

Mary, Star of the Sea School

COVID-19 Safety Guidelines 2021-2022

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A Message from the Back to School Planning Team



Dear MSOS Families,

Mary, Star of the Sea School's Back to School Planning Team have made some minor modifications to the school's COVID-19 policies and procedures, based on the current pandemic state and research. Our mission is to continue to foster the overall success of the MSOS learning environment, prioritizing the mental and physical health and safety of children, adolescents, staff, and the MSOS community-at-large.

These policies and procedures are a supplement to the MSOS Student-Parent Handbook, and describe the adjustments made to campus life. We pray and anticipate that the pandemic conditions will continue to improve; and, we will continue to plan and make adjustments with caution.

We appreciate your attention to and ongoing support of these adjustments and look forward to a successful 2021-22 School Year.

Blessings,

The Back to School Planning Team



MSOS Policy and Procedures



Classroom procedures for our students in kindergarten – grade 8 have been updated to reflect current pandemic conditions, new data and guidelines about safety in school settings, as well as the experience of our faculty and staff in implementing strict safety measures in school year 2020-2021. The safety measures outlined in this guide are designed to be appropriate for an unvaccinated group.

Based on our current understanding of COVID-19 transmission, **consistent mask wearing and regular hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting will continue** to be important practices throughout the day. Students will be spaced out, per CDC recommendations, a minimum of 3 feet apart. **Face Shields are optional.**

Except for Kindergarten Art and Music and Grade 1 Art, students in K-8 will travel to **Art, Music, and PE classroom spaces.** Middle School Students will also travel to the Science Lab and Spanish Room.

Middle School Electives will consist of students in Grades 6-8.

Students' Personal Items Please limit the items your child brings onto campus each day and reinforce policies around the sharing of food, supplies and other items with other students.



MSOS Policy and Procedures

Campus Visitors All Students will be dropped off at their designated locations in the morning. Campus visitors will be limited and are to always check in at the main office first.

Travel Policy All students should meet the State travel requirements at the time of their planned out-of-state travel. There are no requirements for students who travel within the state.

All students must complete the Travel Request Form three weeks before scheduled out-of-state travel. MSOS Travel policy provides three options for students returning from out-of-state travel:

- quarantine at home for 10 days after returning or;
- quarantine at home for 5 days after returning from travel and then obtain a nucleic acid amplification (NAA) COVID-19 test or;
- to be fully vaccinated prior to the start of out-of-state travel.(vaccination cards are to be forwarded to the school nurse prior to travel)

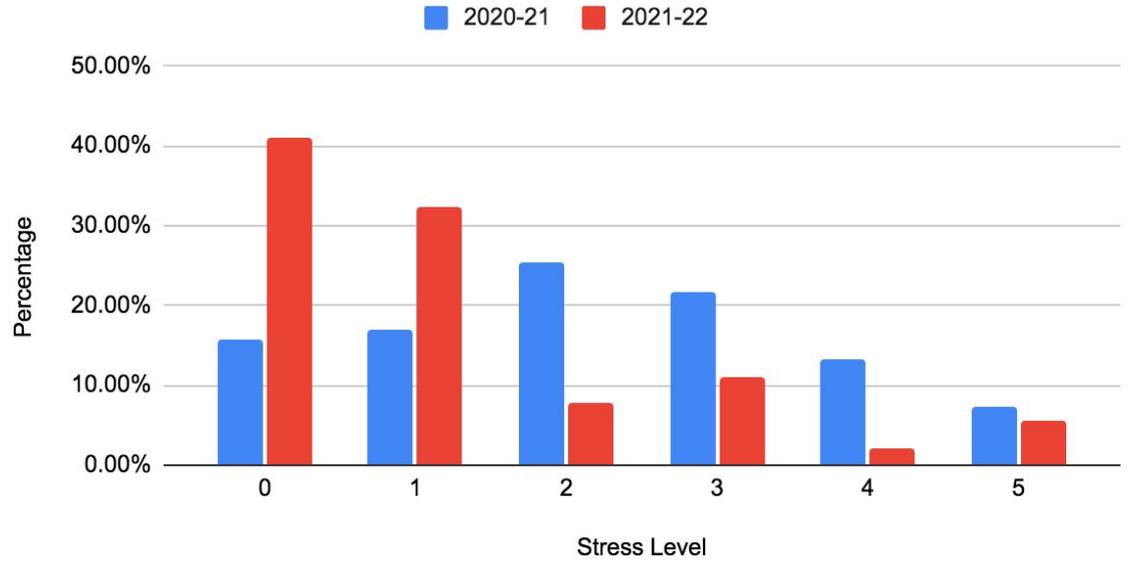
Students who plan to do a Day 5 test must stay home while waiting for the result of the test. Families should submit the student's negative test result to our school nurse and may return to campus only after they receive an email clearing the student.



MSOS Parent Survey Results

How would you rate your overall stress level ?

Overall Stress Level for Returning Back to School 2020 vs. 2021

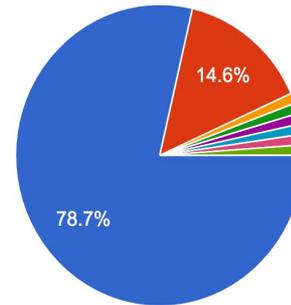


MSOS Parent Survey Results

Face Masks

Agree or Disagree - Assuming social distancing inside the classroom will be enforced at all times, face masks should still be worn by everyone while inside the classroom.

89 responses



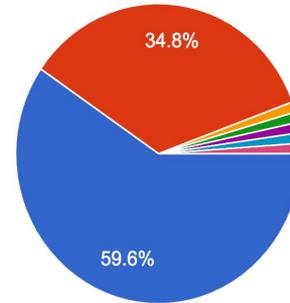
- Agree
- Disagree
- Masks when social distancing is not possible, unless there are desk dividers.
- Fine with either
- Depends on how Covid develops. Too early to say
- I don't mind either way.
- I'm ok with either option
- prefer masks until kids can be vaccina...

MSOS Parent Survey Results

Face Masks

Agree or Disagree - Assuming social distancing is a challenge to enforce OUTSIDE, face masks should be worn by everyone who is not vaccinated during snack and lunch recess.

89 responses



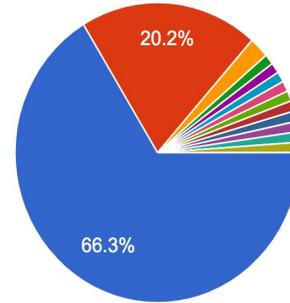
- Agree
- Disagree
- Masks when social distancing is not possible. 20 min exposure outdoors without mask is a tolerable risk, only if...
- I don't mind either way
- No face mask outside
- feel comfortable no masks outside and a reasonable attempt to distance
- Everyone vaccinated to

MSOS Parent Survey Results

Face Masks

Agree or Disagree - Assuming social distancing is a challenge to enforce OUTSIDE, students who are vaccinated should have the option to wear a face mask during snack and lunch recess.

89 responses



- Agree
 - Disagree
 - Comfortable with no masks outside for...
 - No masks for anyone, especially outside
 - I don't mind either way.
 - They should wear a face mask to prot...
 - All students should have an option.
 - students should wear the masks all th...
- ▲ 1/2 ▼

General Health and Safety Measures Policies



Medical Forms; Emergency Contacts; Waiver and Disclaimer

Parents must complete and submit all required student medical forms prior to the first day of school.

Parents must provide at least 3 emergency contacts who are able to pick up your child from the School within one (1) hour of receiving a call from the School if your child presents a temperature of a 100.4 or higher or becomes ill during the school day.

Mary, Star of the Sea School will require each family to complete COVID-19 **waiver and disclaimer** forms and return them to school on or before the first day of school.

COVID-19 Testing and Notification If your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, you must notify the school nurse as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Vaccination - If your child is full vaccinated, please upload a copy of the vaccination card to your child's online health profile.

Per American Academy of Pediatrics:

- all eligible should get vaccinated
- universal masking in school for all those age 2 and above



General Health and Safety Measures Policies

The **Stay Home if Sick** policy is a critical community safety measure for all students and employees to follow, regardless of vaccination status. Please notify the attendance office before 8 am if your child will not be attending school on that day.

Please refer to the schools **Return to School Decision Tree** for details on the schools return to school protocols following an illness. [Click here to access the Decision Tree](#)

Temperature Check Stations For the 2021-2022 school year, the use of daily temperature checks upon arrival to campus will be discontinued. Thermometers will be available in every classroom for periodic temperature checks.

Daily Health Check-in As part of our School's updated health policy, all parents or guardians will be required to complete a Daily Health Check-In for each of their MSOS students, every school day. This check-in asks you to report whether or not your child is experiencing any symptoms or illness.

All parents/guardians must complete this form, prior to their child's arrival to campus, by 8 a.m. each morning. Students may not complete the daily check-in themselves. Parents will receive daily text reminders from the school's emergency notification system.



General Health and Safety Measures Policies

Classroom Ventilation

MSOS is very fortunate to have large rooms with great natural ventilation. Each classroom will be equipped with a portable air cleaner that use high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters to enhance air cleaning.

We will continue to keep windows and doors open and fans on to promote air circulation.

Lunch

Students in Grades Kindergarten through five will eat in the cafeteria at their designated staggered lunch breaks. Students will eat with their cohorts at assigned seats and socially distanced. Lunch tables will be cleaned between each lunch

Middle School Students will remain in their classrooms for lunch.

Rapid Antigen-Testing

Per the DOH guidelines, screening testing may be considered students who have not been fully vaccinated when community transmission is at moderate, substantial, or high levels. The school reserves the right to request that a student participates in a rapid antigen-test when it sees fit. Testing kits will be paid for by the school and may be administered at home.



General Health and Safety Measure Policies

Face Masks



Please send your child to school with a face mask every day.

INDOOR POLICY:

- Every student is required to wear a face mask at all times indoors. (per DOH guidelines)
- Employees are required to wear a face mask indoors when interacting with Students within six feet.
- Students and faculty may remove their masks during snack and lunch breaks, and naptime for Kindergarten students.

OUTDOOR POLICY:

- Mask breaks will be allowed when students are outside and able to maintain social distancing on the mask free zones. Masks should be worn when students are involved in sustained close contact with others.

FACE COVERING GUIDELINES:

- Students must wear face masks that fit well, fully covering their nose and mouth.
- Masks should not have a valve.
- Students and employees may choose to also wear face shields as an added layer of protection. Face shields will not be provided by the school.



General Health and Safety Measure Policies

Face Masks



Physical Education (Per DOH guidelines)

Students and staff must wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

When physical education activities or recess is held indoors, students and staff must wear a mask.



Morning Drop Off and End of the Day Pick Up



Morning Care - Morning Care will be available for students who arrive on campus before 7:30 am. Students who arrive between 7:00 and 7:15 must be dropped off at Zone 1.

Students who arrive on campus between 7:15 to 7:30 am need to be dropped off at their respective zones and transition to the tent.

Students who arrive on campus between 7:30-7:45 am need to be dropped off at their respective zones and transition directly to their homeroom classrooms via the specified transition route.

Morning Drop-off Please refer to the chart on page 11 and map on Page 12 for drop-off details.

End of the day Pick-up (please refer to map on page 12)

Students in K-2 will be picked up from Zone 1

Students in 4-5 will be picked up from Zone 2

Students in Grade 3 will be picked up from Zone 3

Middle School Students - will be picked up from Zone 3 *

*Older siblings in Grades 3 and Middle School of students in K-2;4-5 are to report to the front office.



Morning Drop Off and End of the Day Pick Up

Grade	Drop Off	Transition Route to classroom
Kindergarten, Grade 1,	Zone 1 (in front of the main office - makai side)	Primary Playground (entrance by Library)
Grade 2	Zone 1 (in front of the main office- makai side)	Proceed past the middle stairway (makai) to classroom
Grade 3	Zone 3 (Marist Lane/Canal - Please access from the church parking lot)	Proceed to middle stairway (makai) and to upstairs
Grades 4, 5	Zone 1 (in front of the main office- makai side)	Middle stairway (mauka)
Middle School	Zone 3 (Marist Lane/Canal - Please access from the church parking lot)	Middle School Science Stairs
Early Birds (7:00-7:15)	Zone 4 (Cafeteria)	Proceed to the tent



DROP OFF AND
PICK UP

ZONE LOCATIONS



Entrance
from Malia
Street

Malia St

Malia St

Zone 2

Zone 1

4469

Zone 3
(Gazebo)

Tent

Zone 4
(caf)

Entrance from
Ainakoa Street
(Canal)

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Field Trips, After School Programs, and School-wide Gatherings

Field Trips and Sports teams

Field Trips will be permitted throughout the school year as long as social distancing is feasible.

After School Programs - We are happy to announce that MSOS will be offering extra-curricular programs that allow for social distancing

Kama'aina Kids will offer afterschool childcare services from 3 pm to 5:30 pm. The Application is located on the school website in the Parent Information Section.

Schoolwide gatherings Students will attend mass in two cohorts (Grades K-4) and (Grades 5-8) on alternating Fridays respectively. Social distancing will be followed inside of the church.

Parent gatherings onto campus We hope to slowly begin to allow our parents to visit us on campus. We will abide by the State protocols and plan accordingly.



Additional Considerations and School Updates



We understand that you may likely have additional questions that have not been answered in this plan.

Please feel free to contact the Back to School Planning Team at star@starofthesea.org should you have any questions or concerns.

Mahalo!

