

## In-Person Learning FAQ Sheet

### Madison Elementary School K-6

#### How will the school ensure that my child is safe?

We are so excited to welcome your children back to school! Their physical and emotional well-being is our number one priority. All routines, procedures and safety protocols will be taught and modeled for students to ensure that students feel safe and welcomed at school. Our school has made all necessary changes in order to meet all of the established health and safety guidelines. We will implement every necessary measure to protect our students, staff, and families as we begin to return to school. We will also be sharing our School Reopening Plan with you on our website this week so that you and your child can understand what plan we will all follow at Madison. Our plan is modeled after Bridgeport Public Schools Reopening Plan, which can be accessed on the district website.

#### Will my child have to wear a mask?

Per State Guidelines, **ALL** students and adults will be required to wear masks that cover the mouth and nose at **ALL** times while at school. Students will also be required to wear masks while riding the school bus. Students will be given mask breaks throughout the day (scheduled and as needed). Parents should provide masks to their child and the school will have masks for children as well for those who need them without a limit. Students with medical exemptions which will include a note from the doctor specifically stating the mask exemption and medical condition must be provided to our nurse for approval. No verbal requests to not wear a mask will be honored.

*\*All parents, guardians and any visitor to the school must also wear a mask which covers the nose and mouth when on property or in our building-No exceptions will be made!*

#### Will students be screened for temperature upon entering school?

CDC considers it to be more effective for daily individual screening at home. Parents will need to screen their child daily & be sure there is no temperature at or above 100.4 degrees F. If a fever is, present student will not be admitted into the building & must stay home. Students or staff who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must remain at home and notify the school as soon as possible.

#### How will students arrive to school?

Upon arrival, students will meet at designated locations outside, around the school at 8:40 am (see map). Students will be given staggered entry to minimize hallway traffic. Details can be found on pages 16-19 of our Madison School Re-Opening Plan\*. Students will bring personal items into the classroom and store in their personal area that will be sanitized.

#### **BE PREPARED for delays due to staggered entry – PLEASE BE PATIENT!**

Assigned staff will assist with staggering entry, sanitizing, and mask checks at drop off, & bus.

Grab and Go breakfast will be provided in each classroom for each child.

#### Can I bring my child into school the first day?

To ensure the safety of all our students and staff **no visitors** will be allowed in the building. There will be information forthcoming for meeting the teacher, either outside to allow for social distancing, or virtually.

#### What will a school day look like for my child?

Students in grades K-5 will receive instruction for all subjects in Homeroom. Sixth grade will be the only grade that will "switch classes," for Math, ELA & Science/SS. Breakfast and lunch will also be held in the classroom. Recess and mask breaks will be built into student schedule. All classes will practice routines and protocols for social distancing and safety. Art, Computer, Library, and Music and PE teachers will visit the classrooms. Some specialist classes MAY be held outside (weather permitting).

Lunch is provided by the school for ALL students. Students may bring their own lunch but will not be able to share.

**\*\*\*Due to breakfast and lunch in the classrooms, any foods consumed in the classroom must be nut free. Please refrain from sending in any nut products. If a child brings such items in, they will be asked to put it away for the safety of others.\*\*\***

<b>What do the classrooms look like?</b>
<i>Classrooms have been designed to ensure that students feel welcomed and safe. Desks will be distanced from each other and any tables in use will have plastic barriers. All shareable resources have also been removed from the rooms. Students will need to have their own personal supplies that are appropriately labeled with their names. <b>EVERY SINGLE ITEM should be labeled with the student's name.</b> Classroom enrollment is being monitored daily to ensure in-person learners can meet social distancing recommendations. Should in-person social distancing become compromised within classrooms, then we may move to a hybrid learning model.</i>
<b>When will my child have access to restrooms and water fountains?</b>
<i><b>No water fountains</b> will be utilized in the building. It is highly recommended to send your child with a water bottle to school each day. Please <b>DO NOT</b> send in glass bottles or juices or iced teas - <b>WATER ONLY!</b> Restrooms will have a class schedule and teachers will ensure that students are social distancing and using hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit from the restroom. Students will be allowed to use restroom in case of emergency.</i>
<b>What happens if my child is not feeling well?</b>
<i>Students not feeling well will have access to the nurse. In addition, students exhibiting signs of COVID-19 will be screened by the school nurse, isolated, but supervised (within the school), and a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick-up their child if deemed necessary. Teachers will receive continuing education on recognizing signs of COVID-19.</i>
<b>Will my child have recess?</b>
<i>Students will have at least one recess a day with staff supervision to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times. Recess will be held outside weather permitting. Masks do not need to be worn outside. There will be no shareable objects used (balls, jump ropes, etc.) The playscape will not be used at this time. Also please do not send in toys from home with your child.</i>
<b>What will dismissal look like?</b>
<i>Please see pages 20-22 in our School Re-opening Plan* for details on our dismissal procedures. Student can <b>ONLY</b> take busses they are assigned to. <b>NO SWITCHING</b> will be permitted. Parents should not call after 1:45pm to change dismissal method as it will cause additional chaos and confusion as we are focusing on ensuring safe and socially distanced transitions. If you need to pick your child up early you must call the main office prior to your arrival at 203-275-4650 to make arrangements. You or your pick-up designee (needs to be on the emergency card) must always bring your Photo ID to pick up students at dismissal or when picking up. It is difficult to recognize even familiar people while wearing masks.</i>
<b>Will students be sharing materials?</b>
<i>Sharing of materials will not occur unless absolutely necessary. Materials that are shared will be sanitized between each use.</i>
<b>How will the school keep our school clean?</b>
<i>Custodial staff will ensure that all high-touch areas are cleaned frequently throughout the school day (handrails, door handles, counters, etc.) Each classroom will have ample wipes and sanitizer to ensure that everyone has access to antibacterial supplies at any time. All restrooms will be cleaned/disinfected a minimum of twice daily.</i>
<b>How can I change my student from in-person learning to remote?</b>
<i>Please contact your child's teacher and/or the main office to make the change. The change takes 24 hours to go into effect. A device will be given when the change is made.</i>
<b>How can I change my student from remote learning to in-person?</b>
<i>Please contact your child's teacher and/or the main office to make the change. The change takes 5 school days to go into effect.</i>