

# Meadowlawn Middle School Family Communication

Week of September 6, 2021

# Wellness Protocols

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Fall 2021 Guiding Practices and Protocols  
Updated: August 9, 2021

Pinellas County Schools is committed to providing high-quality instruction and enrichment opportunities for all students, while also maintaining wellness protocols for students and staff. Any updates will be communicated to all stakeholders.

The following, updated protocols incorporate the rules issued by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Florida Department of Health (FDH) on August 6, 2021.

- FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-01: Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19
- FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-02: COVID-19 Hope Scholarship Transfer Procedures
- FDOH Emergency Rule 64DER21-12: Protocols for Controlling COVID-19 in School Settings

**Accelerating Learning through Student and Family Engagement**

- All 2021-22 school year programming will be delivered via in-person instruction for all students.
- Simultaneous teaching, which served a valuable purpose in the 2020-21 school year, will not be required during the 2021-22 school year.
- Academic growth will be accelerated for every student through in-person instruction, high-quality teaching practices, programs and targeted enrichment and intervention opportunities matched to student needs.
- All students will be engaged in rigorous, collaborative and inclusive educational practices which include whole class, small group and individual instruction across all grade levels and content courses. This includes the sharing of materials in classrooms and physical education.
- The Florida Department of Education has indicated that funding will not continue in the 2021-22 school year for innovative, online programming such as MyPCS Online. Pinellas County Schools offers a robust full- and part-time Pinellas Virtual School (PVS). To learn more about PVS, including an updated model for elementary instruction, or to schedule a meeting to discuss the supports available, go to [www.pcsb.org/virtual](http://www.pcsb.org/virtual).
- In compliance with FDOE Emergency Rule 6AER21-01 an Instructional Continuity Plan has been developed to address partial and full classroom quarantines.

**Technology**

- Schools and teachers will leverage the PCS Connects Initiative, Level Up activities and digital platforms to extend learning both within classrooms and beyond the school day. One-to-one student devices will expand to include students in grades 3 to 10.
- The district, schools and teachers will continue the use of digital learning applications and platforms within classrooms including, but not limited to, the use of: Canvas, Nearpod, iXL, iStation, etc.

**Extracurricular Activities**

- Extracurricular, performing arts and athletic activities for the 2021-22 school year will resume to regular operations to support student engagement and will follow district and/or organization (e.g. Florida High School Athletic Association- FHSAA) guidelines, review, permission and wellness protocols.
- Activities and/or field trips will resume and follow the regular district review, permission and wellness protocols. Any field trip to a non-district location must follow the wellness practices of both the district and the field trip location.

**Family Engagement and Campus Visitors/Volunteer**

- In-person family engagement meetings will resume and, in some cases, virtual meetings may also occur.
- Opportunities for on-campus visitors and volunteers should be assessed on a case-by-case basis. All visitors and volunteers must follow district wellness practices and approval processes (e.g. check-in procedures, Level II clearance, etc.).
- Schools will review their drop-off and pick-up protocols and communicate any changes directly to families.

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**Wellness Protocols**

(1) GENERAL PROTOCOLS AND DEFINITION. The following procedures should be instituted to govern the control of COVID-19 in public schools:

- Schools should encourage routine cleaning of classrooms and high-traffic areas.
- Students should be encouraged to practice routine handwashing throughout the day.
- Students should stay home if they are sick.
- Students may wear masks or facial coverings as a mitigation measure; however, the school must allow for a parent or legal guardian of the student to opt-out the student from wearing a face covering or mask.
- For purposes of this rule, "direct contact" means cumulative exposure for at least 15 minutes, within six feet.

(2) PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC OR COVID-19 POSITIVE STUDENTS. Students experiencing any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who have received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- Ten days have passed since the onset of symptoms or positive test result, the student has had no fever for 24 hours and the student's other symptoms are improving; or
- The student receives written permission to return to school from a medical doctor licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 or an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 464.

(3) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19. Students who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property until:

- The student is asymptomatic and receives a negative diagnostic COVID-19 test after four days from the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual; or
- The student is asymptomatic and seven days have passed since the date of last exposure to the COVID-19 positive individual; or
- If a student becomes symptomatic following exposure to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection (2), above.

(4) PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS WITH PRIOR COVID-19 INFECTION. A student who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the previous 90 days and who is known to have been in contact with an individual who has received a positive diagnostic test for COVID-19 is not subject to the protocols set forth in subsection (3), so long as the student remains asymptomatic. If a student with a previous COVID-19 infection becomes symptomatic, the student should follow the procedures set forth in subsection (2), above. This subsection applies equally to students who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

(5) TESTING. Any COVID-19 testing of minors at school requires informed written consent from a parent or legal guardian.

(6) NON-DISCRIMINATION. Students whose parents or legal guardian have opted them out of a mask or face covering requirement shall not be subject to any harassment or discriminatory treatment, including but not limited to:

- Relocation to certain physical locations;

# Wellness Protocols

## Middle School Immunizations (non-COVID related): Action Item

- Students entering traditional school into the seventh (7) grade must provide proof of the required Tdap vaccine. Due to COVID-19 necessitating a change in first-day procedures from previous years, please note that **all traditional 7<sup>th</sup> Grade students must present proof of Tdap vaccine by Friday, September 3.** Any student who has not turned in proof of the vaccine by this date **will be temporarily excluded from school beginning Tuesday, September 7,** in accordance with Florida statutes.

# Arrival and Dismissal

## Arrival and Dismissal

- **School operating hours are 9:40AM-4:10PM.**
- **Early Pick Up due to medical or personal appointments are limited to 3:30 PM.**
- Please do not arrive on campus for AM Arrival prior to 9:15AM. We take supervision of our Scholars very seriously and our Supervising Staff will not be available to supervise your child before that time.

# Upcoming Dates

- Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> : Labor Day – No School
- September 13<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> : Write Score Assessment
- Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup> : Teacher Planning Day- No School

# Operations

- **Breakfast** is provided for our scholars every morning in various location that correspond with where they are dropped off in the morning.
- Attendance and punctuality are very important. Please prepare accordingly so that scholars to school on time, every day.
- All scholars will be issued a laptop this school year. We encourage them to bring it every day to complete assignments in class. Please work with them on responsible care of the device. Each family is responsible for the care and protection of their assigned device and must pay for any damage that may occur.
- Hand sanitizer is available in all classrooms and common areas throughout the school.

# Curriculum and Scheduling

- **Back to School Night** is scheduled for **Thursday September 23, 2021 at 6:00pm**. Back to School night will be fully VIRTUAL again this year and will be run through Microsoft Teams. Instructions on accessing your students teachers for Back to School Night will be shared in an upcoming newsletter
- **Progress Reports** will be released in Focus on **Thursday 9/9/2021**. Please make sure to review your students progress report with them.

# SAC (School Advisory Council)

- If you are interested in joining Meadowlawn's School Advisory Council (SAC), our first meeting will be held, via Zoom, on Tuesday 9/14/2021 @ 5:00pm. We will be reviewing our School Improvement Plan during our first meeting. You can join using this link:
- <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83812315822?pwd=dEVpcy8wNVNtcytwYnZlVnk5RW5yUTo9>

Meeting ID: 838 1231 5822

Passcode: xWDi2V



# PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

- If you are interested in joining Meadowlawn MS Parent Teacher Association, please access the link below. We are searching for **PTA Officers** as well as **members**. Your input is valuable and needed as our team navigates our scholars towards academic success.
- Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. This meeting will be conducted virtually
- We look forward to joining us.
- <https://forms.office.com/r/QV1pWhqkyw>

# Athletics, Clubs & News

- School pictures were Sept 2. If your student was absent there will be a make up date in October.
- **Volleyball practices** for boys and girls continue at 8AM Monday - Thursday in the gym. Coaches are Coach Wood, Mr. Muhlstadt, and Mr. Woods.
- All paperwork for sports must be turned into Jerry Wicks in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade office or emailed to him at [wicksge@pcsb.org](mailto:wicksge@pcsb.org). Copies of the paperwork are in the cafeteria and are on the school website under Quick Links. **Requirements** are a current physical, purchase of school insurance, signed participation form and a 2.0 GPA. **You can turn paperwork in early for basketball, cheerleading, and track.**
- Email [wicksge@pcsb.org](mailto:wicksge@pcsb.org) if you have any questions.
- We will have a number of **clubs** forming and meeting at MMS. Each club will determine when it meets: before school, lunch or after school. Information regarding these clubs and when they meet will be published at a later date.

# PBIS and Scholar Behavior

- Please be sure to have access FOCUS on a regular basis to check your child's grades and attendance. One item to look for is whether your scholar has been marked tardy or absent for a period. Tardy sweeps and detentions will be starting soon as there has been plenty of time to learn their schedules. Contact the school if you need assistance with your parent account.
- On the school website under Quick Links are two power points that were shared with the students. The first is for School Expectations. The second is for laptop care and expectations. Please read through and discuss with your scholars.
- Scholars have been earning Lancer Loot for positive behavior and meeting school expectations. We hope to have the Lancer Lot open soon for scholars to redeem their well-earned Lancer Loot.
- Kona Ice is on site after school every Friday. They donate 20% back to MMS. Please support this business that supports us!

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# ELP – Extended Learning Program

- Our goal is to begin our **ELP program the week of September 13** where scholars can receive tutoring after school **Monday – Thursday from 4:15 – 5:15** in the media center. Teachers from multiple content areas will be present to assist our scholars. If you are interested in signing up your scholar, please complete the link below. If your scholar attends, he or she can be picked up in front of school at 5:15.
- [https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_2jh9-Gt21dLstep6J8MbONUNEFURo5VMVIFNoFQN1ExT1BYUjRIRjdYUi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_2jh9-Gt21dLstep6J8MbONUNEFURo5VMVIFNoFQN1ExT1BYUjRIRjdYUi4u)
- We will also be reaching out to select families of scholars who need to finish course recovery from last year. The course recovery for ELP will be before school. Communication regarding this will go directly to those families this may affect.

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# Return to Learn Process

- **Ensuring all Meadowlawn M.S. Students Are Ready to Learn**
- **Detention (45mins) M/W 4:15pm-5:00pm**
- Multiple staff members, in highly visible areas will issue detentions to students at the time they see students committing infractions (dress code, profanity, out of area, running, disruptive, tardy, etc.). The student will select an upcoming Monday or Wednesday date for the 45-minute detention from 4:15pm-5:00pm. It is the students' responsibility to inform the parent that a detention has been assigned. Students who fail to attend or disrupt detention on the date they selected, will automatically be assigned an extra school on the following day of the missed detention, and a call to the parent will be made informing them of the missed detention and assigned extra school.
- **Extra School (1:30mins) T/TH 3:30pm-5:00pm**
- Students who commit more serious offenses (leaving campus, class disruption, etc.), repeat offenses or fail to serve detention will serve a 1:30 minute extra school detention. An afternoon D.N.A. (Do Not Admit) list will be emailed to all teachers every Tuesday and Thursday, instructing them to send the Do Not Admit students to the designated location unless they show an all-clear pass from the office. Students who fail to attend or disrupt Extra School will be assigned 1 day of IC (In-School Suspension) or an alternate consequence determined by the assistant principal.

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- D.N.A. (Do Not Admit) List
  - The DNA list will be emailed to all staff, instructing them to send the students to the office who need to be seen by administration. All RTL staff will clear their assign buildings at the designated times. Students who are cleared from the list will be issued an all-clear pass and show it to his/her teachers each period that day.
- Progressive Discipline
  - Students who commit more serious or repeat offenses will be subject to more serious consequences as a result of the continuous disruptive behavior. Consequences will be up to and including multiple days IC, OSS and Reassignment.
- Repeated Misconduct
  - In order to ensure all teachers can teach and all students have the right to learn in a safe and orderly environment, students who fail to respond to interventions/support and reach or exceed the established criteria (# referrals/ IC visits), will have all behaviors identified as Repeated Misconduct. Repeated Misconduct requires the student, along with their parents, sign a behavioral contract outlining the expectations moving forward. All students continuing repeated misconduct, according to the progressive discipline matrix will only receive IC or OSS as a consequence for any and all infractions (ESE exceptions). Students who violate the behavioral contract, present a danger to the safe and orderly operation of the school and/or continually disrupt the teaching and learning process will be referred for reassignment.

# Technology Reminders

Parents – Thank you for completing the Parent Responsibility forms for your child's computer! We now have distributed a good percentage of them, but we are still handing them out.

We appreciate your patience!

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School Office Hours  
9:00AM-4:30PM

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