

MADISON BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFO



Dear Madison 321 Parents and Staff,

Happy New Year!

We are excited to continue the 2023-2024 school year.

Madison School District has regular communication with Eastern Idaho Public Health, Governor Little's office, Madison Memorial Hospital, and regional / state health / education authorities to continue to provide a safe environment for all students and staff.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

We believe that in class instruction is the best learning environment for the vast majority of students.

MSD 321 will take reasonable precautions to protect the health and safety of our students and staff.

Moving forward, MSD 321 will continue to be in frequent communication with the Eastern Idaho Public Health Department, and other local health officials to continue providing a safe learning environment.



MADISON ONLINE PLAN

All students registering with Madison 321 will be enrolled in their respective schools and simultaneously will be enrolled online.

MSD 321 will provide three options for our students:

1. **Full Time: In Class** – attend one of our schools with certified educators. Just like before COVID-19.
2. **Full Time Online** (4-12 grades only) with courses facilitated by certified educators.
3. **Extenuating Circumstances:** If a student needs to be absent for an extended period of time, please contact your child's school principal for learning options.

Madison School District uses Idaho State and district approved standards to deliver content through the Schoology online platform. All of our online content will be available in our learning management system – Schoology.



GRADES 4-6

Our 4-6 courses were built with the 21st century student in mind. Courses integrate online and offline activities to support multiple learning styles and to ensure that students are able to show mastery of concepts down to the objective level.

High-interest, age appropriate stories and informational texts were written especially for our courses based on the sight and spelling words for each lesson. Lessons and activities are interactive and visually engaging for young learners. The 4-6 online option requires a parent to work with their child 17-24 hours per week.

Mrs. Heidi Orme (Ormeh@msd321.com) 4th through 6th grade online teacher. Mrs. Orme is elementary K-8 endorsed. Please contact her with additional questions.

Students with special needs will continue to receive instructional assistance according to their respective IEP.



GRADES 7-12

Accelerate Education's 7-12 courses are designed to engage students with different learning styles and abilities, utilizing rich, interactive learning assets that provide both visual and auditory stimulation. Using cutting-edge technology, the courses offer rich, rigorous, in-depth standards aligned multimedia lessons.

Students interact with this content via multiple presentation formats, including photos, visual learning animations, videos, interactive text, and guided and independent practice activities. These resources are especially powerful for relating instructional concepts to real-world contexts.

Each 7-12 grade course requires approximately 60 hours to complete over a trimester.

A variety of certified teachers will facilitate our 7-12 grade online program.

If you feel like you would like your child to attend Madison Online K-12, please contact Julie Parkinson at MadisonOnline@msd321.com.

Students with special needs will continue to receive instructional assistance according to their respective IEP.

A supervised study hall will be provided at each secondary school for all online students wishing to work in the building.



CONNECTIVITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

If a student or family is worried about access to devices or internet connectivity for online schooling, please reach out to your child's Administrator to make arrangements that will work for your child/home.



ATTENDANCE

Student participation in class is essential to maximize the learning process. All schools will have their respective attendance policies reestablished. Teachers and administrators will work with students with documented medical issues, including COVID 19 and variants. Please contact your building principal for any questions or concerns.

Whether in the classroom setting or online, students are responsible for completing their assignments.



OVERALL PREVENTION STRATEGIES

Thermometers:

Noninvasive thermometers are available at each school. Staff and students' temperatures may be checked before entering school or as they enter the classroom setting.

Face Masks:

Facemasks may be worn at the discretion of teachers and students' individual needs.

Social Distancing:

Where feasible, MSD 321 will implement or otherwise encourage social distancing.

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Hand Sanitizer:

Regular handwashing and hand sanitation will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be provided in all classroom settings.

Sanitation Efforts:

Desks and other common surfaces will be disinfected on a regular basis. Computers, Chromebooks, iPads will be cleaned regularly with disinfectant spray and microfiber cloths.



OUTBREAK OCCURRENCE

If a case of COVID-19 or variant is confirmed, a building level risk assessment will be made, and parents will be notified.

A building closure of 1-2 day(s) may occur in order to thoroughly disinfect the building.

After a closure, non-invasive temperature checks may be implemented for all staff and students upon reopening of the school.

The affected student, or students will be allowed to attend school again upon receiving written clearance from a licensed, certified medical professional.

If a staff member tests positive, they will be asked to seek medical assistance, and stay quarantined until proper medical clearance is provided for their return.



TRANSPORTATION

School Buses will be cleaned and wiped down with disinfectant after each bus run. Drivers, support staff, and children riding school buses are strongly encouraged to wear mask.



EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

Madison 321 will be participating in all activities organized under the Idaho High School Activities Association (IHSAA). Participation by students and spectators is completely voluntary. Social distancing by spectators is highly recommended.



FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

Please teach and encourage personal hygiene, and daily monitor your children's health

We request you to seek medical assistance and self-quarantine if you or your child are exposed to COVID-19 or variant.

Please keep your child or children home if they have a fever, cough, cold or flu like symptoms. They should be symptom free for 24 hours without the aid of medicine before returning to school.

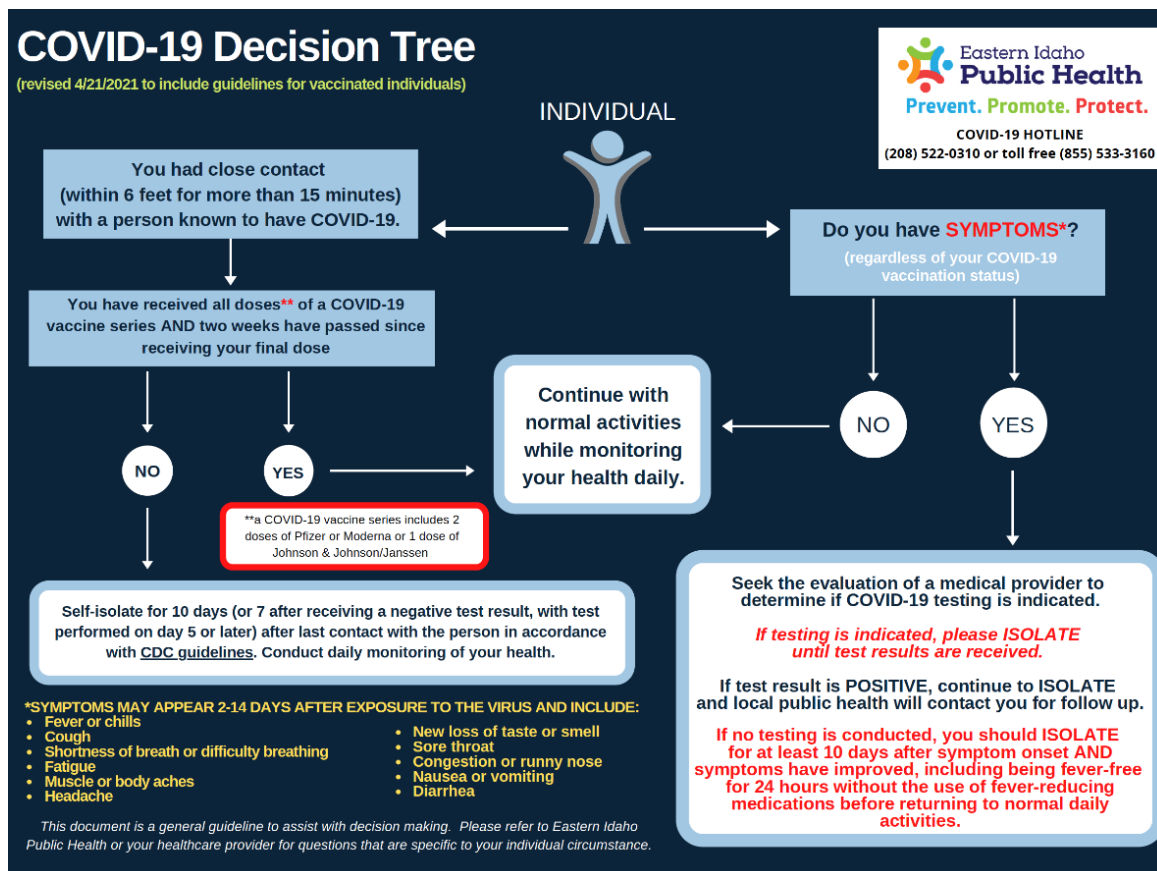
Ultimately, the decision to send your child to school rests with you the parent or caregiver. We respect this parental right and seek to assist you in your educational decision making.

We are excited to continue educating the students of Madison School District and hope the remainder of the school year will be safe for all student, staff, and parents.

Again, we are excited to begin the new school year! I hope that this year will a positive and safe one for all students, staff and parents.

Sincerely,

Randy Lords
Superintendent



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