

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEALTH SERVICES

Cedar Hill: 263-1530

Valley View: 331-7125

Hilldale: 808-2042

William Mason: 331-7137

Lazar Middle: 331-7140 ext. 2

Woodmont: 808-2032

Montville High: 331-7100 ext. 2609 or 2610

Student Protocols to Prevent Spread of COVID-19

Montville Township Public Schools have developed protocols based upon guidance from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Screening Protocol

- In order to attend school in-person, parents must attest to each child's health status. This screening will be completed by parents on a daily basis through the Genesis Parent Portal. If a parent needs access or has difficulty with access to the daily screening, please contact parentaccess@montville.net
- Staff will monitor students for signs of illness (cough, flushed or pale skin, fatigue) and notify the nurse of any concerns.
- Visitors to the building during the school day will be strictly limited. All visitors will complete a health screening form and have a temperature check before entering.

As part of the screening parents will agree:

- to monitor symptoms in their child(ren) daily, prior to sending to school
- not to send their child(ren) to school if they are exhibiting particular symptoms including:
 - Fever $\geq 100^{\circ}$
 - Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- to notify the school nurse or administrator if
 - my child(ren) or someone in our household tested positive for COVID-19
 - my child(ren) or someone in our household is awaiting COVID-19 test results and will email results to the school nurse once received
 - if my child has been in close contact with a person confirmed to have tested positive for COVID-19
 - if anyone has traveled out of state or country; Please see the [NJ travel advisory \(https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey\)](https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-or-from-new-jersey) for more specific information.

Protocol for Suspected COVID-19 Case

- **Notify** the school nurse or administrator if your child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or if your child has been exposed either by close-contact or travel, as noted above.
- Any student in the building who appears sick will be evaluated by the school nurse and

sent home if warranted. Any siblings of the ill student will also be sent home as per the NJDOH guidelines.

- Students suspected of having COVID-19 will remain in an isolated area until their parent/guardian arrives.
- Students who are ill at school must be picked up promptly.
- School nurses will notify the parent/guardian of the timeline and clearance needed for the student(s) to return to school.
- Any student sent home from the nurses' office with COVID-19 symptoms must follow current New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) quarantine guidelines. **PCR testing** is strongly advised and results should be provided to school nurse prior to return.

Contact Tracing

- School nurses will communicate any known COVID-19 case to our local health department and will assist in identifying close contacts within the school.
- School administrators will be responsible for notifying parents and staff of close contact exposure and exclusion requirements.

Will School be In-Person, Hybrid, or Remote?

- Decisions regarding in-person, hybrid, or remote instruction will be made by administration in consultation with our local health department.

Masks/Face Coverings

- Masks must be worn properly by students, staff, and visitors. Click [here](#) for CDC guidelines on wearing a mask.
- Students should bring an extra mask in their backpacks.
- Reusable masks should be cleaned regularly.
- Images and/or words on masks are subject to the school's dress code policy.
- Students not following the mask requirements will face administrative consequences.

Classroom Protocols

- Cohorts have been established in the middle school and high school to limit the number of students interacting each day.
- Social distance (3- 6 feet) will be maintained in the classroom.
- Masks must be worn properly by students, staff, and visitors. See section "Masks/Face Coverings".
- Students may carry backpacks with supplies (water bottle, extra mask, pens, pencils, etc).
- Hand hygiene will be performed frequently. There are hand sanitizer stations throughout the schools and frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- Procedures are in place to disinfect desks and high-touch surfaces.
- Custodial staff has implemented strict daily cleaning/disinfecting protocols for both school hours and after hours.

Limit Movement Throughout Halls

- Students will comply with social distance markings on the floor while moving throughout the building.
- Movement throughout the building will be restricted.
- Middle school and high school students will not have access to lockers to minimize exposure.