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Dear MJSD Families,

Our return to full time in-person instruction has gone well the past couple months and we are pleased to be at the point where we have one month of school left for the 2020-2021 school year. In order to help us to continue to operate in this mode, we need to emphasize a couple points.

First, we need to be aware that COVID 19 is still present in our community, although at a much lower level than earlier in the year. The new variants of the virus are present in Wisconsin and in Menasha. The data tells us the variants are more transmissible among all people and children are not yet vaccinated. Therefore, masks will still be required for students and staff at school. Hand sanitizing, social distancing (where possible), maximum ventilation in buildings, and thorough nightly cleanings will continue to be parts of our routine until the end of the school year and probably into summer school. We all hope to be in a more "normal" position for the start of next school year, but that decision will be made closer to that time.

Second, I must also re-emphasize that students are screened by their family each morning prior to coming to school and that students who are sick must not be allowed to attend school. We are seeing an increase in students who are symptomatic in the morning and still being sent to school. This has caused several students who are close contacts of these children to also be quarantined from school. Please keep your children home if they are symptomatic and have them tested for COVID so they can return to school sooner. Also, please watch for opportunities to get your children vaccinated as vaccines are being approved for younger children as we move forward. See the attached document which describes our procedures based on the most recent CDC and DHS guidance.

Thank you for your continued patience through these interesting times. If we keep working together we can get through this pandemic and keep our children, families, and staff healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Chris L. VanderHeyden

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Superintendent

For more information please visit:

City of Menasha COVID-19 info: <https://www.cityofmenasha-wi.gov/departments/health/covid-19.php>

MJSD COVID webpage <https://www.mjsd.k12.wi.us/district/district/covid-19>

Learn more: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/protect.htm>

When does my sick child need to stay home?

If anyone in the house has:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste
- New loss of smell

Or at least 2 of the following:

- Fever
- Body Aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Chills
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Sore throat



When can they return to school ?

Sick individual is diagnosed with a different illness



Follow guidance from medical provider

Sick individual tests negative for COVID-19



24 hours symptom free without using medicine

Sick individual tests positive for COVID-19



10 days after symptoms started AND fever free for 24 hours with other symptoms improving

Sick individual does not test for COVID-19



10 days after symptoms started AND fever free for 24 hours with other symptoms improving