



Madison Families:

At long last we are about to say “welcome back”! We could not have imagined back in March when we closed that we would not be able to return until the following August. In the intervening months, we have seen a heroic effort on the part of our teachers and staff to provide the best possible level of learning and care for our students remotely. We feel that we had many successes, but it is equally clear that our students need to be back in school.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) states that “schools are fundamental to child and adolescent development and well-being.” In addition, the AAP states that there is mounting evidence to suggest that transmission of the coronavirus by young children is uncommon due to the fact that they are less likely to contract it in the first place. Finally, there is a great deal of concern that being out of school is doing more harm to many of our children and their long-term well-being than any coronavirus-contagion risk there may be.

Our plan is designed to try to limit exposures between all individuals to the greatest extent possible while recognizing the practical realities of life in schools. Our plan represents months of work and discussion and uses the lessons learned through experience, perseverance, and our best understanding of the science involved with this outbreak. The recommendations in this document are based upon what works in regards to teaching and learning as well as by what the medical and scientific experts are recommending in light of the ongoing health crisis our country is experiencing.

As always, thank you for choosing the Madison Consolidated Schools for your children’s education! We greatly value and appreciate your trust placed in us! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns and we will do our best to help.

Welcome back!

Dr. Studebaker

## Overview of the Reopening Plan

The following list is an overview of our reopening plan. Detailed plans can be found in specific documents that are available and broken down by building/program.

- All aspects of this plan are flexible and could change depending upon circumstances within a school, our county, or by any Governor's order.
- School will begin on August 12, 2020.
- The current approved calendar will be used.
- Parents have the option of having their children attend school either face-to-face or in a virtual setting.
- Students who opt for virtual instruction will not be allowed to participate in athletic, extra, or co-curricular activities.
- Social distancing guidelines will be adhered to as much as possible. Masks will be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- Buses will run routes with no more than two students per seat and all passengers will be required to wear masks while on board.
- Wearing masks is strongly recommended while inside our buildings and will be required in certain situations. Certain adults will be required to wear masks while inside buildings.
- Access to buildings by parents and other visitors will be restricted (and in some cases not permitted unless by appointment) even more than normal.
- Multiple disinfecting cleanings of high-touch areas will be done throughout the day in all buildings and buses.
- Screening for symptoms should occur for all adults and students prior to coming to school. Latest guidelines for these screenings will be provided as they are updated.
- Individuals with symptoms will be required to be quarantined according to Health Department guidelines. (Specific guidelines can be found in the detailed plan documents.)
- Individuals that have tested positive for Covid-19 will be required to quarantine according to Health Department guidelines. (Specific guidelines can be found in the detailed plan documents.)
- Quarantined students who begin school in a face-to-face setting will be able to continue their studies virtually with their class.
- Athletics, extra and co-curricular activities have begun with detailed parameters in place. (Specific guidelines can be found in the detailed plan documents.)