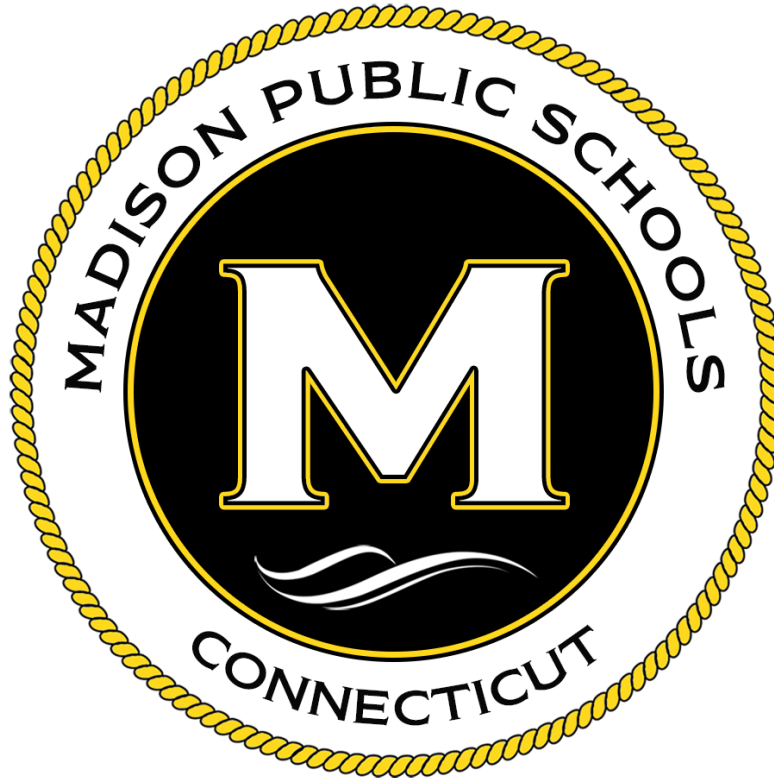


Madison Public Schools

Opening Plan Fall 2022



NOTE: The contents of this plan are proposed and could be impacted based on various factors and conditions such as: the CT State Department of Education acceptance and feedback; CDC guidelines, impact of supply chains; responses to state and national conditions; and/or changes in available staffing.

Activities and Academics Division

Communication

Parents and staff will receive updates from the Superintendent of Schools and/or building principal throughout the school year regarding the most up to date policies and protocols.

An eNotify will not be sent each time a member of the school community tests positive. Case counts will be updated regularly on the district website.

Learning Model

The District will open in Fall 2022 for full in-person learning only. Voluntary Full Remote learning will not be offered as an option to students and families. For students in temporary District-sanctioned COVID -19 isolation or quarantine, assignments and coursework will be posted in Google Classroom. There will be no live remote instruction during quarantine.

Infection Control Division

Health and Safety Strategies

District legal counsel, Shipman and Goodwin, will provide updated guidelines and applicable laws, rules, regulations and requirements as the school year progresses. The district will update accordingly.

Vaccines

All school aged children are now eligible to be vaccinated. Vaccinations continue to be the first and most important line of defense in preventing COVID-19 infections. We encourage all our students and staff to get vaccinated and boosted.

Masks

The District will open for Fall 2022 under a “mask-optional” model for face coverings. It is important to note that district staff will not be responsible for enforcing parent choice when it comes to mask wearing. If parents would like their student(s) to continue wearing a mask, it is important they discuss that expectation with their student(s).

The following rules regarding mask wearing still apply for all students and staff:

- Under the “mask optional” model, local school districts retain the ability to institute mask wearing due to local conditions.
- For the five days following the quarantine or isolation period, individuals are strongly urged to continue to wear a well-fitting mask in all settings.

Testing

Madison Public Schools recognizes rapid (at-home) Covid tests in addition to the PRC test to confirm infection and/or eliminate the need to quarantine.

Quarantine/Isolation Guidance

Per CDC guidance, individuals (regardless of vaccination status) determined to be close contacts do not have to quarantine if they are not exhibiting symptoms.

The timeframe for isolation (when COVID-19 positive) is currently five (5) days. Students and staff may return to school on day 6 as long as they are completely symptom free. If a student is not symptom free on day 6, a parent/guardian should inform the school nurse that the quarantine/isolation period will need to be extended.

At this time, students and staff are not required to provide a negative test to exit quarantine and return on day 6. For the five days following the shortened quarantine and isolation, individuals are strongly urged to continue to wear a well-fitting mask in all settings.

Contact Tracing

In-school exposure poses a lower risk of transmission than activities/exposure outside of school. The Department of Public Health (DPH) no longer considers individual case investigation/contact tracing and quarantine of students and staff with school-associated exposures to be key strategies in routine COVID-19 prevention.

Madison Public Schools will not be conducting broad contact tracing in Prek-12 schools. Madison will conduct limited contact tracing in specific instances should the need arise.