

Return to Learn:
Maranacook Community Middle School
Frequently Asked Questions for Families
Updated 8/23/20

Will my student have their temperature taken every day?

Taking temperatures is not the standard of care. The Maine DOE requires schools to provide a screening tool to parents that must be done before they leave each home each morning but the CDC does not recommend symptom screening at all because it has not been shown to be protective.

Where is the quarantine room located?

The isolation room is located in Wellness in the group room. Students can walk through the building with a mask in place. Exposure is based on a few factors including the length of time that people are closer than 6 ft. Walking through the hallways or Wellness waiting area does not increase exposure unless the student lingers in the area with others for more than 15 minutes. There will be a fan and open windows in the isolation room and full PPE for the nurse or others that need to enter once the student is in the room.

If you are made aware that a student has had a positive COVID test, will we as parents be immediately notified? The CDC will direct us but anytime that we are notified of a positive case, we will notify all parents and staff -Those that are considered contacts and need to quarantine will be contacted by the CDC contact tracer. To protect the privacy of the student and family, names will not be released.

If a student is sick at school and needs to come home, presenting a fever later in the day, will parents also be notified? No, only if it is your child. There are many reasons that a child may present with a fever. COVID-19 is only one of them. The child's parent/guardian will be asked to have the child evaluated by their physician who will make the decision to test or not. There are guidelines in place for when that student may return to school and if they are tested with a positive result, we will follow the protocol for notification.

What happens if you see students not conforming to the rules regarding safety protocols?

They will be placed in a quarantine rule, provided with education. If they do not comply, parents will be called and given education, if needed, and if they still do not

comply then the child will need to get picked up and learn from home until they do comply.

What school supplies will my child be required to have?

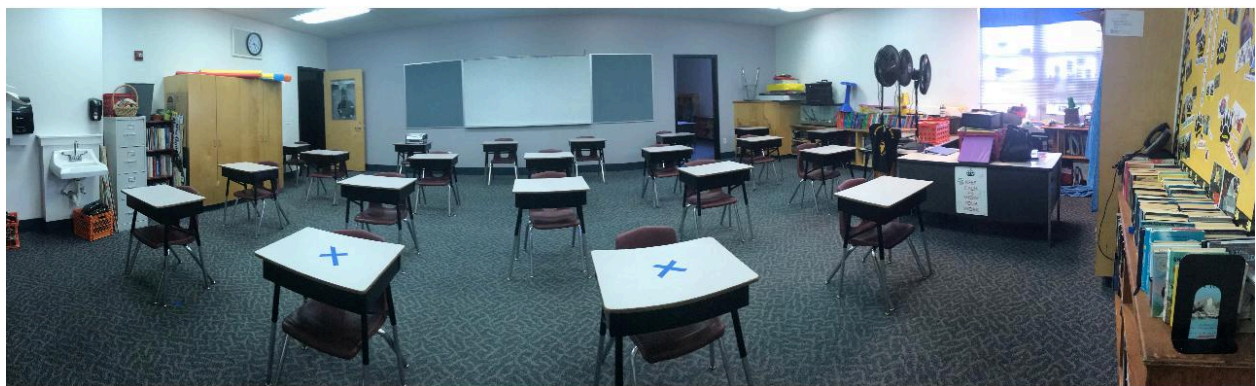
By the end of August, you will receive a team letter that will talk about what your child will need for school supplies this year.

For pickup in the afternoon, do parents line up as in the morning, or park?

Parents should line up as they do in the morning for pick up.

Can parents get a tour of the school with the new set up?

Absolutely! We are still waiting for some supplies to come in (such as more desks and safety equipment) so this will need to be scheduled later in the week of August 31st.. Please email your child's team or Kristen Levesque to schedule a tour. Below is a photo of what a classroom will look like as well.



If a family decides to start the year with remote learning from home will they be able to change as the data changes and send their child to school if the numbers look better in a few weeks or months?

Right now we are planning there will be times throughout the year when children can change back from home learning to in person learning

What is your mitigation policy for the first child that tests positive?

If a child tests positive, we will work with the CDC to contact, trace and notify families.

Will the school provide testing for all students who have had contact?

We do not have testing capabilities at school. Testing should be coordinated by the students physician.

I did not see any mask breaks (besides lunch). Will there be mask breaks if a student needs/wants one?

There will be times during the school day for masks to be taken off, lunch time included, as well as breakfast and snack time and during outdoor learning with social distancing.

My student has asthma/allergies and may not be able to wear a mask all day. Can students use face shields instead of a mask?

A doctor's note is required. Children with asthma are at higher risk for complications. To provide your child with the best protection, our nurse recommends trying different masks and practice wearing at home to get them used to how it feels to breathe in a mask. Sometimes disposable masks are a bit easier for those with asthma.

For more information you can contact Angela Palmer, our school nurse, at:
angela_palmer@maranacook.com

Are there any guidelines for students who will be driven to and from school by siblings?

Students being driven in by siblings may get out of the car when the sibling parks (they do not need to wait in the parent drop off line) and may go to their sibling's car at the end of the day. Students driving at the HS are dismissed at 1:07 and parent pick up at the MS is 1:03-1:15.

What will dismissal look like?

Students will be dismissed at different times, depending on a child's Return to Home plan:

- 12:50-12:53: Those on buses in the very front (Busses 1-4 in line)
- 12:53-12:56: Those on buses in the middle (Busses 5-9 in line)
- 12:56-12:59: Those on buses in the back (Busses 9-13 in line)
 - Bus numbers to be added at a later time
- 12:59-1:03: Walkers
- 1:03-1:15: Parent pick ups and pick up is the lower parking lot

How will cohort groupings be designed? Will they be grade based?

The start of the day (from AM drop off until appx. 9am) and the end of the day (12:15-1pm) will be in your child's advisee group, which is organized by grade. Team cohort groups will be based on individual student needs and determined by teams.

What is the virtual screening that parents will do in the morning?

The virtual screener will be sent to you electronically. More information about this will come to you shortly.

My child is interested in extension in world language (year long world language). How can I get more information about this and what this may look like?

Please contact the world language teacher which your child is interested in:

- Spanish: Mrs. Jorgeanne Barley: jorgeanne_barley@maranacook.com
- French: Mr. Sam Watson: sam_watson@maranacook.com
- German: Mrs. Margot Gyorgy: margot_gyorgy@maranacook.com

What is busing going to look like?

The district will be providing transportation for students in need. Below are the procedures for using the bus:

All parents must complete a daily self-check before coming into the school.

- Students who have a fever (100.4 degrees) will not be able to attend school
- Students must wear a face covering in order to use school bus transportation.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for students to use upon entering the bus.
- Only siblings may sit together on the bus.
- When the busses arrive at school the driver will dismiss students from the bus in a way to maintain social distancing.
- Students should be patient while waiting to exit the bus in order to help with distancing

Is there a plan to reevaluate this plan as the year goes on?

Yes, this plan will be re-evaluated and be based on the current precautions set forth by the state, CDC, and school.

What is the expectation for Wednesdays remote learning?

On Wednesdays, all students will access class assignments, posted by their teacher, in Google Classroom.

Why is there no option for fall sports for middle school?

This was based on the most current information being shared by the MPA, district precautions, and lack of middle schools in the area who would be offering fall sports.

What is the thought behind a 1:00pm dismissal?

In order to create small cohorts for students, staff will be working directly with students from 8am-1pm. During normal school days, staff have prep time to collaborate with

other staff, hold meetings, and plan for lessons. In addition, staff need time to eat lunch. This will not be available for staff this year when students are in the building. Staff will have their lunch and prep time/ meeting time, etc. from 1-3pm.

How will the grading be different?

Please know that student expectations for learning will be similar to previous years, prior to the spring 2020 emergency remote learning. With this, we will continue to provide an extensive level of academic and behavioral support. All learning experiences will have the same expectations and rigor:

- Attendance will be taken each school day
- Ongoing assessments will be included in classes, as it is part of the curriculum.
 - Letter grades, using a 100 point grading scale, will be issued
 - Habits of Work scores will be issued
 - Academic grades and Habits of Work scores will be updated regularly.

What are the dates for each academic quarter?

Quarter 1: September 8th - November 6th

Quarter 2: November 9th - January 22

Quarter 3: January 25th - April 2nd

Quarter 4: April 5th - Last Day

What does the bell schedule look like?

Bell Schedule for Maranacook Community Middle School, Fall 2020						
<i>Royal</i>	8-8:25am: Tutorial (in advisee)	8:25-8:45am: Advisee Time	Per. 1: 8:57- 9:57	Per. 2: 10:10- 11:05 Snack 9:59 - 10:09	Per. 3: 11:09-12:07*	12:25- Dismissal: Advisee Time & Lunch
<i>Acadia</i>	8-8:25am: Tutorial (in advisee)	8:25-8:45am: Advisee Time	Per. 1: 8:57- 9:53	Per. 2: 9:57- 11:03	Per. 3: 11:08-12:07*	12:25- Dismissal: Advisee Time & Lunch
<i>Katahdin</i>	8-8:25am: Tutorial (in advisee)	8:25-8:45am: Advisee Time	Per. 1: 8:57-9:55	Per. 2: 10:03- 11:00	Per. 3: 11:06-12:07*	12:25- Dismissal: Advisee Time & Lunch

Moose	8-8:25am: Tutorial (in advisee)	8:25-8:45am: Advisee Time	Per. 1: 8:57-9:53	Per. 2: 10:00- 10:59	Per. 3: 11:04-12:07*	12:25- Dismissal: Advisee Time & Lunch
Sebago	8-8:25am: Tutorial (in advisee)	8:25-8:45am: Advisee Time	Per. 1: 8:57- 9:59	Per. 2: 10:08- 11:08	Per. 3: 11:12-12:07*	12:25- Dismissal: Advisee Time & Lunch
*Transition Times are staggered based on team & cohort. Students follow Standard Operating Procedures for transitions.						