



MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
2023-2024  
COVID-19

McMinn County Schools will continue to do everything in our power to ensure the safest environment possible while providing continuity of education to our students and providing a safe learning environment for our students.

**MCS Students and Families** should adhere to the following health guidelines to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in schools:

- Please keep your child home if they are sick.
- Any student with a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, or who reports [symptoms of COVID-19](#), should not be present at school.
- Any student who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 should not be at school. Students may return to school if symptoms are resolving after 5 days.
- Any student who has been advised to quarantine by the Tennessee Department of Health or a healthcare provider should not be present at school or a school event. *Documentation is required.*
- Frequently [wash your hands](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds throughout the day.
- Practice [good respiratory etiquette](#) when coughing or sneezing.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding close contact (within 6 feet for  $\geq 15$  minutes) of other individuals within the school setting whenever possible.
- Masks are not required for students, although they will be allowed at each individual's discretion. CDC recommends continuing to wear a mask around others for an 5 additional days after a COVID19 diagnosis. [Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks](#)

**Please note:**

- MCS will corroborate with public health to verify COVID-19 information as needed throughout the school year.
- MCS will maintain healthy facilities by cleaning and sanitizing frequently.
- Consult with your healthcare provider or contact the McMinn County Health Department at (423) 745-7431 for questions concerning COVID-19 information.

MCS COVID-19 Health Guidelines will be updated as needed based on recommendation from the CDC