



# Reopening Town Hall

**Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South MHS**

Facilitated by

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# Welcoming You Back with Warm Hearts & Open Minds

- Since March 13, 2020 until April 8, 2021 we have been immersed in a joint effort with parents students and public agencies to support the learning of students. This unprecedented trailblazing and pioneering of 21st century systemic engagement in Distance Learning was necessary to protect students and staff in not only Prince George's county but nationally and globally.
- Now we stand at the gates of new opportunities and challenges as parents, educators, and a community facing facing a whole new *back-to-school to-do* list. This includes teaching children how to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19, adapt to new routines, handle awkward and potentially risky social interactions, and cope with worries and anxiety.
- At the end of this presentation no matter your feelings or decisions we here at Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South MHS wants you to know we are doing all we can to ensure students and staff remain safe. Safety is our #1 goal!

## MARCH

Dates	Actions
March 3, 2021	School based staff are <b>encouraged</b> to begin returning to school buildings <i>(without students)</i> to teach virtually.
<b>March 17, 2021 (Wednesday)</b>	All school based staff <b><u>must</u></b> return to school buildings <i>(without students)</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● ½ Day Virtual Professional Development Offerings and Webinars (Emotional Support and Teaching Hybrid);</li><li>● Students work Asynchronous/Independent Practice</li></ul>

## SPRING BREAK

March 29 - April 5, 2021

# APRIL

## Dates

## Actions

April 8, 2021  
(Thursday)

### **Phase 1 (48 days of instruction)**

PGCPS will continue to adhere to the Matrix for Safe School Reopening Based on COVID-19 Indicators and will begin hybrid learning (2 days of in person learning) per week for families that selected this option.

- Special Education (Grades K-12)
- PreK- Grade 6 students
- 12th Grade Students

April 15, 2021

### **Phase 2 (41 days of instruction) *Contingent on successful implementation of Phase 1***

PGCPS will continue to adhere to the Matrix for Safe School Reopening Based on COVID-19 Indicators and will begin hybrid learning (2 days of in person learning) per week for families that selected this option.

- Middle School (Grades 7 and 8)
- High School (Grades 9, 10 and 11)

## JUNE

**Dates**

**Actions**

June 15, 2021

Last Day for Students

June 16, 2021

Last Day for Staff

# School Reopening Update

## What we do know

- We are preparing for the return of staff and students.
- **Parent will be able to opt students out of in person learning and remain in distance learning**
- Wednesday March 17th all staff return
- Thursday April 8th return for students who opt in to in person learning (Last names K-Z)
- Two days per week based on last name.

## What we can control

- All safety measures required by PGCPs schools have been taken and more at CMIT Academy South thanks to Chesapeake Lighthouse Foundations and our Operations Manager Mr. Ramos.

# PGCPS Requirements

- Signage for social distancing and mask wearing will be posted on floors
- Signage for social distancing and mask wearing will be posted in classrooms
- Bottled water filling station which replaces water fountain.
- Bottled water on hand
- Merk Air filters
- Evening cleaning by custodial staff

# What We Can Control At Chesapeake Math & IT Academy South MHS



- Opportunity for Staff to get vaccinated
- Desk shields in nurse's suite and main office



- Cleaning of building daily with deep cleaning Wednesdays and Fridays
- Updated air ionizer will be installed on HVAC Units at all CLF Schools before students return.



# Going Above and Beyond

## Health and Safety

- Hand sanitizers are in every classroom and throughout the building.
- Plexiglass clear dividers for front office, nurse, and selected places throughout the building.
- School-provided bottled drinking water which allows students to refill their personal water bottles.
- Additional day and evening cleaning crew.
- Updating HVAC with ionization hardware thanks to CLF.

## Technology for virtual learning

- Monitors for teachers for dual screen set up in the classroom
- Additional technology to support hybrid distance teaching

## Emergency PPE for staff and students

- Emergency stock of masks and gloves

# Hybrid Schedule 50% Capacity

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Students with Last Names beginning with A - J (In School)	Students with Last Names beginning with A - J (In School)	Live Access to Teachers * Small Groups * Interventions * Re-engagement lessons	Students with Last Names beginning with K - Z (In School)	Students with Last Names beginning with K - Z (In School)
Students with Last Names beginning with K - Z (In Distance Learning)	Students with Last Names beginning with K - Z (In Distance Learning)	* Enrichment  Teacher Office Hours  Teacher and/or Grade-Level/Content Planning	Students with Last Names beginning with A - J (In Distance Learning)	Students with Last Names beginning with A - J (In Distance Learning)

**Adjustments may be made for scholars who live in the same household with different last names**

# Before Leaving Home



- So along with paper and pencils, parents are packing backpacks with **hand sanitizer, face masks and your scholar's digital device.**
- **Teaching scholars to be responsible for their own safety** is the most important way parents can prepare their scholar for returning to the classroom.
- Scholars need help understanding how to navigate situations at school that may pose risks to their health and safety

# Before Leaving Home

Please make sure you  
scholar is dressed  
appropriately!

**Uniforms are not  
mandatory during hybrid  
learning!**

**The Casual Dress Code includes but is  
not limited to:**

- **NO** workout / bike / volleyball style spandex shorts
- **NO** ripped or ripped and repaired jeans, pants or skirts
- **NO** ripped or repaired jackets, shirts or tops
- **NO** cropped shirts or tops
- **NO** inappropriate graphic t-shirts

**Solid colored mask only  
(no writing or designs)**

# Before Leaving Home



- Parents please **do a symptoms check before leaving home**. This can include taking your child's temperature and taking note of any signs of sickness, such as a sore throat or sneezing.
- **Now more than ever, if your scholar is showing any signs of sickness, it's important that they stay home.**
- **If your scholar has a fever keep them home!**

## Before Leaving Home



If your child has symptoms they should remain in distance learning until it symptoms have disappeared and it is safe to return to hybrid learning. Your child will be marked present for distance learning.

# Arrival/Dismissal CMIT Academy South MHS



## Student Arrival Window - 8:15 - 8:45

No Student should arrive before 8:15.

**No Supervision**

**First Period begin at 8:45 daily  
(virtual and Hybrid)**

**No Parents will be permitted in the  
building.**

**Safety First**

- Once students arrive, **masks required!**
- Students must enter wearing face masks
- Students must enter 6ft apart.
- MS Students will enter and exit at the ramp.
- HS enter and exit at the entrance past the MS.

**Dismissal window is 2:50 - 3:00 pm. We promptly dismiss all remaining students 3:00 pm. More details will follow.**

# Entering the Building







## **Meals**

**Currently all meals will be eaten in the classrooms. This is subject to change once we get our hybrid numbers.**

If students eat in the cafeteria, each student will be assigned a seat.

# Meals

- All meals are free to students
- Students should not share food items.
- All leftover items must be discarded.
- Students will be offered a take-home supper meal at the end of the school day.



# What Will Instruction Look Like?

- No more than 12-15 students in a class approximately 6 feet apart when feasible, and facing the same direction.
- Students will have assigned seats with minimal movement
- Students would participate in virtual learning whether in the building or at home via their issued or personal device.
- Teachers will teach virtually from their classroom.

# In Classrooms

- During hybrid learning school uniform are not mandatory.
- Students must adhere to the system-wide dress code which requires students to dress appropriately. (See p.12)
- Students will have assigned desks.
- Students will keep all belongings with them at all times (**No Locker Use**)
- **All masks should be a solid color (no words, pics, or designs)**

\*Further details can be found in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.\*

# Bathrooms & Hand Washing

- **Signage placed throughout the building and in student and staff restrooms.**
- **Paper towels will be available to dry hand**
- **Every 2 hours students will clean hands**
- **Bathroom breaks as requested with a monitor to limit the number of students going into the restrooms at the same time.**

# Contingency Plans - CARES

COVID

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# Covid Compliance Committee

COVID Compliance Committee (CCC) team is made up of various staff members.

- Surveillance and reminding of guidelines including;
  - Mask wearing
  - Social distancing
  - Hand washing
  - Temperature checks by nurse if other symptoms evidence
  
- Provide first-aid kits/bags to teachers (gloves, Band-aids, Ziploc bags, etc.)

# CARES ROOM

If my student, staff member or someone else gets sick.

Student/Staff member is removed from class;

- Maryland Department of Health recommends all schools have an area to isolate sick children from well children
- CMIT Academy South MHS will use the nurses suite
- If student exhibit symptoms, student will be removed and placed in the isolation area of the nurse's suite.
- We are aware that other illnesses can present covid like symptoms (i.e. asthma). In the event symptoms occur the nurse will evaluate the student and parent will be called for pickup.
- Parents have 1 hour to pick up child from school.

Student/Staff member who get sick in class with one of 3 B's (burns, bleeding, bodily fluid)

- Classroom closed, staff and students relocated, sick child taken to the CARES room in Nurse's Suite.
- CARE Room (Covid Assessment Exam Room)



# Personal Protective Equipment

- Staff will wear the appropriate PPE based on duties being performed.
- School nurse PPE will be provided by the Office of School Health.
- Children who are unable to wear a face mask due to medical condition must have a physician's statement ( if students are physically unable to wear a mask)
- Limited stock of masks for replacement if case of breaks during the day for students and staff.
- Parents must provide scholars with their own face masks. In addition to face masks, we strongly recommend face shields.

# Removal of a Student

**SOME REASONS STUDENTS  
MIGHT NEED TO RESUME  
DISTANCE LEARNING!**

- If a student cannot adhere to the safety protocols and guidelines
- If a student refuses to wear a mask or wear mask correctly for the entirety of the school day.
- If a student consistently exhibits discipline concerns/ misbehavior
- If a student exhibits Inconsistent attendance
- If a student has a positive case, or has been exposed to someone with Covid-19
- If a student is not cleared by the nurse for PGCPs required immunizations

# Technology & Materials

## Students should have

### Required

- All students must have headphones. Wired headphones are preferred to reduce connection and interference with other devices.
- Students must bring their personal, school or county issued device and cord each day they are in the building.

### Preferred

- Safety supplies;
  - Hand sanitizer
  - Wipes
  - Bottle of water
  - Extra mask

# Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** Do parents need to call the school before arriving at the school for any reason?

**A:** Yes. All meetings will be virtual. Parents/guardians must make an appointment prior to their approved arrival.

**Q:** Are temperatures being taken as students arrive at school each day?

**A:** NO!. Parents/guardians are asked/expected to please monitor your scholar's health daily, prior to bring to school.

**Q:** What supports are there to monitor and ensure effective cleaning has actually occurred?

**A:** A Covid-19 Disinfecting Procedures and Log has been added

**Q:** If a student can not wear a mask because of health issues are they allowed to go to their classes with their peers?

**A:** Yes, provided there is medical documentation the students cannot wear a mask. In such cases, we urge parents to provide face shields for the scholar or opt for distance learning. Also, students will be expected to follow social distancing.

**Q:** Are students bringing their electronic devices to the school building?

**A:** Yes, students will be required to bring their chromebooks, personal computer, and power cord daily.

# Questions



Q - My son will be bringing his own laptop from home. Will he have internet access at the school or will we have to purchase access?	A - All students will have internet access when in the building. Students do not need their own.
Q - Since the hybrid learning is scheduled to start on 4/15, will those in the A-J group start on 4/19?	A - Thursday April 15th will have students K-Z. Yes, A - J will come on 4/19.
Q - Will the children be changing classes? Who will clean desks in between classes?	A - Although there will be minimal movement during hybrid learning, the students will have to change classes. The desks will be wiped down in between student use.
Q - What percentage of CMIT South MHS students will be returning to the classroom for Hybrid Learning?	A - Approximately 35%
Q - If student is in the hybrid model and needs to meet with teacher, will that be virtual or in person?	A - All meetings will be virtual, however while they are in class with the teacher they will be able to ask questions and receive support as needed and at a distance
Q - Will this hybrid learning model continue for the upcoming 2021 - 2022 school year?	A - PGCPSS has not announced the plan for the fall. We will follow the plan that is presented by the CEO.
Q - Are teachers required to get the COVID vaccine?	A - Teachers are not required to get COVID vaccine.
Q - When is the last day for Seniors?	A - May 14, 2021

<p>Q - My daughter last name begins with K. Would she start on April 8th or 15th. She's in 8th grade?</p>	<p>A - Students who are not receiving special education services and are in the 8th grade will start on April 15th.</p>
<p>Q - Will the virtual schedule be changing with the start time at 8:45 not 8:30 am?</p>	<p>A - The schedule for all will be shifted in order to account for the time that is needed for arrival and dismissal. It is a minimal change that will be communicated to all. There will be no loss in instructional time</p>
<p>Q - I know Dr Goldson said our decision can be changed. How do we change our decision, what's the process? If You did opt for hybrid but see it will be a problem, can you change your decision?</p>	<p>A - While there is no changing back and forth, parents can always opt out of hybrid. For more details, please contact your scholar's administrator.</p>
<p>Q - Will they have scheduled personal breaks?</p>	<p>A - There is a 10 minute break between classes for transitioning. Students will have a chance to stretch but the break will have minimal movement.</p>
<p>Q - Have you gotten any additional computers?</p>	<p>A - Yes! However, students who have already received chromebooks will not be expected to use the one issued.</p>
<p>Q - If a student has asthma are they allowed to care their own inhaler?</p>	<p>A - Please email <a href="mailto:nurse@cmitsouth.org">nurse@cmitsouth.org</a> for all medically related questions.</p>
<p>Q - How can we get a copy of the new schedule with class start times and breaks times?</p>	<p>A - The new schedule will be sent out and posted on the website.</p>

**A Special  
Thank You**

**To CMIT South  
MHS Staff**

Special Mention

Nurse Ellis

Mr. Smith

Ms. Epps

Ms. Green

Ms. Graves

Mr. Akpinar



# Updates

- A parent version of the reopening guide has been posted on the PGCPS main web-page.
- [Click Here](#)
- We will continue to refer to the full Reopening Plan for more additional information as needed.

# Social, Emotional & Mental Health

- Social and Emotional Supports and Resources for Students, Staff, and Parents After prolonged closure due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, students, staff, and parents/guardians will require support to assist them in transitioning back to school.
- The Department of Student Service identified and compiled supports focused on social-emotional learning both in-person and through distance learning for students, staff, and parents.
- The following link provides mental health supports and resources for students, staff, and parents.
- [PGCPS on Mental Health Supports Link](#)

Department of Family and School Partnerships  
Family Institute  
301-618-7356



Upcoming Family and student wellness workshops

- **March 4 - Dad Conversations = Engaging Male Role Models for Student Success (FI Strand 1)**
- **March 11 - Focus on Stress Reduction and Building Resilience (FI Strand 3)**
- **March 18 - Anti-Bullying Strategies (FI Strand 3)**
- **March 25 - Keeping Children Safe (FI Strand 3)**

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