

Madison Public Schools

2020-2021 Reopening Plan Addendum II



April 8, 2021

Since the development of the Madison Public Schools Reopening Plan in July 2020, the Connecticut State Department of Education has continued to provide school districts with additional guidance for safe instruction in the form of addendums. Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, MPS has continued to adapt its initial reopening plan to meet the ever-changing needs of our community.

District Changes

The following are the substantial changes made to various critical areas of our Madison Public Schools Reopening plan.

Updated Travel Advisory

The Governor's Executive Order 9S, section 1, regarding travel restrictions, is no longer in effect as of March 19, 2021. That means that students and staff are not required to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test before returning to work/school after travel. However, the Connecticut Department of Public Health has provided [travel guidelines](#). We ask that all students and staff adhere to these guidelines.

Close Contact Definition

The District has updated its definition of a close contact to the following: *A close contact is generally defined as someone within six feet of an infected person for more than 15 minutes cumulatively, but specific parameters may vary by the nature of each case.*

Quarantine

In accordance with updated guidance from the state, the district will move to a 10-day quarantine on **Monday, April 19**.

In keeping with both CIAC and State guidance, students will still need to quarantine 14 days prior to returning to athletics or extracurricular activities. The District will clearly communicate with families the dates for both returns if a student is instructed to quarantine.

Desk Shields

Desk shields will no longer be affixed to individual desks for grades K-5. Desk shields will continue to be used for mask breaks as well as lunch and snack when eaten at desks.

Music Program Changes

The District will follow updated [state guidance](#) from K-12 music programs:

“The Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) has reviewed the latest research on aerosols in music classrooms and CDC Guidance to revise Connecticut guidance on operating K-12 music programs for students. The attached Addendum 7 has been revised to reduce the minimum physical distance between instruments, including wind instruments with bell covers to 9x 6 from a spacing of 12 feet or more.”