



**MicroSociety Academy Charter School**  
**Response to COVID-19 March 2022**

**Intent:**

Based on updated DHHS and CDC guidance, this document outlines the school’s response to COVID -19. This new guidance replaces previous COVID-19 Framework Reopening Policies.

Federal regulations on this plan require specific reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials. <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/>. As a school, we want our stakeholders to have access ahead of time so they can make informed decisions. We will solicit feedback through survey opportunities and public meetings where stakeholders have an opportunity to speak and give input. All students will be given equal opportunity regardless of socio-economic status.

Thank you for your continued support.

March 2022 COVID Framework Policy Update, replacing all previous policy documents:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Factor</b>	<b>Response</b>
I. Teaching and Learning	Educational delivery model - regardless of disability and/or socio-economic status	Full in person (Remote only if staffing shortages prohibit regular school operations for no more than a 48 hour period).
I. Teaching and Learning	Continue to support the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and special ed services for students during the pandemic- regardless of disability and/or socio-economic status	Students, and families will continue to require support as a result of the pandemic, ie; child well checks, access to resources (food support, guidance and nurse support) special education services (may be provided remotely)
I. Teaching and Learning	Offer a remote option to students- regardless of disability and/or socio-economic status for 2021/22 school year.	Allow students to be remote and stay enrolled at MACS, using VLACS, provided they have permission form the Executive Director and can provide proof of enrollment in the courses approved by MACS. Students will be required to commit to one trimester at a time before enrollment status can change.

I. Teaching and Learning	After school/co-curricular activities, After and Before School Care	Would be under review by administration. restrictions could be implemented
II. Technology	Work with families to ensure the device access- regardless of disability and/or socio-economic status	Support technology needs
III. Logistics	Visitors/Parent Pick Up in Main Office	Unplanned visitors and or parents may not be allowed to enter the building. They will be required to come to the vestibule and utilize the intercom system.  The school will hold virtual meetings in lieu of in-person, when appropriate.
III. Logistics	Masks	Masks are optional.
IV. Health Management	Monitoring of Symptoms	Enforce that staff and students stay home when presenting with COVID like symptoms and ask that they seek a test.  Rapid home tests are acceptable.
IV. Health Management	Ability to isolate students who may be exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or have a confirmed household positive exposure	Annex nursing space is established to be able to isolate and quarantine students displaying illness symptoms or who have had a household positive exposure.  If showing symptoms in classroom, staff/student should send student to the nurse for an assessment  Require symptomatic person to wear a face covering (exception for medical or behavioral needs)  Require nurse or adult supervising to wear full PPE equipment  As directed by DHHS guidance.
IV. Health Management	State Reporting	Notify local health authorities weekly of confirmed COVID-19 cases.  Contact tracing for DHHS is no longer required.

IV. Health Management	COVID-19 positive case and/or quarantine requirements and confirmed positive exposure.	<p>Exclude Covid-positive staff and students and require them to stay home as required by the current DHHS guidelines (5 days and seek test, return with well-fitted facemask for 5 days).</p> <p>Inform confirmed positive exposure of action items, per DHHS.</p> <p>Families are required to inform Administration whenever there is a household confirmed positive case of COVID.</p>
IV. Health Management	Absenteeism /Attendance Policy - regardless of disability and/or socio-economic status	<p>Students: Attendance policy will be followed and enforced, with the exception of COVID-19 positive cases and household positive cases. These will be determined on a case by case basis by the Director.</p> <p>Staff will be required to use sick time.</p>
IV. Health Management	Planning for possible COVID-19 outbreak of positive cases	Development of school plan to manage possible virus outbreaks with guidance from state and local health authorities (see MACS Pandemic Influenza COOP)
IV. Health Management	Promote healthy hygiene practices	<p>Hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) will be provided where sinks are not readily available.</p> <p>Teach and reinforce healthy hand washing for at least 20 seconds with soap and water and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol) by staff and children.</p> <p>Staff will instruct students in appropriate respiratory hygiene.</p>
IV. Health Management	Nursing staff	Maintain a full time nurse
V. Facilities	Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing schedule for schools – per CDC recommendations	Cleaning – increased cleaning maintained
V. Facilities	Enhanced air exchange ventilation and maintenance	To maximize air exchange in all locations through HVAC systems and UV light system and air purifiers, regular quarterly filter changes and maintenance checks

		will occur
V. Facilities	Custodial staff	Maintain a full time custodian for the daytime

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