

Dear MSBSD Families:

We are excited to welcome students back to school this summer 2021! The health and safety of students and staff is our priority, and we need your help keeping our summer school programs open! Please continue to monitor your child's health and do not send your child to school if they are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms.

Also, MSBSD will continue to practice proven mitigation techniques but has a few new guidelines for Summer School and we want to make you aware of these changes.

- Staff and students will not be required to wear masks except in certain situations, including when there is a positive case in a class and/or the school is in the medium (yellow) risk level.
- Voluntary weekly antigen testing will be offered to individuals who are not vaccinated. Please see attached for details and consent.
- Students will be sent home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID. Students will stay home for 10 days unless they present a negative COVID-19 test.
- Contact tracing and exclusion of close contacts will be coordinated with the school nurse and Mat-Su Public Health.
- Healthy Hygiene Promotion.
  - Good hand washing techniques and how to cover sneezes/coughs will be emphasized. Full vaccinations and masks are encouraged for staff and students, especially when physically distancing is difficult.
- Frequent cleaning and disinfection of surfaces.
- Ventilation systems will be in good operation within school buildings.
- Social distancing will be practiced whenever possible.
  - Students and staff will remain with the same group as much as possible, with minimal mixing between groups. Seating will be appropriately spaced on the bus and in classrooms. Pick up and drop off procedures will reflect social distancing recommendations to limit contact.
- Adequate staffing expected.
  - Staff will not come to work if they show any signs of illness. There will be a school nurse available to oversee all sites.
- Drinking fountains will not be allowed to be used. Please send students to school with water bottles labeled with their names.

For more information regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures visit, [www.matsuk12.us/covid](http://www.matsuk12.us/covid)

Thank you,

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