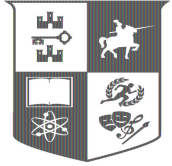


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Back to School Update

August 24, 2020

Remote-to-Hybrid Phase-in Timeline

1. September 14: High-Needs Special Education Programs
2. September 21: Preschool
3. September 28: Kindergarten, Grades One and Six
4. October 5: Grades Two, Three, and Seven
5. October 13: Grades Four, Five, and Eight

Health and Safety Updates

- Close Contacts Definition Updated
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- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, their close contacts will be defined as only those who have been within 6 feet of distance of the individual for at least fifteen minutes, while the person was infectious. The infectious period begins two days prior to symptom onset. If someone is asymptomatic, the infectious period is considered to begin two days prior to the collection of their positive test.
 - removes notion that all students in an elementary classroom are defined as close contacts
- All close contacts should be tested but must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, regardless of that person's test result. The virus can cause illness from 2-14 days after exposure and even asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus.
 - even if an individual identified as a close contact receives a negative test result, that person must continue to self-quarantine for the full 14 days as the virus may take up to 14 days to cause illness.

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- The CDC changed the threshold for a COVID-19 related fever symptoms from 100.4° Fahrenheit or higher to 100.0° or higher
- 105 CMR 220.500: Immunization Requirements for Preschool, Elementary, and Secondary School Students
 - new requirement for flu vaccination for all K-12 students starting with the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Documentation of immunization status should be submitted to schools within 60 days of school start;
- School districts will be able to request a state-sponsored mobile testing unit come to a school to test a group of students and/or staff if a potential cluster of COVID-19 has been identified and transmission appears to have occurred within the school.

Athletics

The MIAA released information about high school athletics last week.

The Massasoit middle school athletics league has not met to discuss the impact of this MIAA decision on middle school athletics.

- Vote is scheduled for later this week