



Milwaukee Academy of Science

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Dear MAS families,

Milwaukee Academy of Science is happy to announce that we will soon begin the first phase of reopening this spring. MAS has an approved reopening plan from the Milwaukee Health Department and has made adjustments to our school building to allow for social distancing at limited capacity. Families may choose to continue with a fully virtual program or families may choose a hybrid program, with some days in person and some days virtual. No bus transportation will be provided during this phase of reopening. The hybrid option will begin the first day after spring break: Tuesday, April 6th.

All families will need to complete a form to indicate if they will remain virtual or sign up for in person hybrid learning for the remainder of the year. Parents who choose in person learning will be required to sign off on our safety policy. The health and safety of our children, families, and staff is our greatest concern. Your child's virtual schedule may be shifting slightly to align with the in-person schedule--more information to come.

We know this is an important choice for each family, with many considerations. Below you will find information on the in-person hybrid program that we are currently able to offer. You will also find a summary of the increased COVID-19-specific safety measures that have been put into place. We hope this will allow you to make the best choice for your child and your family.

Hybrid Program Notes:

- Busing will not be provided during this first phase of reopening. Parents will be responsible for drop off/pick up of their scholars if they choose in person learning. Drop off will be approximately 8:00am. Pick up will be approximately 3:20pm. More details to come. No after school programs will be offered at this time.
- All staff and students will be required to wear masks at all times while in the building, take temperatures upon arrival, and students will need to be picked up immediately if COVID symptoms are present.
- Grades 1-12 will be in person 2 days/week (Monday/Tuesday OR Thursday/Friday) and 3 days/week virtual.
- K4 and K5 will be in person 4 days/week (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri) and virtual on Wednesdays.
- Wednesdays will remain virtual for all students.

- Your 1st - 12th grade child will be assigned to a Mon/Tues OR Thurs/Fri cohort and may not attend school in person on other days or switch between cohorts.

Most importantly, we want to thank each of you for all you've had to do in the last year to ensure that your child was still engaged in his/her schoolwork. This has been an incredibly challenging time for families, and we are thankful that we've been able to work together to make this virtual learning experience as successful as possible. We couldn't have done it without you.

Next steps: ALL FAMILIES fill out the form [HERE](#) to choose how you will continue your scholar's learning this year. Deadline to respond is Thursday, March 4.

Sincerely,

Anthony McHenry

Chief Executive Officer

Milwaukee Academy of Science Reopening Plan Summary

Important Safety Measures and Precautions

No transportation - Currently not being offered. Will reconsider when positivity rates in the majority of zip codes served have declined for several weeks in a row.

Face coverings and Hygiene - Masks will be required for all students and staff in the building and outdoor spaces. Use of hand sanitizer and hand washing will be expected throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the building.

Physical Distancing - Desks and tables in classrooms will be spaced to accommodate the recommended six feet distance. Hallway traffic will be altered to flow in one direction when possible and separate entrances/exits will be used. There will be limited use of lockers/cubbies to prevent gathering. Students will be given individual supplies.

Air Circulation - The school has upgraded its HVAC filters from Merv 8 to Merv 14 Antimicrobial Filters (replaced every 3 months) as recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Our HVAC system circulates air within each classroom every 10 minutes, which meets CDC recommendations. An assessment was performed by Ideal Mechanical.

Screening Upon Arrival - Temperature checks will occur at arrival. Parents will sign agreement stating that students are not to be sent to school with COVID-19 symptoms, if they have tested positive, or if someone they have had close contact with or in their household has tested positive. Students will be able to join virtual learning if they are not able to attend in person learning.

Food Service - Meals will be served in classrooms as necessary to maintain social distancing during meals. Meal times will be shortened to reduce time without masks. Our current delivery service of meals will continue for families.

Cleaning and Sanitation - Our cleaning staff will continue regular cleaning and sanitizing procedures daily, cleaning of high-touch surfaces frequently, and deep cleaning on a weekly basis.

Contact Tracing - MAS will conduct contact tracing and stay in close communication with the Milwaukee Health Department and staff and families if positive cases and close contact are identified. Students that exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 will be moved to an isolation room and parent pick up will be required within 2 hours. An email will be sent if students are exposed detailing the quarantine period. More information will be shared with families that select in-person learning.

No visitors - MAS plans to have no parent visitors or non-essential personnel in the building unless it is necessary, very limited, and by appointment. We will continue to offer curbside drop off and pick up similar to our registration and materials pick up during virtual learning.