

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The DCS Return-To-Learn Plan has been released and we will adhere to all guidelines shared in that document. However, I am sure you may have questions regarding how Magnolia students, parents, and staff will be affected.

Magnolia Campus Ready to Learn Plan

Magnolia will be following all current and recommended guidelines pertaining to Covid-19 from the local school board based on the framework of considerations issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the Mississippi State Department of Health, and the Mississippi Department of Education.

Student Safety:

Magnolia will be promoting social distancing and proper hygiene in an effort to mitigate any possible exposure to Covid-19. Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible, and strategies will be implemented by Magnolia Staff based on the feasibility of the unique space in each classroom.

Signs have been posted throughout the school regarding measures to stop the spread of Covid-19. These measures include but are not limited to being aware of COVID-19 symptoms, good hygiene practices, floor markers to promote social distancing and guidance regarding staying at home when sick.

Masks:

Students are highly encouraged, but not required to, wear a proper face covering/mask throughout the school day. Please note any face coverings must meet Magnolia dress code. Magnolia staff has the authority to make decisions pertaining to face masks in cases that are not specifically mentioned in the Magnolia dress code.

Arrival/Dismissal:

School doors will open at 7:45. Bus riders will exit from the bus upon arrival to enter the school building. Staff members will be on duty to ensure the timely unloading of buses and that social distancing practices are in place. Students will be given hand sanitizer upon enter the building.

During morning search, Magnolia Staff will reinforce procedures regarding daily health questions for students and follow guidelines for students and staff who are experiencing symptoms. Students will be asked at the beginning of each day to confirm that they are not experiencing the following symptoms: high temperature, cough, chills, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell. School nurses may conduct temperature and well-being checks as deemed necessary throughout the school day. If necessary, the Nurse will contact parents for any student who is showing signs of illness. An isolation area will be designated for those students exhibiting symptoms while they wait on their parents for pick up.

Students will board buses each afternoon, one bus at a time, starting at 2:45. Students will be given hand sanitizer prior to boarding the bus.

Supplies:

Students are required to have his or her own supplies daily. Some supplies will be provided by the school and other will be requested as school supplies. Each teacher will send home a list of necessary items on the first day of school.

We are asking that everyone please follow all guidance from school officials and the Mississippi State Department of Health and for parents to ensure their students are healthy and showing no signs of illness before coming to school each day.

The DeSoto County Schools Return-To-Learn Plan is posted on the DCS school website and subject to change at any time. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to read the Covid-19 updates on the DCS website.

We hope this answers your questions and provides some direction for you. If you have any further questions, please email Mrs. Ballard at emily.ballard@dcsms.org.