Health and Safety Procedures

General Information

Welcome back to school! I am so excited to have your child back with us once again. Due to the continued challenges presented by Covid-19, we will have some temporary revised processes to ensure your child’s wellness and safety.

Cleaning

- Each day our school will be thoroughly cleaned using a rigorous protocol outlined by our District. You can view the cleaning processes utilized in my principal email.
- Our plant operators will also be cleaning high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Teachers will be provided with their own individual, safety approved sanitizing products so that classrooms can be wiped down throughout the day. Shared supplies will be minimal, and sharing will not take place without sanitizing any materials and hands first.

Classroom Environments

- Student seating has been revised to allow for the largest space possible between student desks.
- Waterless soap stations are located throughout the campus to ensure that students clean their hands throughout the day. Teachers will require students to clean their hands before and after all transitions.
- Students may bring their own sanitizer to school and will have access to it throughout the day. Students will not be required to use sanitizer as waterless soap will always be available and has been proven to be equally effective.
- Students will transition to the art/music/PE areas for specials. Sanitization procedures will be used to wipe down table surfaces and chairs between classes.
Student Wellness Expectations

Each day parents will be asked to assess their child’s health before bringing them to school. Students with any of the following symptoms should not come to school:

- Temperature above 100.4/chills
- Vomiting or gastrointestinal issues
- Chronic cough/shortness of breath
- Loss of taste or smell
- In general, if your child is not well, they should stay home
- Been in close contact (15 minutes or more at less than 6 ft) with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days

Students who exhibit any of these symptoms while at school will receive care in a space away from other students and staff. A separate clinic space will be utilized for everyday student care. Parents will be called to pick up their child immediately.

Face Masks

- Students will wear masks at all times while at school unless they are eating or during a time set aside for a mask break. Masks must have the student’s name in permanent marker on the outside. Approved masks must completely cover the student’s nose and mouth.
- All students will receive five washable masks at the beginning of the school year, students may wear their own mask as long as it completely covers their nose and mouth.
- Students must wear their face mask as they exit the car each morning. Students without a mask will be asked to remain with their parent in the car until they have their mask on.

Dress Code Guidelines

- Pants, shorts, Capri pants, skirts, skorts or jumpers in the colors of navy blue, or any shade of khaki. Shorts, skirts or skorts must extend below fingertip.

- Shirts with short or long sleeves and a collar (polo, dress-style with button, or turtleneck) in any solid color. If there is an icon on the shirt it must be smaller than a quarter.
o In the event of cold weather, a solid colored sweatshirt, pullover or cardigan sweater is permitted over the uniform shirt.

o Closed-back shoes (no flip flops or sandals).

o Friday is Midtown spirit day and students will be allowed to wear a school t-shirt along with their uniform bottoms!

Arrival

- School hours are from 8:45 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Students may be dropped off in our car loop beginning at 8:15 a.m. each day. All students are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:45 a.m.
- All students are entitled to a free grab and go breakfast each day. Students will enter the school directly through the cafeteria and will take their breakfast to the classroom. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at several locations in the cafeteria as well as outside and inside of each classroom.

Lunch

Students will be eating lunch inside our cafeteria. The lunch schedule has been revised to accommodate additional distance between students.

Dismissal

Students will be dismissed directly from their classrooms. We will be using a process to expedite your child’s dismissal to your vehicle as quickly as possible. Please be patient during the first weeks of school while we finetune our processes. Dismissal will begin promptly at 3:25 p.m. each day.

All parents must wear a face mask while waiting in the front of the school (walkers only). All adults will be expected to remain 6 feet apart from one another while waiting for their child.

School Busses will continue to pick up students in the rear of the school. A staff member will ensure that your child is safely dismissed to the appropriate van.

Students attending R’Club will be dismissed from the classroom for after school care.

PTA Meetings/SAC Meetings

PTA meetings will be virtual for the first quarter of the school year. School Advisory Council meetings will also be virtual for the first quarter of the school year. SAC members will be contacted with meeting dates and times within the first two weeks of school.
SAC Membership 2020-2021

If you are interested in serving on our School Advisory Committee in the 2020-2021 school year, please submit your request in writing to the attention of Keila Victor, Principal.

Visitors

We are so fortunate to have involved families here at Midtown. At this time only visitors essential to the business of the school may enter the campus. Parents may not currently eat lunch with their child at school. As safety measures are reassessed, volunteering and eating with your child will be readdressed. Teachers may request your support with activities that can be completed at home.

Other School-Wide Events

Information regarding Open House will be communicated to families soon after the start of school.

Many of our school’s most popular events involve students and families gathering in groups. A schedule will be published each quarter outlining which events will take place based on the safety expectations at that time.

Families who select My PCS online for the first quarter will continue to be an important part of our school community. I will be reaching out regularly to all families to ensure that your child is progressing and having a successful school experience. You will not lose your seat in our program and all magnet requirements will be expected.

I know this is a challenging time for all of us and I want to assure you that your child’s safety is my first priority. Midtown Academy is a positive place for your child to learn and grow alongside their peers. High expectations for learning and collaboration between teachers, parents and students will continue to be the foundation of our school’s success. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions you may have about your child’s school experience.

For more information regarding the ReOpening of schools please visit:
https://www.pcsb.org/reopening

Best Regards,

Keila Victor