

Dear MCA family,

Please take a moment to review our Covid-19 policies and procedures. This will be our COVID-19 protocol for the Spring Semester. All procedures are subject to change and will be communicated with parents.

Before Care

Students arriving between 7:00 a.m. and 7:50 a.m. will report to the gymnasium through the front doors of the gym. Students in the gym will be seated by grade level. Play equipment will not be used during this time.

Health Screening and Testing Protocols

Temperature Check: **There will no longer be a health screening check-in when entering the school.** This will start on the first day of the second semester, Monday, February 1.

“Based on the best available evidence at this time,

- *CDC does not currently recommend schools conduct symptom screening for all students in grades K-12 on a routine (e.g., daily) basis.*
- *Parents, caregivers, or guardians (“caregivers”) should be strongly encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms of infectious illness every day through home-based symptom screening.*
- *Students who are sick should not attend school in-person.”*

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

Students arriving before 7:50 AM are to go to the school gym until the 7:50 bell rings. Students arriving after 7:50 AM can go directly to their classrooms. At the 8:00 AM bell, doors to buildings will be locked, and students arriving late will have to go to the school office to get a tardy slip before going to class.

Symptom Screening for Parents: Parents are responsible for all symptom screening before a child arrives at school. Please do not send your child to school with the following symptoms:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken by mouth
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- New cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

A student that experiences symptoms while at school will immediately be removed from the classroom and the family will be notified to pick up their child. The school reserves the right to make the decision on whether a student needs to go home due to COVID-19-related symptoms. The student may not return to school until symptom free for 24 hours.

School Response Protocols:

- If a student or immediate family member of a student tests positive the family is asked to notify the school office immediately.
- The name of the individual that tests positive will not be shared with families. That student and their siblings who attend MCA must quarantine (see below for when to return to school).
- Families of the same classroom will be notified only if a student tests positive.
- MCA will no longer close the entire school for two days in response to a positive case, instead, an entire class that is directly “exposed” to a positive student in the 48 hours prior to the test or the onset of symptoms that class may have to quarantine.
- Mass text messaging has been utilized to keep parents informed.
 - To join, please text “MCA” to 833-978-0900.

When to Return to School:

- A staff member or student who tests positive may return to school after
 - at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared or the date of the test if asymptomatic, and
 - at least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication, and any symptoms have improved
- A staff member or student who is “exposed” to an individual who tests positive may return to school after
Exposure: When an individual tests positive and was in close contact with others in the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms or the actual time of the Covid test, those individuals have been “exposed.”
 - 14 days have passed since the last exposure, and
 - the individual has no symptoms of Covid-19

Any student that is quarantined will be provided online learning through Abeka.com. The teacher will communicate lesson plans and video lesson numbers via schoolworx.com, texting, and email.

Cleaning/Sanitization

- School staff will clean and sanitize all “touched” surfaces in their classroom after school each day.
 - School day will end at 2:05 pm
- Custodians will clean and sanitize all other touched surfaces in the facilities daily.
- Frequent hand washing will be encouraged.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available in each classroom.
- Water bottle filling stations will replace water fountains.

Wellness Plan

- Staff and students are encouraged but not required to wear facemasks. Every family is encouraged to assess their own risk and make their decisions as to whether their child should wear a mask. We will

respect everyone's decision on this matter. Face masks must be a solid color with no print / pattern designs.

- The attendance policy has changed to allow an unlimited number of absences. A student tested positive with Covid-19 will move to remote learning and absences from class will not count against his or her grade. Absences will be recorded in schoolworx as an "absence" since the student is not physically present in the classroom, but the absences recorded will not affect the grade if the work is completed remotely.
- If a "break-out" of cases occurs a shut-down of a longer duration may be necessary.
- Class parties will be decided upon by the teacher. No food from a student's home may be shared among the class. Food for consumption can be shared if purchased from a business and proper Covid-19 protocols are observed in the classroom (ex. gloves worn when distributing food).

Daily Routines

1. All desks have been spaced apart 4-5ft from each other. All desks face the same direction.
2. Restroom visits will be spread out so that only one class at a time is visiting restrooms.
3. Grade school students are the only students allowed to play on the playground while the Intermediate school are the only students that have the gym. All classrooms can use the outside areas, 32 acres of space, for recess and breaks.
4. All music and art classes are canceled for this school year. We pray these two vital classes are back at MCA next school year. Art may be done in the classrooms of the teachers if they desire to do so. Art supplies are available for all teachers.
5. Lunches for students, PreK – 6th grade, will occur in their classrooms. All ordered lunches will be delivered to the students. Parents may sign out their student to eat lunch but cannot eat lunch with him/her inside the classroom.
6. JH/HS students will have lunch in gym and will be spaced apart. Only four students per table.

Dismissal/Student Pick-Up

School will end at 2:05 pm. Parents will drive around the church on the right side, go under the overhang, and wait in line behind the vehicle in front of them until their child is dismissed. Students will remain in their class until their assigned number is called.

After-Care

Students staying for Aftercare will go to the Educational Building with Mrs. Myers in Room 102.

Field Trips

Field trips will only occur if the administration feels it is safe.

Visitors

Parents of students can walk their child to class but are not to remain in the classroom for over a period of 5mins. All other visitors will be limited and will require the approval of the administration.

Chapels

Chapel will take place in the church sanctuary where social distancing can take place. HS Chapel will be on Wednesdays during the first period with Grade School Chapel following at 9:05 am.

Athletic Events

The intramural basketball season has begun this month. Covid guidelines were sent to parents with details. Volleyball season has been postponed to the spring. Parents will be notified in the following weeks with more details.

School Calendar

The school calendar is available online. With the fluid nature of the school year all dates are subject to change.

Alternative Learning

In the event the entire school shuts down or an entire building is shut down, the following will occur:

- a. Online learning will be provided.
- b. Students will have access to online learning through our curriculum provider, abeka.com.
- c. Teachers will communicate weekly via either live video calls, zoom calls, text messages, FB groups, or however to correspond with any paperwork that may be distributed.
- d. Email, text messaging, and schoolworx are our primary means for all correspondence.