

Morehouse Parish School District



2023 – 2024 School Reopening Plan

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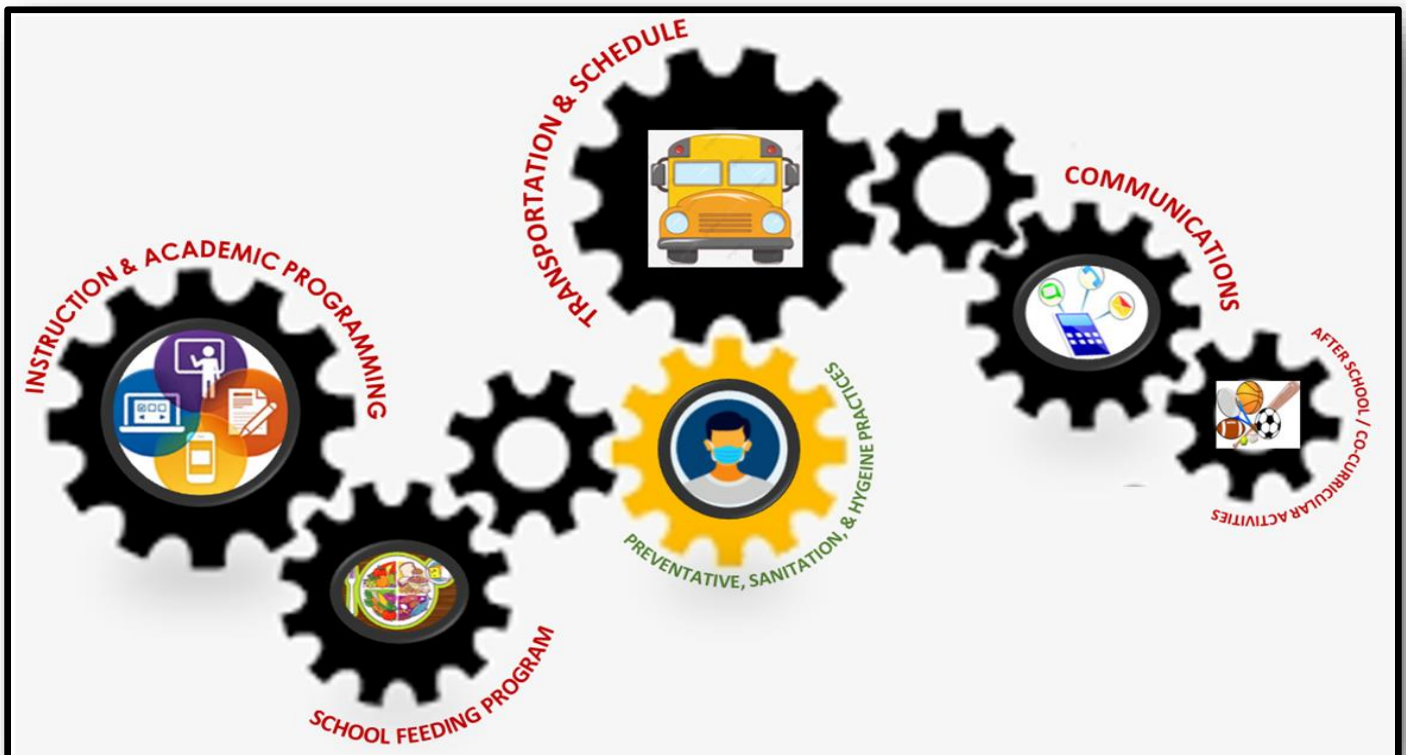
Ready to Achieve Reopening Plan

School Year 2023 – 2024

The leadership team of the Morehouse Parish School District, through collaborative meetings and coordination with stakeholders, has developed a comprehensive plan for reopening of schools for year 2023- 2024. The goal and objective of this plan is to provide structures and procedures to support the healthiest and safest environment for all students, faculty, and staff for traditional onsite / in-person learning, as well as co-curricular and extra - curricular activities.

The Morehouse Parish School District’s Reopening Plan is based on the most recent guidance released by the Louisiana Department of Education [[Louisiana Comeback Plan](#)], the [Louisiana Department of Health](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

The plan's five main components revolve around how we can best provide the best academic support while protecting and maintaining everyone’s safety, health, and well-being. Details regarding the plan may be adjusted or altered to improve systems/procedures and follow requirements /updates *by the state department and other government agencies.*



MOREHOUSE PARISH SCHOOLS

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I. HEALTH & WELL – BEING

Schools will continue to monitor Covid-19 Cases among students and staff. School nurses will keep track of individuals who test positive, or have been identified as a “close contact.” They will be advised regarding steps and/or precautions they need to take or observe according to the latest guidelines released by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), and the Centers of Disease Control (CDC).

Isolation areas will be identified in each school/office building. These are designated to separate / temporarily quarantine individuals who may require medical assistance. Isolation protocols will be in accordance with the latest guidance released by LDH & CDC.

The district will continue to support and encourage all COVID-19 preventative measures and practices as promoted by LDH & CDC:

- Covid-19 Vaccination
- Covid-19 Testing
- Handwashing / Sanitizing
- Masking (optional but highly encouraged if multiple cases of Covid19 has occurred in a core group)
- Regular cleaning/sanitation/disinfecting of high-touch surfaces
- Monitoring of health daily
 - Health screening
 - Monitoring symptoms: Daily screening is no longer required but may be conducted as needed. Students and staff need to monitor their own symptoms before attending school. When experiencing Covid-19 symptoms,
 - If experiencing/exhibiting symptoms, one is encouraged to test as soon as possible or visit their healthcare provider.

Socio-Emotional support, resources, and interventions will be available in the schools and will be provided as needed to those identified as “at-risk.”

Resource: https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/k-12/obh-Guidance_LDOE.pdf
<https://ldh.la.gov/page/calculator>

II. SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAM

Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria. Although meal service operations may vary per school, the same health, hygiene, and sanitation protocols will be observed.

- Handwashing / hand sanitizing will be observed before and after meals
- All high touched surfaces will be cleaned/ disinfected on a frequent – routine basis
- Contactless handwashing stations and water bottle refilling stations are available for use
- Students will remain in their core group while in the cafeteria, to the maximum extent possible

III. TRANSPORTATION

- Masking is encouraged, but no longer required
- A student seating chart will be followed to help with maintaining a core group, as well as contact tracing.
- All buses will be cleaned/ disinfected before and after use.
- Windows may be opened to help circulate air, if needed.

IV. STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF SCHEDULE & ATTENDANCE

All Morehouse Parish Schools will provide onsite / in-person learning as allowed, and following national, state, and local guidance and requirements. Although schools should expect some cases of Covid-19 cases, plans need to be in place to help mitigate, to the most reasonable extent possible, disruption in instruction and learning.

Morehouse Parish Schools does not offer distance / hybrid learning at this time.

Students will be held accountable for attendance and grades, and teachers/staff will be held accountable for attendance and performance evaluation for the school year.

V. AFTER SCHOOL / CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

After school activities that involve close / physical contact, or forceful exhalation (i.e. singing, cheering, playing instruments, etc.) are considered high-risk activities. Students and staff are highly encouraged to conduct health screen checks, monitor for symptoms, and conduct activities in well ventilated / open areas. Students and staff involved in these activities are highly encouraged to get vaccinated.

VI. PRECAUTIONARY & SAFETY MEASURES

- Covid-19 awareness and informational posters will continue to be posted in schools
- School administrators and nurses will continue to report and monitor Covid-19 cases to help control and mitigate the spread in classes / core groups
- Covid-19 preventative measures will be observed (i.e. frequent hand washing/ sanitizing, regular/frequent cleaning of surfaces, masking (*optional but highly encouraged*), health screening, etc.
- In order to maintain the safety of students and staff, visitors are encouraged to follow Covid-19 preventative measures, and will be accommodated with prior appointment. Health screening prior to entry to the building will be enforced.
- Students will remain in core groups to the maximum extent possible

VII. COVID-19 REPORTING

- Covid-19 reporting procedures continue to be in place, and will be observed throughout the school year. Reporting procedures and requirements will be in line with the guidelines provided by LDH / CDC/ LDOE.

Resource: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/images/Antigen_Algorithm_Final.pdf

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/your-health/COVID-19_Isolation.pdf

VIII. SCHOOL AND OFFICE CLOSURES

In the event that there is a rise in Covid-19 cases in a school / office, the Superintendent, in coordination with the Office of Public Health, will determine if a school / office should remain open.

Resource: https://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/In-SchoolTesting/K-12_ECE_Outbreaks.pdf

IX. COMMUNICATION & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- In order to receive important and urgent information, parents/guardians need to make sure that the **contact information** stored in our school district database is **correct and current**.
- Contact your child's school if you have questions or need information regarding school procedures, guidelines, or activities.
- Visit your child's school website and/or the Morehouse Parish School District website.
- Follow your school on social media (Facebook).
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- Be informed and read the most updated guidelines and information released by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- Visit the CommuniHealth's School Based Clinics at Morehouse Elementary & Bastrop High School.

X. RESOURCES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools & Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

Louisiana Department of Health - <https://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>

Covid-19 Isolation 06/28/2023 - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/your-health/COVID-19_Isolation.pdf

Interpreting Antigen Test Results - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/lab/images/Antigen_Algorithm_Final.pdf