



WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPT. 10, 2021

MBS Parents,

Welcome to the end of a short week! We hope your families enjoyed Labor Day weekend. Please take a moment to read the following update on COVID and MBS news.

We have seen a decrease in the number of positive reported COVID cases in our school district. We are continuing to require wearing masks indoors in an effort to keep children healthy and in school. It also minimizes who has to quarantine should an individual come in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID.

While things like large sporting events, concerts and group gatherings continue to occur outside of school, we encourage you to keep health and safety measures in mind. Please report any positive tests or new symptoms to your school nurse. This will keep our classrooms and in turn, our community safe.

The Alabama Department of Education is now reporting new COVID case numbers on a weekly basis. This dashboard can be [accessed here](#). This is only a display of reported cases to each school district.

We will continue our regular Friday communication as well as any necessary urgent information should it arise. Thank you and have a wonderful weekend!

GOOD NEWS

- + Howell Fell, a junior at MBHS, has been [appointed to work](#) as a page for Senator Richard Shelby this semester in Washington, D.C.
- + [Video](#): Mountain Brook football coaches and community led the charge to donate and help the displaced Tulane football team.
- + [Podcast](#): Dr. Barlow, Mr. Holley and Phil Black talked about the ongoing construction at MBHS.

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SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 NUMBERS

21	positive cases currently being monitored by Mountain Brook Schools
48	individuals who are currently designated as "close contacts" by the 3-foot, 15-minute criteria from ADPH
7 of 48	"close contact" individuals who have been able to return to school due to full vaccination status (or previous COVID case)

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDE:

- Shortness of breath
- Muscle/body aches
- New loss of taste/smell
- Congestion/runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Cough
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Fever or chills
- Fatigue

GENERAL SAFETY REMINDERS

- + Use the [MBS Symptom Tracker](#) to help make decisions regarding school attendance should your child feel unwell
- + If your child is exhibiting ANY COVID-19 symptoms, they should not attend school
- + Facial coverings are required indoors at all MBS facilities until further notice
- + Maintain personal hygiene and distance (when possible)

NOTIFICATION:

- + School nurses should be made aware of any possible symptoms and/or positive cases
- + A school nurse will be on-call every weekend and cases/symptoms can be reported by texting or calling 205-703-1298
- + Please see our 2021-22 [Reopening Plan](#) for more information regarding screening, testing, school exclusion, and more