

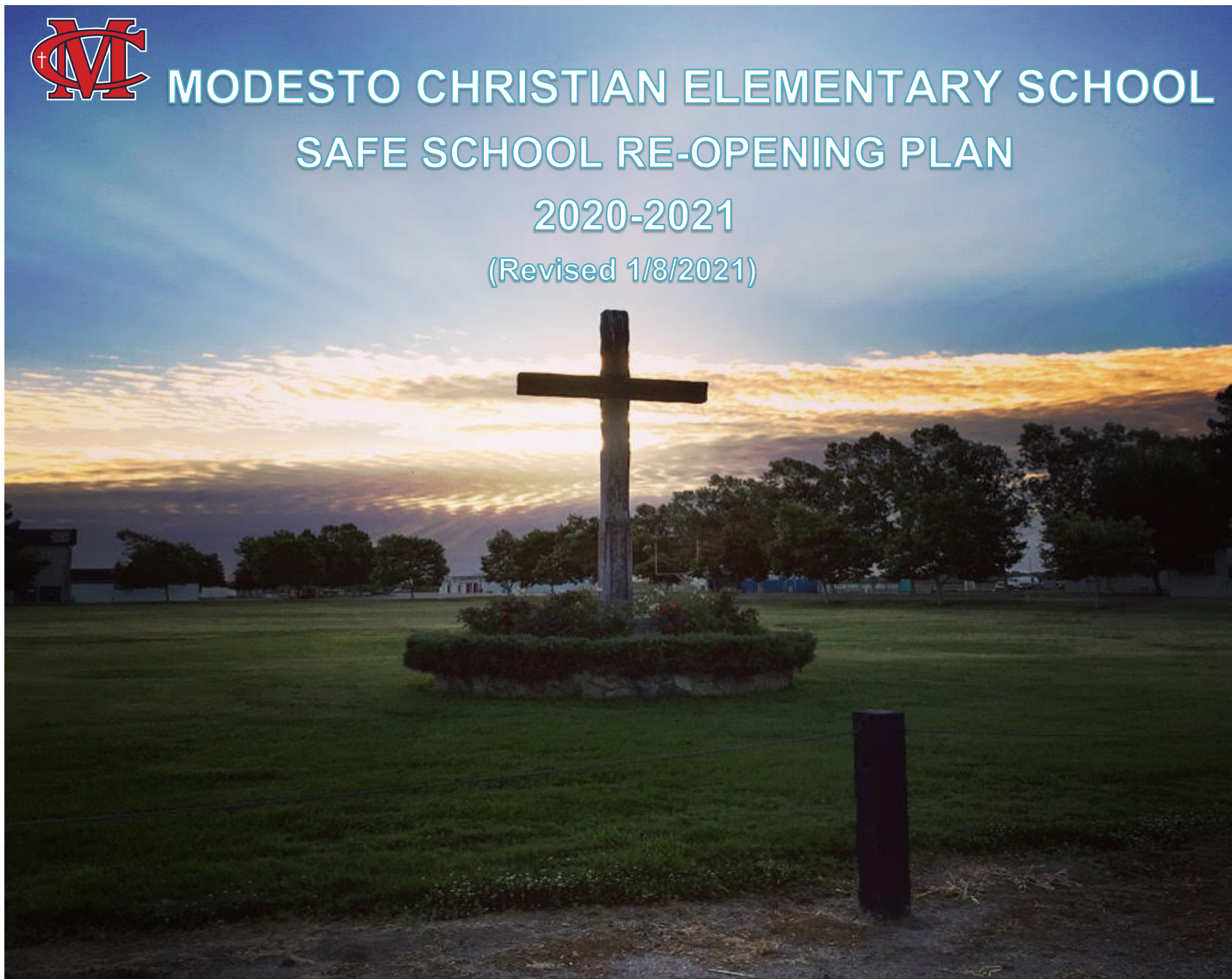


# MODESTO CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## SAFE SCHOOL RE-OPENING PLAN

2020-2021

(Revised 1/8/2021)



The mission of Modesto Christian School (MCS) is to develop Christ-centered leaders through excellence in Academics, Athletics and the Arts. This mission and our purpose remain stronger than ever during these challenging times. We know we can provide a more excellent experience for our families by offering in-person, on-campus schooling. While the physical well-being of our students and staff is being addressed in detail later in this plan, we also know the spiritual, mental, emotional, and social well-being of your family is of utmost importance. We believe these needs are best met with in-person, on-campus learning.

This document is intended to provide guidance for our staff, students, and families for the re-opening of our campus. Our goal is to maximize safety for our students and staff, while providing as much on-site education for students as possible. We have developed and continue to refine our re-entry plan to provide both safety and learning continuity with a Biblical worldview for all of our students. Should we be required by local or state order to make a change, we are developing two contingency plans; one in which we will implement a part time on-campus schedule in order to accommodate greater levels of physical distancing in the classroom, and the second is to only offer distance learning.

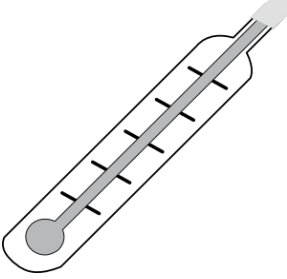

The following plan has been designed referencing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Industry Guidance: Schools and School-based programs, the CDPH Reopening In-Person Learning Framework for K-12, the CDC guidelines, and the Hospital for Sick Kids (SickKids) COVID-19: Recommendations for School Reopening. This plan is based on a **“Healthy Only”** framework for reopening the MCS campus. This framework requires the cooperation of parents and employees to ensure that only healthy individuals are permitted on campus. ***It is incumbent for parents and is required of all faculty and staff to inform the school in a timely manner of their awareness of symptomatic and/or positive COVID-19 results.*** The school facilities will receive increased levels of cleaning and sanitizing, but there would be minimal disruption to typical classroom routines. **Parents will be required to sign a waiver of liability and health screening agreement.** A “Healthy Only” framework provides the greatest level of normalcy, but depends on students and employees to remain at home if they display any flu-like symptoms or have been in contact with others who are symptomatic.

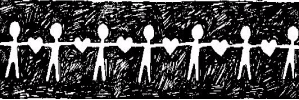

Parents will have the opportunity to choose remote instruction if uncomfortable having their student(s) present on campus. Thus, a parent may elect to begin the school year at home via remote instruction, monitor the status of the pandemic and the health and safety of the school, and make a determination as to when their student would return to on-campus learning. Carefully read the description and components of remote instruction. Our teachers will be back working full-time in the classroom with students, therefore this requires a change in how remote instruction will look during this time. Students will not be allowed to toggle back and forth between on campus learning and remote instruction randomly. If a change is desired, it will be allowed quarterly for medical reasons only and a Transition Approval Form needs to be completed in advance.

You will notice we are limiting the number of adults on campus during a few high traffic times. Our goal is to prevent gatherings and clusters of people in order to provide as normal a school day for our students as possible. Please know we are counting the days and look forward to when we can, once again, open our campus to greet and enjoy our community of parents, students, and guests!

## Opening Fall 2020

	<b>On-Campus Learning (TBD)</b>	<b>Distance Learning Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> Independent Study begins Nov. 9<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Brief Description</b>	“Healthy Only” students and staff on campus with as much normalcy as possible while adhering to CDPH safety recommendations.	Students learn at home with access to teachers and lessons via Google Meets.
<b>Staff and Parent Training</b>	<p>All staff and parents/guardians have been provided with the Safe School Re-Opening Plan, which is also published on the MCS website for ready availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff has undergone in-person training on the Plan’s specifications, application and enforcement.</li> <li>• Application of the Plan includes requiring all staff and parents to sign a Health Screen Agreement/Waiver <a href="#">Health Screen Agreement Waiver Student 2020.pdf</a> or <a href="#">Health Screen Agreement Waiver Staff 2020.pdf</a>, and agreeing to abide by the specifications of the Plan.</li> <li>• The Plan will be enforced with daily health screenings, and strict observance of the protocols outlined in detail in the Plan below.</li> <li>• Routine reminders of the most pertinent parts of the Plan are made via email, and other communications including frequent verbal reminders.</li> <li>• This is a living document and will be reviewed frequently and amended at any time to meet the safety needs of MCS or in the event of changes made by local, state, or federal jurisdictions.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Daily Health Screening</b>	<p>Prior to arrival at school, all students, staff &amp; volunteers must complete the <b>rSchool Today (RST) Daily Health Screening App</b> to be allowed on campus. The app will screen for the following cold/flu-like symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temperature above 100.4 F</li> <li>• Fever or chills</li> </ul>	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cough</li> <li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Muscle or body aches</li> <li>• Headache</li> <li>• New loss of taste or smell</li> <li>• Sore throat</li> <li>• Congestion or runny nose</li> <li>• Nausea or vomiting</li> <li>• Diarrhea</li> </ul> <p>MCS will monitor students and staff throughout the day for symptoms.</p> <p>MCS will immediately separate staff and students with ANY COVID-19 symptoms at school. MCS has a designated room strictly for ill students. Staff will complete case form: <a href="#">COVID\Suspected Covid19 Case Form.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Individuals who are sick must go home or to a healthcare facility depending on how severe their symptoms are, and we will follow CDC guidelines for caring for those who are sick in an isolation area.</p> <p>Staff will be trained and informed of all sick leave policies.</p>	
<p><b>Arrival &amp; Dismissal</b></p> 	<p><u>Drop-Off</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten and new student parents, wearing masks, will be permitted to accompany their student to their classroom during the first week of school (or longer as emotionally required).</li> <li>• Grades 1-6 parents are not permitted on campus during drop-off or pick-up during carpool times. Carpools are strongly encouraged in order to reduce gatherings.</li> <li>• Education on COVID-19 safety and cleaning measures, according to CDPH guidelines, are provided to carpool groups.</li> <li>• Bus service is not currently offered. Should bus service be offered, drivers will practice all safety actions and</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>

	<p>cleaning protocols as indicated for other staff. Bus capacity will be limited to allow for social distancing and students will be required to wear masks, practice hand hygiene, and show Daily Health Screening to driver before entering the bus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five (5) minutes before the start of school, all students will be directed to their classrooms.</li> </ul> <p><u>Pick-Up</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During carpool/bus wait time, students will be accompanied by staff and directed to socially distance themselves.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Cohorts</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will remain in stable cohorts as possible throughout the school day.</li> <li>• Students practice social distancing and do not share objects.</li> <li>• Outdoor activities are prioritized.</li> <li>• Cohorts will not change or be mixed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Chapel</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapel will be a consistent activity in support of the spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of MCS students, even during distance learning.</li> <li>• Chapel will be held with social distancing in place, either inside or outside.</li> <li>• Students remain in cohorts wearing masks and practicing hand hygiene.</li> <li>• Singing is restricted to outdoor chapel only.</li> <li>• If the state/county restricts the number allowed to gather inside, the students may attend chapel on a rotating schedule or chapel will be held outside. If necessary, they will view chapel live from their classrooms via Google Meets.</li> <li>• Chapel will be closed to guests until further notice.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Lunch/Food Service</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PS-6<sup>th</sup> Lunch will take place in EDC and outside when weather permits or in classrooms.</li> <li>• Students will be directed to distance themselves at the lunch tables.</li> </ul>	N/A



- Students must bring their own labeled water bottles as all drinking fountains will be closed until further notice.
- Tables will be cleaned & sanitized by staff between servicing times.





**Academics**





- All classrooms will be adequately equipped with an appropriate combination of hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels.
- According to recommendations from the Academy of Pediatrics, students will be socially distanced between 3 and 6 feet in classrooms. Classroom occupancy will be limited to ensure social distancing.
- Teachers will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their classrooms each day after the students leave.
- When appropriate, students will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their own desk each day before leaving.
- Classroom doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.
- Water fountains will not be operational.
- Students may only touch or handle their own learning materials (e.g., textbooks, pens) and will be encouraged to individually label their belongings.
- Students will be reminded to take their belongings home daily to be cleaned and disinfected.
- When sharing is allowed or necessary, learning materials will be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
- Students will be instructed not to touch another student's items - backpack, lunchbox, water bottle, etc.
- Students are required to practice social distancing wherever possible while moving with their cohort on campus.
- Teachers, who identify themselves at "at-risk", may require all persons in their classroom to wear masks.
- Teachers will provide regular hygiene training to students in order to practice safe habits.

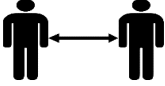

- K-6 parents will be responsible for picking up materials for the upcoming week and returning weekly completed student work Friday by 4:00 PM
- Student materials, including textbooks and workbooks will be sent home at the beginning of the year.
- Students can join class 'live' throughout the day via Google Meets.
- Lesson plans will be provided in order for student/parent to plan Google Meets time.
- Google Classroom and FACTS/Renweb will be utilized to communicate between home and the classroom.







	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students remain with their assigned cohort for all activities and will have limited contact with other cohorts.</li> </ul>	
<b>Pull-Out Classes</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All classrooms will be adequately equipped with an appropriate combination of hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray, wipes, and paper towels.</li> <li>Teachers will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their classroom between cohorts.</li> <li>Classroom doors will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.</li> <li>Students may only touch or handle their own learning materials.</li> <li>PE classes will be conducted in a manner that complies with all other safety practices outlined in this plan.</li> <li>Returned library books will be held for 2 days before being returned to the shelves.</li> <li>Students remain with their assigned cohort for all activities and will have limited contact with other cohorts.</li> <li>On-campus music classes are not currently offered.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music - Available via live Google Meets.</li> <li>Art - Available via live Google Meets.</li> <li>Library - Students may come check out books during open library times. Returned library books will be held for 2 days before returning them to the shelves.</li> <li>PE – Google Classroom and recorded Google Meets lessons will be utilized.</li> </ul>
<b>Movement</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directional arrows, taped spaces with stenciled animals are located throughout campus to help students practice social distancing.</li> <li>Students may not linger, but must keep moving when traveling with their cohort on campus.</li> <li>Teachers will monitor and travel with assigned cohorts at all times.</li> <li>Only 2 students at a time are allowed in a bathroom.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Recess</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground equipment will be sanitized between uses with GenEon Mister or other CDC approved sanitation materials.</li> <li>A rotation schedule will be utilized allowing cohorts access to various parts of the playground each day without mixing with other cohorts.</li> </ul>	N/A
<b>Visitors &amp; Guests</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whenever possible, electronic business with the office/school is encouraged. Walk-ins are welcome when necessary.</li> <li>All guests, parents, and visitors are required to complete a daily health screen when staying on campus.</li> </ul>	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All guests, parents, and visitors are required to wear a mask and practice social distance.</li> <li>• Chapel will be closed to guests until further notice.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Masks</b></p> 	<p>We realize the issue of student face masks is divided amongst our parents and experts. As a school, we will continue to exercise due diligence in researching this issue, including collaboration with local and broad health agencies and organizations. We will also rely on parents to determine the best practice for their own student(s). Based on current CA Department of Public Health Guidelines we have implemented the following mask requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grades K-2: masks optional</li> <li>• Grades 3-6, Staff, and volunteers: masks mandatory unless pre-existing health condition or otherwise exempt.</li> <li>• Students are asked to bring a mask which is comfortable for them. Any student arriving to school without a mask will be provided one.</li> <li>• Masks or face coverings should be removed for meals, snacks, naptime, or outdoor recreation, or when it needs to be replaced. When a cloth mask or face covering is temporarily removed, it should be placed in a clean paper bag, marked with the student's name and date, until it needs to be put on again.</li> <li>• Students and staff should be frequently reminded not to touch a mask or face covering, and to wash hands frequently.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Daycare (EDC)</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We recognize that working parents have need for quality care for their student(s) before and after school, and we are proud to continue to offer extended and enrichment classes.</li> <li>• Our extended daycare program (EDC) will abide by all safety guidelines for elementary and middle school and will teach/practice social distancing.</li> </ul>	N/A



<p><b>Miscellaneous</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL student items, including jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, and backpacks must be labeled with the first and last name of the student.</li> <li>• Emergency drills will be modified to maintain proper physical distancing to the greatest extent possible.</li> </ul>	<p>Should students be on campus for Chapel or educational enrichment activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ALL student items, including jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles, and backpacks must be labeled with the first and last name of the student.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Facility Cleaning &amp; Maintenance</b></p> 	<p>We are committed to intensified cleaning and disinfecting of both campuses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A regular cleaning schedule will be implemented throughout the day with emphasis on high touch areas including door handles, light switches, sink handles, bathroom surfaces, tables, desks and chairs.</li> <li>• To the greatest extent possible, each classroom will be provided hand sanitizers for use by students and staff entering and exiting the room. All common areas will be provided hand sanitizers as well.</li> <li>• To the greatest extent possible, each classroom will be provided sanitizing wipes for cleaning desks and chairs before and after use by students.</li> <li>• Additional janitorial services have been engaged for deep cleaning each evening as practicable.</li> <li>• All cleaners utilized are approved for use against Covid-19 on the EPA approved list and will be used according to the directions on the label and kept away from students.</li> <li>• A regular schedule for ventilation filter replacement will be maintained.</li> <li>• A GenEon mister/sprayer will be utilized each evening in every PS-12 classroom and common areas.</li> <li>• Whenever practical, fresh outdoor air will be introduced into the classroom whether by opening doors or with use of an outside air setting on the ventilation system.</li> <li>• Inside air will be sanitized through UV Light System installed in HVAC.</li> </ul>	<p>Same protocol for teachers and staff working on-campus.</p>
<p><b>Planned Testing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MCS will utilize the local county-sponsored testing site for surveillance testing of staff and teachers.</li> <li>• Approximately 1/8 of staff will be tested weekly so that all staff and teachers are tested every two months.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff/teachers will schedule their appointment at the local test site and report results to the Principal and Covid contact person who will track and ensure testing.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Confirmed COVID-19 Case</b></p> 	<p><b>In the event of a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case on campus, we will adhere to the following protocol:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students or staff with a confirmed COVID-19 case will be asked to isolate away from campus (see “Return to School” protocol below).</li> <li>• Staff will complete: <a href="#">COVID\Suspected Covid19 Case Form.pdf</a>.</li> <li>• MCS will conduct an internal investigation to determine with whom the individual had been in close contact and to determine if any work-related factors could have contributed to risk of infection (and determine at that time any follow up in addition to the steps below) while simultaneously doing a thorough “deep cleaning” of any identified area(s) on campus. Our cleaning procedures will follow all CDC guidelines.</li> <li>• MCS has a designated COVID-19 contact person (Lisa Medina at <a href="mailto:lisa.medina@modestochristian.org">lisa.medina@modestochristian.org</a>) who will contact the Stanislaus County Public Health. MCS will work with Stanislaus County Public Health using syndromic and COVID surveillance system for case reporting and tracking.</li> <li>• Any contacts to a confirmed, positive COVID case will transfer to Distance Learning through Google Classroom for the recommended period of time per Stanislaus County Public Health.</li> <li>• MCS will provide timely communication with families with whom the ill individual has been in contact, while maintaining privacy requirements per FERPA and HIPAA, specifically 34 CFR § 99.3.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In consultation with Stanislaus County Public Health, MCS will follow School Reopening Guidance on triggers to close classrooms and in-person learning at the school, and transition to distance learning.</li> </ul>	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarantined students/cohorts will be offered the Distance Learning Program.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>COVID-19 Illness "Return to School"</b></p> 	<p><b>In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be permitted to return to campus, they must show medical confirmation in the affirmative to the following questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?</li> <li>Has it been at least 1 day since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?</li> <li>Has it been at least 3 days since the individual's symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath?</li> <li>Per California Department of Public Health Guidelines, a negative COVID-19 test result is not required to return to school or work.</li> <li>In consultation with Stanislaus County Public Health and the SSRP, MCS will determine the process for return to campus.</li> </ul>	N/A
<p><b>Health Screening Agreement</b></p> 	<p>Parents and staff must sign a <b>Health Screening Agreement</b> that they will complete the <b>rSchool Today (RST) Daily Health Screen App</b> daily and will not send a student nor enter the campus themselves if they are exhibiting any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed here:  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html</a></p>	N/A