



“Plan and prepare for every possibility and you will never act. It is nobler to have courage as we stumble into half the things we fear than it is to analyze every possible obstacle and begin nothing. Great things are achieved by embracing great dangers.”

Home of the Mystical
Maltese Tigers



Mason Academy School Newsletter:

April 14, 2021

School Pause for Reopening & other Updates

DPSCD Students and Families,

Please be advised that the suspension of in person learning and teaching will be extended for the week of April 19th due to continually high infection rate levels in the City. We hope to re-establish Learning Centers by April 26th. As communicated previously this week, opt in state testing will also occur the week of April 26th at schools. Please continue to check your district email box for important and frequent updates from Dr. Vitti.

Meal distribution returns **Monday, April 12, 2021** and **Thursday, April 15** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at all school locations.

Multiple meals may be collected for students from any DPSCD school to accommodate the needs of our students. Typically, 3 breakfast/lunch meals are provided on Monday and 4 breakfast/lunch meals are provided on Thursday.

Panorama Student Survey Completion by Friday, April 16, 2021.

Families can access the survey two ways:

1. Through an email link that was sent to your personal email address that you have stored on file with your school. If you do not have an email address, the link was sent to your student's DPSCD email address. Or you can take the survey by visiting <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/detroit/login> and enter f+student ID number (for example, f12345) as their code.



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DATE: April 9, 2021

TO: Parent/Guardian, Staff

FROM: Principal Van Hooks

RE: Informational Notice of Self-Reported COVID-19 Case

This letter is informational only; no further action is required for you/your student at this time.

A case of coronavirus, (COVID-19) has been self-reported at Mason Academy. All close contacts identified in the initial investigation have been noticed separately. We are working closely with the relevant health department to confirm the case, identify exposures and prevent further cases. As the relevant health department completes the investigation, they may share further updates with the District, which will then be communicated to you. We will send updated directions only if guidance from the relevant health department determines modification.

The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are less than 6 feet from each other for at least 15 minutes. A person who is a close contact of someone who is infected with COVID-19 may experience COVID-19 symptoms typically within two to fourteen days after a person is exposed.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are similar in children and adults. Symptoms can include: Fever ($>100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$), cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, runny or stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, abdominal pain.

There are many things that can be done to keep our schools, homes, and communities "COVID-19 free" and protect ourselves and loved ones:

1. Children and adults should stay home when ill.
2. Washing hands often with soap and running warm water for at least 20 seconds.
3. If a hand washing station is not available, use hand sanitizer properly. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes work well against COVID-19 if they contain at least 60% alcohol. Throw wipes in the trash after use.
4. Practice Good Respiratory Etiquette (cover a cough with elbow versus hand).
5. Follow guidance for wearing a face covering and social distancing.

As a precaution, we will be disinfecting applicable areas of the school/Central Office. This may include spraying classrooms, hallways, locker rooms, and common areas as needed with a sanitizer, along with other methods of disinfection.

If you have questions about COVID-19, please contact the **Detroit Health Department at 313-876-4000**.

For additional information on COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.detroitmi.gov/covid19>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov>

COVID-19 Screening Tool for Families

Parents and guardians, use this checklist every day before sending your children to school.

If you answer "YES" to one or more questions, you must keep your child home from school today.

Does your child have any unusual symptoms from the list below?

- | YES | NO | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A fever? (Temperature greater than 100.4° F) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | A new or worsening cough? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Headache and/or sore throat? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Runny nose and/or congestion? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Body aches and/or tiredness? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vomiting and/or diarrhea? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | New loss of smell or taste? |

If the answer to any of the questions above is "yes", keep your child home and consult your primary care physician. If a doctor determines that the symptoms are due to another diagnosis, or COVID-19 is ruled out, your child may return to school after being fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child had close contact with anyone who had a positive COVID-19 diagnostic test in the past 14 days? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Has your child traveled out of the US by airplane in the last 14 days? |

If the answer to either of these questions is "yes", your child must stay home to quarantine for 14 days since last contact or return to US.

Report any confirmed or suspected cases:

In the City of Detroit:

[Detroit Health Department](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (313) 876-4000

After Hours Call Center: (313) 876-4000

Dr. Kenetra Young: youngk@detroitmi.gov - (313) 594-7683

Outside the City of Detroit:

[Wayne County Public Health Division](#)

Main Communicable Disease Line: (734) 727-7078

After Hours Call Center: (734) 727-7284

Mary Roman: mroman@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7158

Nnenna Wachukwu: nnwachukwu@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7253

Lukas Ayers: layers@waynecounty.com - (734) 727-7076



6th-8th Grade April Attendance Awesomeness



Attendance Matters!!



Goal:

Logic Puzzle will be given during morning announcements each week. Students have to decode the puzzle by the end of each week

6th-8th graders who meet 70% attendance for 3 weeks will participate in Turn Up Thursday!

The class with the highest attendance will earn a virtual field trip to the African Safari or Amazon rainforest



Get In-Person Support At a Technology & Family Resource HUB!!!!

13 locations will drive direct support services and resources to District students and families.

Schools	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eastside						
East English Village		10 a.m. – 6 p.m.				10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
King High School	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.		10 a.m. – 7 p.m.			
Denby High School		10 a.m. – 6 p.m.		10 a.m. – 6 p.m.		
Pershing High School	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.				10 a.m. – 6 p.m.	

To learn more about the support you can receive to ensure our students are able to stay engaged in Virtual Instruction, please click here. [Technology Resource Hub](#)



Upcoming Events at Mason Academy

- Last Day for Quarter 3: 4/20/2021
- Projected Day for Learning Center Reopening: 4/26/2021
- Quarter 3 1st-8th Grade Report Card Day: April 27, 2021
- Mason Academy Virtual Open House: April 28, 2021 @4pm
- Mason Academy 4th—8th Grade Quarter 3 Honors Assembly: May 12, 2021 @11am
- Mason Academy 1st—3rd Grade Quarter 3 Honors Assembly: May 12, 2021 @12:15pm



Theory of Knowledge

How do we know what we claim to know?

1. Language
2. Sense Perception
3. Emotion
4. Reason
5. Imagination
6. Intuition
7. Memory
8. Faith