

Coronavirus Updates & Information

Marshall Academy's COVID Response Team

Information for Families

Dear MA Families,

We will be monitoring the coronavirus situation carefully and following all guidelines set by our Governor and State Health Department. The purpose of this newsletter is to share facts and information, and to keep you updated as we formulate a plan to return to school at Marshall Academy.

At this time, Marshall Academy will not be offering an on-line only option for the school year. If allowed for in-person instruction, students will report to school 5 full days a week. We will only utilize online learning if the county moves to Phases 1-3 and schools are closed county wide.

During the month of July our COVID Response Team will formulate a full plan for safety, mental & social-emotional health, instruction, operations, and governance at all phases. This will be presented to the School Board on August 12th at their regularly scheduled meeting (6 PM). Those items as outlined below are either required by the Return to Learn plan or early suggestions and thoughts for safety within the school building. They are subject to change at this time.

Our school board has already passed a budget with no staffing or salary cuts. Our staff are important in providing the best education possible and your students deserve quality staff and supports!

Please don't hesitate to be in touch with questions or concerns,
Leslie Katz

Coordinator - Leslie Katz (Academic Officer); Teacher Representative - Lacey Ferro (3rd grade, coach); Support Staff Representative - Kathy Swett (bus, library, classroom); Front Office - Shannon Kever (Main point of contact); Board Representation - Kasey Williams (Board President; parent); Albion Community - Wanda Kemp (Kids of Hope Community Outreach); Marshall Community - Stephanie Kimball (Fountain Clinic); Parent - Niki VanLente (Marshall)

CDC Guidelines on Coronavirus Prevention

This site is available in English, Spanish, and Chinese. Just click the button and it will take you to the website.

CACC

At this time we do not have information about how the CACC will function this next school year. As they formulate their plans, we will share information and updates with you as well!

Phases 1- 3

Schools Closed for In-person instruction

If Calhoun County is in phases 1-3 of reopening, Marshall Academy will be closed and students will move to remote learning. Grades K-2 will utilize a parent account through Facebook, and Grades 3-12 will utilize Google Classrooms.

The team will work on resources and needed technology for families. The team is committed to equity in education.

Food services will continue with food distribution on Tuesdays.

Phase 4

School Open 5 days a week

In Phase 4 of opening (Calhoun County is currently in Phase 4), the following safety protocols will be enforced:

Staff:

Wear face coverings except when eating

Social distance from students and other staff as much as possible (6 feet)

Students:

Grades 6-12 wear face coverings

ALL students wear face coverings in hallways and on buses

Temp checks at bus stops and drop offs at school

Students still travel to art, PE, and music and have recess and lunch (with separate times for cleaning and proper social distancing in cafeteria and playground area)

Scheduled hand-washing breaks (especially before and after eating)

Limited and timed hallway travel to reduce contact with those not in cohort

MS stay in classrooms and teachers rotate

HS passing times limited and varied to reduce contact with non-cohort group

MS/HS stay on one side of gymnasium; Elementary on the other

No assemblies

No visitors

Phase 5

School Open 5 Days a Week

In Phase 5 of opening, the following safety protocols will be enforced:

Staff:

Wear face coverings when not in own classroom K-8; HS staff and others wear face masks

Social distance from students and other staff as much as possible (6 feet)

Students:

Grades 9-12 wear face coverings

Grades 6-8 wear face coverings when not in homeroom

ALL students wear face coverings in hallways and on buses

Temp checks at bus stops and drop offs at school

Students still travel to art, PE, and music and have recess and lunch (with separate times for cleaning and proper social distancing in cafeteria and playground area)

Limited and timed hallway travel to reduce contact with those not in cohort

MS/HS stay on one side of gymnasium; Elementary on the other

No assemblies

No visitors beyond services provided for students

Facts about Coronavirus

[Fact Sheet in English](#)

[Fact Sheet in Spanish](#)

[What to do if you are sick](#)

[The Difference between Isolation and Quarantine](#)

[Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)



[The best prevention a...](#)

[edition.cnn.com](#)

The best way to prevent novel coronavirus transmission is washing your hands with soap and water. Here's the five-step process the CDC recommends.

Educational Websites for Home

Sometimes screen time is a necessity if we have children at home and work we need to do. Here are a few apps that make screen time a learning time:

1. [CodeMonkey](#): a game-based education program that teaches children to code. It comes with a membership fee, but there's a free 14-day trial that doesn't require a credit card.
2. [BrainPop](#): Online learning across subject areas for children in kindergarten through middle school and ELL learning for all age groups. Free.
3. [Khan Academy](#): Online learning in math, science, and literacy for all age groups. Standards-aligned. Free.
4. [Scholastic Learn at Home](#): Interactive learning journeys for all ages.



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