Maritime Academy Charter School’s

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan 2021-2022

Be Rich in Kindness and Year of Inclusion and Diversity
Welcome Back to Full In-Person School
Full In-Person Instruction

We are excited to have our cadets back to school for full in-person learning this fall. In 2021-2022, we will not be offering a virtual learning option.
Priorities

The health and wellness of all our families, cadets, and staff as well as the consistency of high quality instruction continue to be top priorities for MACS.
Our mission is to prepare our cadets for college and career. Maritime Academy Charter School (MACS) provides students in grades 1 through 12 a rigorous academic program with the special theme of maritime studies. Our theme this year will continue to be: *Be Rich in Kindness and Year of Inclusion and Diversity.*
Overview of School

- MACS has successfully operated under all three phases (red, yellow, green) since the initial shutdown.
- We were able to provide in-person instruction during the 2020-2021 school year and proudly have had ZERO in-school transmissions of Covid-19 to date.
- MACS has continuously provided healthy food to our students and families. Our daily food program has distributed thousands of meals within the community.
Our Goals for the 2021-2022

Goal #1 Achievement: To increase student achievement and close the opportunity gap.

Goal #2 Maritime Studies: To integrate maritime studies in every subject/course.

Goal #3 School Safety: To provide a safe, fun, and relevant learning environment.

Goal #4 College & Career Readiness: To prepare students for success in the workplace, postsecondary education, and a positive contribution to the community.
Five Areas of Consideration

1. Health and Safety Protocols & Strategies
2. Continuity of Services
3. Public Comment
4. Periodic Review Process
5. Understandable and Uniform Format
Health and Safety Strategies

⚓ Universal and correct wearing of masks: Cadets are expected to have masks on when they come to school. We do have masks, face shields, and gloves available for those that need them. MACS will follow all PA Department of Education mandated policies regarding mask wearing. If mask wearing becomes a local decision we will discuss and take action on the matter.

⚓ Social Distancing: MACS will comply with CDC guidelines.

⚓ Mitigation: Staff and temperature kiosks will perform daily temperature checks for everyone who enters the building. Those with temperatures of 100.4 degrees or higher or any other potential COVID symptoms will be excluded from school. Cadets with a temperature beyond the allowable level will be diverted to the quarantine room upon arrival. Any cadet who exhibits cold symptoms (cough, runny nose, etc.) will be sent to the nurse and may be excluded from class. A parent will be contacted to come pick up their cadet and they will be asked to call their medical provider. If you are sick please stay home. This will help mitigate COVID-19. We will have two entries/exits for cadets (main entrance: grade 12; mess hall entrance: grades 9 - 11).

⚓ Classroom: Signage is posted in every classroom regarding protocols (hand-washing, no sharing of materials, and no touching/handshaking). Information will be reinforced daily. Hand sanitizer is available in every classroom, hallway, mess hall, and gym. An appropriate number of desk shields will be available in each classroom.

⚓ Lunch Room  Proper social distancing is practiced. Cadets remove their masks while eating and put them back on after they are finished. Mess hall will be cleaned between lunches. Outdoor lunch seating is now available. We have ample cleaning supplies, hand sanitizers, wipes, soap, desk shields, face masks, dividers, and thermometers. We have refined all cleaning and disinfecting protocols. All soap dispensers will be checked and filled daily.
Health and Safety Strategies

- Updated standard operating procedures to align with CDC
- Have maintained a 6-9 month supply or critical equipment/products
- “No touch” fixtures on faucets and toilets in all buildings to eliminate those high touch points
- Additional Support Staff members were added to teams
- Large house fans with filter racks added at high school to improve ventilation
- Aeramax air purifiers were added to classrooms in 42
- Staff performs preventative maintenance on all units
- Air filters are cleaned monthly
Signage has been posted throughout the building to reinforce standards and expectations.
MACS’ Cadets Receive COVID Vaccine!
COVID VACCINE

- MACS has established a relationship with Centennial Pharmacy and coordinated a vaccine distribution drive on site.

- Almost all of MACS employees are fully vaccinated due to our internal initiatives to have all staff vaccinated before returning to full in-person instruction.
Health and Safety Strategies

⚓ Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State and local health departments: MACS will continue to utilize contact tracing protocols developed during the 2020-21 school year and will continue to collaborate with the Departments of Health on community contact tracing. MACS will follow current CDC and State guidelines on isolation and quarantining.

⚓ Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible: MACS will continue to partner with health providers to provide vaccination clinics to staff and students as needed. MACS will continue to share vaccination literature with the school community.

⚓ Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies: MACS will continue to accommodate students with special health care needs or disabilities.
Key Elements

★ MACS program aligned with State Standards and taught by MACS teachers
★ Blended instruction that integrates technology and hands-on activities with traditional methods
★ 1:1 Chromebook program
★ State of the art classroom Promethean smart boards
★ Updated curriculum, new textbooks, and resources
Elementary School Hours

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HS New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation will be held on **Thursday, August 26, 2021** at **5:00 PM** in the mess hall.

Chromebook Guidelines and Distribution (collect acknowledgement forms and $25.00 insurance fee) and information on PowerSchool and Google Classroom.

Uniforms will also be on sale - $15.00 for one or $40.00 for three.
Public Comment

Stakeholder input informs every aspect of the plan. Feedback is received via emails, staff and faculty meetings, Google Drive documents, parent meetings, surveys, monthly board meetings, and review of data.
Continuity of Services:

- Daily rigorous lessons; updated curriculum; & new resources
- Daily activities posted in Google Classroom
- School issued materials & technology
- Evidence-based on-line supplemental programs
- Electives and college prep programs, such as Maritime Studies, Music, Physical Education, Boat-Building, Art, Community College of Philadelphia, College Board Advanced Placement and Pre-AP
- Experienced and trained teaching staff
- Full-time Social Worker
- Individualized instruction
- Project-based assessments
Students will have access to:

› Counseling and social work services from a full-time Social Worker
› Special education instruction/small group
› After school extra-curricular activities
› Athletic programs/sports
› Arts and music programs
› Academic enrichment activities
› Tutoring support
› Credit Recovery
We are here for you!

• Periodic reviews of the plan will be conducted and modifications will be done as necessary.
  
  Review dates:
  
  December 2021
  June 2022
  December 2022
  June 2023

• Plan will be posted on website, emailed to stakeholders and translated for English Learners.
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