



## WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPT. 2, 2021

MBS Parents,

We hope you have had a great week and are excited about Labor Day weekend! This letter is coming a day early due to the long weekend. We want to bring you up to date on COVID information and recent happenings within MBS.

Since the start of school (August 10), there have been 195 positive COVID-19 cases reported to our school system. There have been 253 reported individuals designated as “close contact.” An overwhelming majority of “close contacts” have been due to family exposure and community activities. We are grateful that very few “close contacts” have occurred during the school day. We want to thank our teachers, administrators, and parents for helping ensure that our students are safe at school.

As your families participate in activities over the long weekend, we encourage you to keep health and safety measures in mind so that your child can return to school safely. Please remember to distance, wash your hands and avoid large crowds. Our priority is to continue safe, in-person learning with a goal of a “return to normal” as soon as possible. We applaud our students, teachers, and staff members for their diligence in health and safety precautions so far this school year.

The Alabama Department of Education will begin reporting new COVID case numbers on a weekly basis beginning Sept. 10th. This dashboard can be [accessed here](#). We will continue our regular Friday communication that will include the weekly snapshot of COVID cases being monitored by our district. We will also communicate any urgent information with you as needed.

## GOOD NEWS

+ The Mountain Brook City Schools Foundation Board of Directors approved their annual grant to the school system. Read about [this year’s donation here](#).

+ [Feature](#): Get to know MBHS Drum Major: Jacob Azrin.

+ Coach Chris Yeager and the Mountain Brook football program [welcomed the Tulane football team](#) to use the MBHS facilities after the Green Wave were displaced due to Hurricane Ida.

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## SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 NUMBERS

52	positive cases currently being monitored by Mountain Brook Schools
86	individuals who are currently designated as “close contacts” by the 3-foot, 15-minute criteria from ADPH
8 of 86	“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