

Mill Creek Community School Corporation

Frequently Asked Questions about COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

1. Question: What should I do if I have concerns about my child having symptoms?

Answer: Contact your child's health care provider. Symptoms for COVID-19/Coronavirus can be found on the CDC website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/symptoms.html>).

2. Question: What can we do to prevent the spread of all illnesses?

Answer: See the Coronavirus guidance from the CDC. These are their recommendations:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

3. Question: How is MCCSC disinfecting the schools and busses?

Answer: MCCSC increased our cleaning protocol over the few last weeks. We have been in contract with Hendricks Regional Health (HRH) and our vendor partners and use the same anti-viral cleaners (Virex, Steriphene, Saniguard, NABC) that are used by HRH for their cleaning of hard surfaces.

We are utilizing Home Learning Days to maintain learning for our students while assisting in reducing the spread of the virus. Our schools were closed on March 13 to allow our teaching staff of professionals sufficient time to prepare for the five Home Learning Days on March 16 – 20.

4. Question: Are there any food resources for students who need breakfast and lunch during the Week of March 16-20?

Answer: In conjunction with our partners at Aramark, we will provide breakfast and lunch “To Go Bags” for our students.

- Pick up of the breakfast and lunch will be at Cascade High School, Door #38, the PAC entrance. The hours for pick up will be from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm from Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20.
- Our partners at Aramark will have the “To Go Bags” ready to hand deliver to your car. Please remain in your car and do not enter the school. The parents/students will need to provide their name and lunch code for tracking purposes.
- The “To Go Bags” are solely for students currently attending MCCSC.

5. Question: Students were expecting to do standardized testing (IREAD-3 and ISTEP+) in this time period. How will that be handled?

Answer: MCCSC staff is working with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE). IDOE has already indicated its flexibility to provide extensions on the testing timelines. The exact steps and dates are still being defined.

6. Question: My child has medication or other ESSENTIAL items at the school that are needed during the school closing and Home Learning Days. How can I receive these?

Answer: On Friday, March 13th, between 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, our schools will be open to meet these needs. Please check in at our main office, secure the items from the classroom/locker/office and immediately exit the school. We aim to avoid any social gatherings! If items are not secured on Friday, March 13th, please call our Administrative Services Center, 317-539-9200, to arrange for a pick-up of the items. We aim to extremely limit the number of people entering our schools and buildings over the next few weeks.

7. Question: What about students who attend Area 31, Central Normal Campus, Old National Trail, Indiana School for the Deaf, or other previously designed arrangement?

Answer: All MCCSC students are to stay home from March 13 – April 3. Home Learning Days are scheduled for March 16-20 and our regular spring break schedule is March 23 – April 3.

8. Question: What about my child who receives special education services?

Answer: Special Education services will be provided through our Home Learning Days or other previously designed arrangement. If there are special circumstances the student’s Teacher of Record will work with the parent individually. If there are case conferences or evaluations scheduled while school is closed and/or on Home Learning Days, those will be rescheduled. We will work with the Indiana Department of Education on these timelines.

9. Question: Will students return to school on Monday, April 6 following spring break?

Answer: The situation is fluid. Based on the information today, we are planning for students to return on Monday, April 6. We will have all of our building and buses thoroughly cleaned and ready for their return. If circumstance change, we will communicate a message through our communications system and website.

10. Question: How do I find out past and new information regarding MCCSC and the coronavirus?

Answer: We have set up a link on our website dedicated with up to date information. Please visit frequently! <http://www.mccsc.k12.in.us/>

11. Question: How may I assist MCCSC? I would really love to lend a hand!

Answer:

- Practice social distancing.
- Please stay at home!
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