

## Missoula County Public Schools: Phase 4 Reopen Plan (February 8, 2022)

**Description:** The following is the plan for the (re) opening of MCPS schools for the Fall of 22/23 school year. This opening will reflect a traditional school model. The plan will be reviewed and revised based on the wellness of the community.

### A. Phase 4 Overview

<b>Phase 4</b>	<b>State or local directives:</b>	<b>Safety and Health Protocols</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Handwashing protocols emphasized to prevent illness and spread of infection</li> <li>• Frequent sanitizing of surfaces and bathrooms</li> <li>• Face coverings welcome</li> </ul>	<b>Traditional School Model</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will attend all classes each day unless in modified block schedule</li> <li>• Extra curricular activities will occur with normal mitigation strategies</li> <li>• The Missoula Online Academy is available for students who need personalized learning</li> </ul>
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### B. Phase 4 Shift

<b>Pln-Person Learning Model: Decision Making</b>	The District plans to run a traditional school day schedule unless illness - including Covid - causes city and county wide illness
<b>Current County COVID Data</b>	Missoula County has stopped keeping specific data on the spread of Covid
<b>District COVID Indicators</b>	The District offers free Covid testing to employees as well as free home Covid tests if needed
<b>LINKS</b>	The MCPS website lists general Covid mitigation strategies

**C. District Level Supports and Guidance:** The following includes items that will be universal across all grade levels. Note: These items may change based on current CDC or other agency recommendations.

Online Learning	The Missoula On-line Academy will continue for the 22-23 school year. Staffing will be covered with ESSER funds.
Mitigation Strategies	On-site covid testing; Provide home test kits; Individuals with illness are asked to stay home; outbreaks of any infectious disease will be investigated.
Positive Case Response and support for mitigation strategies.	Students and staff are asked to stay home for five days after symptoms occur. Recommend wear mask for 5 more days when around other people Still sick after five days it is recommended people stay home.
Staffing	District has hired permanent subs to help with learning loss District has hired academic and behavior interventionists to assist with learning loss

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	District has hired social workers to assist with mental health and learning loss
Travel	Travel restrictions have been removed. Airlines, cities, and states have removed Covid restrictions.
COVID Testing	The District offers on-site Covid testing as well as free home kits
Vaccines	Vaccination is a family decision. The District supports/encourages vaccination.
Visitors	Adults may volunteer or visit schools if they are not showing signs of illness
Face Coverings	Face coverings are a personal decision. Face coverings are welcomed if students/staff choose to wear one.
Other	Crowd size at events is now unlimited for 22-23

D. **Phase 4: K-5 Defined** (Note: this planning information is tentative, there are several factors that could impact the final plan.)

<b>Times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K-5 school day begins at 8:15 and ends at 3:15</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students attend all classes ; Lunch and recess are similar to precovid procedures</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student attend specialist classes – music, p.e., art</li> </ul>

E. **Phase 4: Middle School Defined** (Note: this planning information is tentative, there are several factors that could impact the final plan.)

<b>Times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6-8 School day begins at 7:50 and ends at 2:45</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two middle schools operate on a 9 period day. One middle school operates on a modified block schedule</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students attend all classes throughout the week</li> </ul>

F. **Phase 4: High School Defined** (Note: this planning information is tentative, there are several factors that could impact the final plan.)

<b>Times</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9-12 school day begins at 8:55 and ends at 3:55</li> </ul>
<b>Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All high schools have a 7 period day with a modified block day on Wednesday and Thursday</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students attend all classes without any restriction</li> </ul>

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