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## Are face masks mandatory for younger students?

- Our policy is for all students and staff to wear face masks while on campus except during recess, lunch, motor skills, and physical education. Teachers will work with students in the classroom to encourage proper face mask-wearing when needed. Social distancing will be mandatory at all times, but we know face masks are new to many, and for that reason, we will be flexible.

- Face shields are another option families may consider if they believe it will work better for their students. While we recommend face masks over face shields, we understand there may be circumstances where a face shield is better suited for a student. We recommend trying different face coverings at home for short periods to build up to extended periods. Below are links to different face shield options.
  - Hat Face Shield
  - Face Shield

## What about lunch, After School Activities, and parent teacher conferences?

- Students will eat lunch with their cohorts. Primary Half Day students will have lunch in one of the After School classroom zones, followed by a nap and rest time. There will be After School Activity offerings for all students who stay after school. Specifics on the activities and their timing are still in discussion but are in the works. Fall conferences will be virtual either by phone or other remote method.

## How will students who choose deferred enrollment be reintegrated?

- Students in families who have selected to defer enrollment until January 2021 will be assessed in the Spring semester.

## What is the plan for distance learning and is it currently an option?

- Our campus has a plan for distance learning in the event of classroom or campus closure. We are also exploring a hybrid option.

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## How do I get more information on the Tuition Protection Program?

- MSSA's Tuition Protection Program (TPP) has expanded to include campus closure as a covered risk. Closure is defined as 20 consecutive school days. A delayed opening that activates an adjustment to the annual school calendar is not classified as closure. Please refer to your Enrollment Agreement for the definition and application of TPP to the different payment plans. The deadline for purchasing TPP coverage or for making changes to the payment plan is August 1. You may contact the business office with any questions regarding your child's enrollment.

## How will shared materials be made safe?

- Most materials will be for individual student use. Shared resources will be disinfected after every use.

## How will specials be handled? How many students are in cohorts?

- Changes are being made to school schedules to accommodate keeping students in their cohorts. Cohort sizes will vary, but social distancing will be consistent in cohorts.

## Will I be required to keep my student home if they have allergy symptoms?

- We understand parents know their students best and ask families to be proactive in monitoring symptoms. We rely on a fever (defined as 100 F degrees or higher) as the primary indicator for parents to keep students home.

## If a family travels during a break, are students required to quarantine?

- At this time we are not requiring students who travel to quarantine.

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