



October 2, 2020

Dear MVC Community,

We have finished our first month of school and are just past day 20 of the 2020-2021 school year. We have so much to be grateful for. First, I want to express my thanks to the faculty and staff of MVC who have worked diligently and remained flexible during this time of preparation and change. I am so blessed to work with this wonderful team and MVC is well served through their efforts and care. Second, I want to thank all the parents and families who have entrusted us with the opportunity to serve. Third, I want to thank the students who have been faithful, understanding, and compliant with how we need to do things so we can remain open and in person.

Here are a few things we have learned, or things that have changed, or just some friendly reminders and requests.

- As of October 1, 2020 we are at Green Alert Status with zero confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- The CDC and DOH Guidelines for Screening and not attending school have changed since September 1, 2020.
 - COVID like symptoms that are caused by an underlying condition does not require a student to stay home. For example if a student has allergies causing congestion or a runny nose then it is not considered COVID. Here is the current CDC list of possible symptoms. Please check [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for updates.
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Students may now return to school 24hrs after they have been fever free and are not taking fever reducing medications. For example a student has a fever on Wednesday and is not attending school. They then wake up fever free on Thursday, they may not attend Thursday; however, if they remain fever free all day Thursday with no medication they could return to school Friday.
- Please see page 7 of the Return to School Playbook and make sure you are screening your child(ren) every day prior to bringing them to school. SPECIAL NOTE: Ask your child(ren) the questions directly. For example, “Emma, is a member of your household positive for COVID-19?” Ect. Remember that the first box on page 7 refers to any



member of your household. This means if anyone in your household is awaiting test results all of the children in your household will stay home.

- Help us as a faculty and staff focus on teaching and learning by going over the Playbook with your child(ren) periodically. For example please remind them of the State mandate on masks and distancing.
- Friendly reminder that we are limiting as much as possible our on campus personnel to faculty, staff and students. We miss seeing you all and we really appreciate your understanding in this manner.
- Any limitations we can all make to interactions, trips and outings, outside of our school community, will help us as we continue to work to remain healthy and also work to help our county officials track things correctly.

In closing, I would like to offer praise and glory to our Maker and our Sustainer. We did not and can not do this on our own, “to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.”

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