



**Montgomery Area School District  
2020-2021 School Year  
Return to face to face Instruction**

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Following recent studies conducted by the CDC regarding elementary age students and low transmission rates of COVID-19 in schools, as well as the declining transmission rate in Lycoming County, the Montgomery Area School District will begin to institute its plan to increase the amount of face-to-face instruction provided at the Grades Pre-K – 8 levels. While we will no longer be able to provide consistent 6' of social distancing as we move through the phases to return, we will continue with all of our protocols listed in our District Health and Safety Plan and create an environment where the recommended 6' of social distancing will occur to the greatest extent possible. Face coverings will be worn at all times as indicated in our Health and Safety Plans. Should we have a positive case in school this may require additional contact tracing and quarantines, and we will pivot to remote instruction, should our 14-day rolling average necessitate a closure.

Provided we continue with declining incidence and transmission rates in Lycoming County, the district will begin a 4-day, face-to-face mode of instruction with Fridays continuing to be full remote days.

All students, remote and face-to-face, will be educated by MASD Highly Qualified Teachers.

The regular school day bell schedule will not change, nor will the District Calendar.

**Our return timeline is as follows:**

**Monday February 22, 2021:** All Pre-K through Grade 6 students will begin 4-days per week face-to-face instruction, Monday – Thursday with Friday continuing as a remote day for all.

**Monday March 1, 2021:** All Grade 7 and Grade 8 will begin 4-day face-to-face weeks.

The Montgomery Area High School, Grades 9-12 will remain in the current Hybrid mode of instruction until such time that Lycoming County enters and maintains Moderate status for two consecutive weeks. At such time, the High School will begin 4-day per week face-to-face instruction with Fridays as full remote days.

Once we begin our 4-day per week face-to-face instruction with specific grade bands, we will not return to Hybrid Instruction. We will only pivot to remote learning if necessary based on the 14-day rolling average.

Any severe weather or emergency days will be handled as FID (Flexible Instructional Days) and all students will be instructed according to our Continuity of Education Plan with remote instruction occurring as it does on a Friday.

**If your student is a full time virtual learner, with no attendance issues and passing all subjects, and your preference is to remain remote, you must contact your building principal via email to indicate your desire to remain fully remote. Any fully virtual Jr./Sr. High School student failing 2 or more 1 Credit Courses or an Elementary student receiving a 1 in any core subject area will immediately be transitioned to 4 day per week face-to-face Instruction, unless a doctor provides an excuse indicating it is medically necessary for the student to remain on individual remote instruction.**