



**Martinsville City  
Public Schools**

*Empowering Success One Learner At A Time*

**PLAN FOR SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON  
INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES  
2021-2022**

August 2, 2021

# Introduction

- The safety and health of our students and staff remain a priority for Martinsville City Public Schools, and we will continue to be cautious in our approach moving forward in the opening of the 2021-2022 school year due to COVID-19 pandemic. This plan is designed to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for all students during COVID-19 pandemic, including the Delta variant and other mutations.
- The Superintendent of Martinsville City Public Schools will change the delivery of instruction, when necessary, throughout the school year based on the current conditions in the local area through the advice of local health officials.

# Instruction and Continuity of Services

- PK-12 students will return to Martinsville City Public Schools on Monday, August 9. Students will return in-person Monday-Friday for five full days of instruction.
- MCPS will utilize assessment data to plan personalized instruction for each student throughout the year.
- According to the latest guidance from the CDC, masks are required for all students and staff.
- Three-foot distancing between students in the classroom.
- Six-foot distancing between adults and between adults and students.
- Appropriate accommodations will be provided to students with disabilities to meet all health and safety needs.
- Utilize all appropriate, available staff in flexible groupings and instructional models to provide instruction.
- School Counselors will be available to address social-emotional needs of students.
- An ongoing evaluation of academic, social emotional, and mental health needs will occur throughout the school year.

# Transportation

- Masks required on buses for all students and staff.
- Students will sit three feet apart on buses with masks.
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized after each run.

# Communal Dining

- Communal spaces may be utilized using three-foot distancing with masks.
- Dining areas will be utilized for breakfast and lunch with 3-foot physical distancing with plexiglass physical barriers between students.
- Students and staff will be required to wear masks when they have finished eating.
- Dining areas will be cleaned between each meal, including each space where a student or staff member will be seated.

# Maintaining Health and Safety

- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized after each run.
- Dining areas will be cleaned and sanitized after each lunch.
- All classrooms (Pk-12) will be cleaned at the end of each day.
- MCPS will encourage proper handwashing throughout the day.
- Physical distancing will be maintained to the maximum extent possible throughout the day not less than 3 feet.
- Visitors will be screened using a health screening document.
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- Visible reminders will be utilized to promote physical distancing, proper handwashing techniques, masking, etc.

# Opportunity for Comment

- The plan will be shared with the school board on August 2, 2021, for comments and suggestions.
- The plan will be shared on the division's website with informational contact for the purpose of collecting suggestions from all stakeholders.
- Paper copies of the plan will be in school offices for parent access.
- Paper copies will be mailed upon parent request.
- Additional information and resources will be available on the division's website to ensure stakeholders are well informed.

# Periodic Review of the Plan

- MCPS will periodically review and revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services, as needed. MCPS will seek and consider public input during the review process. Plan revisions will address updated CDC guidance for K-12 schools if necessary.

# Making the Plan Available to the Public

MCPS has taken the following steps to make this plan available to the public:

- The plan is posted at <https://www.martinsville.k12.va.us/>
- The plan is available in English and Spanish. Other languages are available upon request.
- The plan may be interpreted for parents. Contact Dr. Tamra Vaughan at 276-403-5820 to request this service.
- Upon request, a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA may be provided with the plan in an alternative format accessible by contacting Dr. Paulette Simington at 276-403-5820.