



Ombudsman Charter Schools In-Person Return – Maricopa County

We look forward to welcoming our students for the first day of school on Monday August 16th. We continue to support a healthy learning environment and meet all state and local requirements. The following will be implemented for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Vaccinations, Face Coverings, Building, Classrooms and Cleaning

- Upon entry, all students, staff, visitors, and district personnel must use the provided hand sanitizer upon entering the building. Signage with information about health precautions for students, staff, and visitors, including social distancing measures, and practicing good hand hygiene will be posted at the front of the building and throughout the school and classrooms.
- Vaccines are recommended but not required. We do recommend all staff and students to get vaccinated as it provides the most protection for our entire school community and provides the needed confidence for our staff and students to resume in person instruction and all school activities. Vaccination events will be held at various locations and information will be readily available or you can visit [MCDPH's website](#).
- Face coverings for unvaccinated and vaccinated people are recommended while indoors, but **not** required.
- Needed supplies will still be assigned to each student for the duration of the day.
- Classrooms will operate at a capacity where desks are spaced 3 feet apart when possible. Students will be required to wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entry into each classroom.
- The following areas will be disinfected regularly during the day, upon departure of each session, and upon indication of additional need: Students desks, restrooms, counters, workstations, employee only areas, and front entry area.
- Touchpoints, including the following, will be disinfected frequently, upon departure of each session, and upon indication of additional need: Laptops, Keyboards, Calculators, Monitors, Desks, Admin Phones, Light Switches, Doorknobs/Door Handles, Copy Machines, Drawer Handles and Exterior Building Door Handles.
- Students will be allowed a water bottle for personal use as water fountains will not be in use.

Self-Health Checks, COVID 19 Case Notification and Quarantine

- We will continue to encourage staff and students to conduct self-health checks including temperature and symptom checks. Upon conclusion of a self-health check, we encourage staff, or students with a temperature greater than 100.4 or who have flu like symptoms not report to school for physical attendance and should call the school to report the illness. The school will excuse the absence and provide the needed homework for days missed.
- If any student tests positive for COVID-19, the school will report the case to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health as required. The decision to isolate and/or quarantine is made by MCDPH and we encourage parents and students to follow their recommendations for the safety of our entire school community. Procedures are outlined by MCDPH and can be found at the following link: [MCDPH home isolation guidance](#). Opportunities to work from home will be provided to the student during quarantine and students will not be penalized due to quarantine situations.

Thank you for your patience and support as we work to ensure we have a safe and successful school year!