

Malden CCSD #84
2020-21 In Person Learning Plan
Board Approved: July 15, 2020

Malden CCSD #84 will begin in person learning on August 18th. School will begin at 8:00 a.m. and dismiss at 2 p.m. until Labor Day. Malden CCSD #84 will not offer remote learning. Below are mitigation strategies and Covid-19 specific procedures and policies based on recommendations and requirements of the Illinois Department of Health, Illinois State Board of Education, and the Bureau County Health Department.

1. Hand sanitizing station in every classroom, school entrances, and hallways. Some of the smaller classrooms may have stations just outside their room in the hallway. Students will be frequently required to sanitize hands.
2. Additional custodial staff will be hired(5 hours per week) to disinfect high traffic areas of the school.
3. Sneeze guards/shields for the lunch counter to separate the servers from the students
4. Additional sink for hand washing in the preschool room.
5. Limit the number of students who can use the bathroom at one time to one per available stall.
6. Stricter enforcement of illness policy- Students with a temperature exceeding 100.4 will be required to stay home until a negative Covid test is performed and symptoms subside, or a diagnosis has been determined and cleared to return to school by a physician. Children living in the same home of students with a 100.4 temperature or multiple Covid-19 symptoms must be sent home as well and exhibit symptom free conditions for 72 hours. If the symptomatic child is cleared to return, then siblings may also return if they are symptom free. A physician may release a sibling to return to school even if the other sibling is not released. A negative Covid test for siblings is recommended. At all times, families/employees should follow the medical professional's guidance for return to work/school. Areas of the building that this student/employee occupied will be disinfected immediately. If any student has been in close contact(within 6ft for more than 15 minutes) with a student with symptoms, parents will be contacted and that child will be sent home. Malden Grade School will adhere to IDPH guidance for return to school requirements if a student tests positive for Covid. The length of and individuals required to quarantine will be determined by IDPH guidance. Current IDPH guidance requires Covid positive students to be quarantined for at least 14 days and a doctor's release to return to school. Students/staff in close contact(less than 6ft for more than 15 minutes) with a child who tested positive for Covid-19 must quarantine for 10 days.

Children with a 99.4 degree temperature or higher will be sent home. Students sent home with a temperature between 99.4-100.3 will be required to stay home the next day and be symptom free for 24 hours prior to return. Families are encouraged to contact their family doctor or visit a health clinic. Upon return to school, students' temperatures will be checked upon arrival and after lunch.

7. 20 minutes in between lunch periods will allow for additional cleaning of the cafeteria.

8. Social distancing for students who are traveling as a group in the hallway.

9. One person per seat on regular bus routes. No more than 50 students will be allowed on busses at one time. Students will wear a mask on the bus. Busses will be disinfected on a regular basis.

10. Anyone in the building will be required to wear a face covering unless a medical condition prohibits them from wearing a face covering. Documentation of this condition from a medical professional will be required. Face coverings are not required for outside activities where social distancing can be adhered to.(Recess/PE) In situations where 6ft of social distancing is attained, teachers may allow students to take a break from wearing the face mask in an effort to increase compliance. The length and time of the break will be determined by the teacher. Classrooms will allow students to sit socially distanced during regular classroom activities. Partner/Group work and direct close contact with the teacher will be significantly limited. Teachers may wear face shields if maintaining social distancing and facial recognition is essential for learning.

11. Hand sanitation available for when student athletes enter and leave a contest. No post game handshakes. A separate set of guidance for after school activities will be provided at a later time. The after school program will adhere to face masks and social distancing procedures set forth in this plan.

12. Students waiting for the bus or arriving to school from the bus will sit by the lockers in a socially distanced manner.

13. Allow for special accommodations for students who live in a household with an individual who is at higher risk of severe reactions to Covid. Families will be responsible for contacting the school to ask for special accommodations.

14. Students, staff, and visitors will be provided face masks to be worn. However, it is strongly encouraged that families find face coverings that students can bring to school and feel comfortable wearing. Face coverings will be left at school. Families are encouraged to bring spare face coverings in case of damaged or lost face coverings.

15. Parent/Guardians must self-certify that students do not have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, excessive cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell prior to sending their child to school. By sending their child to school, they are verifying that they have checked symptoms. If parents do not sign the agreement to verify, school personnel will check for symptoms when the student arrives at school or prior to entering the bus.

16. Students will not be allowed to use the drinking fountain unless it is to refill a personal water bottle specifically at the bottle filling station at the elementary water fountain.. Students will be allowed and encouraged to bring their own water bottle.

17. Schools administration will conduct daily monitoring of Covid-19 prevalence in the area. If an increase of cases emerge, the district will consult local health officials to determine if in person learning may continue. If the school building is required to be closed, students will be taught with remote learning.

18. A quarantine area will be available for students exhibiting symptoms. Students will wait in this supervised area until they are taken home.

19. Students/visitors may be excluded from the building if they are not in compliance with mitigation measures issued by the school. This includes refusal to wear face coverings, intentional coughing, disregard to hand sanitation requests, or general disregard for the health and safety of others in the school. Parents will be contacted and the student will be returned to school as soon as possible. The district will use all measures available prior to issuing any disciplinary actions for non-compliance.

20. Classroom seating will be arranged to allow for 6 feet of social distancing. Scheduling adjustments may be implemented to reduce class sizes for special classes like Art, Music, and Library.

21. The school district will review this plan on a regular basis and adjust as necessary. This plan was created based on current ISBE/IDPH guidance(July 9th) and through consultation with the Bureau County Health Department. The plan may be adjusted if ISBE/IDPH guidelines or their interpretations of guidelines are adjusted. This plan will supersede any conflicting handbook policies.