students and adults.
- We are encouraging all parents who can drop their child off at school AND pick them up in the afternoon, to please do so.

- Students in grades Kindergarten will receive a grab-and-go breakfast and will transition to the cafeteria to pick up lunch with the option of staying in the cafeteria, eating in a designated common area, or returning to the classroom to eat.
- Students in grades 1-12 online students will be provided breakfast/lunch
- We are striving to achieve six feet of spacing in our classrooms to the greatest extent possible in Phase Two spacing. Groups will stay static as much as possible in elementary schools. Static group is defined as “the same group of students who will stay together in the same group during classroom instruction, lunch, recess, and dismissal” throughout each day.
- When students change classrooms, shared surface spaces will be sanitized.
- Temperatures will be checked every day by first period teacher. Students will be given several opportunities to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

STATE GUIDELINES FOR PHASE THREE

BUS OPERATIONS: State guidelines are 75% of manufacturer's capacity.

MAXIMUM GROUP SIZES: State guidelines are no more than 50 people including a teacher/staff member in a classroom. Individuals are to maintain 6-feet of spacing to the greatest extent possible. **FREQUENT HAND WASHING:** Handwashing/hand sanitizer is recommended at arrival, at least every two hours, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit.

FACE COVERINGS: Face coverings are recommended for adults and third graders and above. Individuals with severe breathing difficulties should not wear face coverings.

SYMPTOM MONITORING: Assess students on arrival and throughout the day, including conducting an initial temperature check.

ATHLETICS: Contact/high-risk sports are allowable within defined groups.

MSA PROCEDURES FOR PHASE THREE

- Our goal for Phase Three is to serve all students (K-12th grades) in our buildings as frequently as possible. Elementary students (grades K-5) will remain in static groups to the greatest extent possible.
- Middle school students (grades 6-8) and high school students (grades 9-12) will follow the 6-foot social distancing to the greatest extent possible; face coverings are required throughout the day, especially entering school, in high traffic areas, while within less than 6 feet of others, during transition times throughout the day and exiting schools; all students are encouraged to practice good hygiene throughout the day by washing hands with soap and water and/or using hand sanitizers.
- High schools may consider modified block scheduling to reduce the number of transition times throughout the day.
- Attendance will be taken face-to-face daily for K-12th grades.

- We will strive to achieve 6 feet of spacing in our classrooms to the greatest extent possible in Phase Three; although, some rooms may have 4-5 feet of spacing.
- 75% (maximum school bus capacity, including adults) will be followed. Passengers will be spaced to the maximum extent possible.
- Students in grades K-12 will receive a grab-and-go breakfast and will transition to the cafeteria to pick up lunch with the option of staying in the cafeteria, eating in a designated common area, or returning to the classroom to eat. Schools may vary on how/where students may eat. CEP students will receive breakfast/lunch without charge.
- Groups will stay static in elementary grades as much as possible.
- When students change classrooms, shared surface spaces will be sanitized.
- Temperatures will be checked every day by the first period teacher. Students will be given several opportunities to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.
- Although the requirements for face coverings remain the same for all three phases, we strongly encourage everyone to wear face coverings with larger groups while in our buildings.