



WEEKLY UPDATE

SEPT. 24, 2021

MBS Parents,

Happy Homecoming week! Our schools have done a lot of great things this week to celebrate our students and community. Thank you to all of those who have participated.

Currently, we are monitoring over twice the number of reported positive COVID cases that we were this time last year. Additionally, we are continuing to monitor school attendance numbers, reported positive and close contacts, Jefferson County positive numbers and state numbers. While doing this, we are continuing to communicate with local health officials regarding current trends and data. The age group in Jefferson County with the most positive cases is currently the 9 to 19-year-old age range.

We encourage you to report any positive COVID test or new symptoms so that we can continue to keep our schools safe and our students learning in person. We cannot say thank you enough to our nurses, custodial staff and everyone keeping our students safe in school. It all starts with your child and his/her cooperation and respect for our guidelines.

The Alabama Department of Education's COVID dashboard of reported cases can be [accessed here](#). We hope you have a safe and wonderful weekend.

GOOD NEWS

- + [Mallory Baxley](#) named 2021 Homecoming Queen
- + Mrs. Trucks' second grade class at Crestline held "Dinosaur Day" in [support](#) of a classmate.
- + MBHS cross country runner, Reagan Riley, was named the AHSAA [Athlete of the Week](#) after running a 17:27.71 5K (No. 1 in state of Alabama).
- + [Podcast](#): Mr. Pitner, Dr. Barlow and Richard Simonton sat down to discuss ongoing renovations and construction at Brookwood Forest Elementary.

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SELF-REPORTED COVID-19 NUMBERS

22	positive cases currently being monitored by Mountain Brook Schools
54	individuals who are currently designated as "close contacts" by the 3-foot, 15-minute criteria from ADPH
6 of 54	"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