



MT. PLEASANT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families and Community Members:

Please review the following Mt Pleasant Public Schools' COVID-19 and Communicable Disease Protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. Please understand that our protocols and expectations still remain fluid as we all have learned to adapt and adjust as requirements and expectations change from governing bodies outside of our control. We will work to follow the regulations and rules that are in place for public school districts at the time of operation.

You can find the 2021-2022 Mt Pleasant Public Schools' academic calendar [here](#).

Balanced calendar classes start on **August 4, 2021** and traditional calendar classes start on **August 23, 2021**.

Will Mt Pleasant Public Schools be in person this fall?

Yes! We will offer a five-day, full-day program for all students in grades DK-12th.

Will MPPS Offer a virtual option for students?

Our intent is to return to face to face learning at all levels. If you have extenuating circumstances that require virtual learning for your student, please contact Linda Boyd at lboyd@mp.edzone.net.

Are face masks required at school?

Face masks are required for all students up to age 12. For those students 12 and over, face masks will be parent/guardian choice. Face masks are **strongly recommended** for ALL students and staff members who are not fully vaccinated.

Are face masks required on the bus?

Regardless of the mask policy at school or vaccination status, passengers and drivers **MUST** wear a mask on school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems, subject to the exclusions and exemptions in CDC's Order. **THIS IS A FEDERAL REGULATION.**

Will my child be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine to attend school?

No. The COVID-19 vaccine is not listed on the School Required Vaccination List. For more information, please see: [School Required Vaccines for Parents by MDHHS](#).



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Will you separate students who are vaccinated from unvaccinated students?

No.

Will students be in cohorts in the classroom or on the playground?

No. As of June 22, 2021, MDHHS has discontinued all gathering limits for residential and nonresidential settings.

Will contact tracing continue?

Schools are required to report communicable diseases to local health departments within 24 hours. Positive or probable positive COVID-19 cases will be reported to the Central Michigan District Health Department following our Communicable Disease Board Policy 8450 and Michigan Law Act No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978. For a complete list of reportable diseases, please see the following document: [2021 Reportable Diseases](#). When there is a positive or probable positive case within a classroom, an exposure letter will be sent home to parents/guardians, just as we do with other communicable diseases.

Will MPPS quarantine students?

No. All quarantines will continue to be issued by CMDHD or the student's resident health department. We ask that our parents/guardians continue to partner with us and screen their children each day before leaving for school.

Will MPPS continue with additional cleaning?

We have reviewed all of our cleaning protocols used during the last academic year. Additional custodial staff members will be on site to keep our facilities as clean and sanitized as possible.

Will student-athletes be tested for COVID-19 in order to participate?

At this time, no. We will continue to follow all requirements set forth by MHSAA and MDHHS regarding participation in athletics.

Will any student need to be tested for COVID-19 to attend school?

No. Getting tested for COVID-19 is a parent/guardian choice. MPPS does encourage students and staff to get tested if exposed to COVID-19 or symptomatic.

I hope this information provides clarification as we continue to plan for the fall. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school in August!

Go Oilers!
Jennifer Verleger
Superintendent