

Hello all, I hope this email finds you well. As we approach the restart of classes next week, I wanted to touch base on a few important items.

Schedule

- The week of January 4th is full virtual for all students.
- We resume Hybrid/Opt Out instruction on January 11th, maintaining the existing Cohort structure.

Opt Outs/In Person Classification

We will not be sending out a form asking for families to indicate whether they are Opt Out or In Person. Instead we will be working with the classification your child was as of December 23rd. If your child was In-Person Hybrid on December 23rd then he/she will continue as such and likewise if your child was an Opt Out student as of December 23rd, he/she will continue as such upon our return to in person instruction on January 11th.

The only communication we need from our families is if you intend to change the classification.

Therefore, if you intend to change from Hybrid to Opt Out or Opt Out to Hybrid, you are asked to email maywoodclassification@maywoodschoools.org by no later than January 3, 2021. In that email please list your child's name, grade level and the change you are making.

Materials Pick-Up

As was the case for prior phases, there will be a materials pick up for **Opt Out** and **Cohort B** students. The materials are needed for the week starting January 11th. Cohort A students will receive the materials when they are in person on January 11th.

The materials pick up schedule for Cohort B and Opt Outs is as follows:

Wednesday, January 6

12 pm to 2 pm

Thursday, January 7

3 pm to 5 pm

Saturday, January 9

8 am to 10 am

MAS Pick-Ups will be in the MAS lot

Memorial Pick-Ups will take place outside the main entrance doors and playground

Phase 3

As noted in a prior communication, we hope to move to Phase 3 as soon as safely possible. Phase 3 would entail the elimination of cohorts and the attendance at school for in person students 4 days per week. We will evaluate such a move at the end of January as more information becomes available.

District Resources

[District Updates](#)

[District Student/Parent Tech Help Center](#)

[District Virtual Calm Room](#)

[Bergen County Mental Health Resource Document](#)

[Bergen ResourceNet Info](#)

Health Protocol Reminders

The following protocols are **MANDATORY** due to an “**Orange**” Regional Matrix classification.

Symptoms (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child is exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms on the morning health pre screening, please keep the child home and report the information to the school nurse.

Students with COVID-19 symptoms are to remain home until one of these two conditions are met:

- 1) At least fourteen calendar days have passed since symptom onset
- 2) They have a negative COVID-19 PCR Test. Rapid tests may no longer be used. Note that an alternative diagnosis will no longer be accepted for a return to school.

Siblings (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If a student remains home because he/she is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, any siblings must also remain home until a negative COVID-19 test is confirmed for the symptomatic sibling. The same goes for any other member of the house who may be exhibiting symptoms. In other words, if ANYONE in the house has COVID-19 symptoms, all Maywood students who live in that house should move to remote learning until a negative PCR test is confirmed for the symptomatic family member.

Close Contact (MANDATORY in ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child has been determined to be a Close Contact (within 6' for 15 cumulative minutes over a 24-hour period) of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please keep your child home and notify your child's principal and school nurse.

COVID-19 Tests (MANDATORY IN ORANGE LEVEL)

If your child goes for a COVID-19 test, whether because of symptoms or not, please share that information directly with both your child's school nurse and the building principal. Students cannot return to school until the negative PCR test result is confirmed.

School Reporting Protocol (Reminder)

Please note that for consistency purposes and a centralized approach to info gathering, all parents should email the following personnel any and all medical/health information relating to their child, COVID testing, close contacts etc. We ask to email only the following people so that nothing gets lost in the shuffle.

Memorial School

Michael Halligan, Principal mhalligan@maywoodschoools.org

Sharon Dunn, School Nurse sdunn@maywoodschoools.org

MAS

Michael Jordan, Principal mjordan@maywoodschoools.org

Keith Timmins, VP ktimmins@maywoodschoools.org

Diana Zuccaro, School Nurse dzuccaro@maywoodschoools.org

The “orange” designation on the Regional Matrix makes it clear that due to increased community spread that all citizens and families should take extra precautions when it comes to the use of face coverings, physical distancing, and minimizing contact with others. As has been said previously, our schools will only be as open and available for onsite learning as our community is healthy. We want to keep our schools open for onsite learning, and we need the entire community's cooperation to do so.

As always, thank you for your anticipated cooperation and support as we look forward to 2021.

Michael Jordan

