

McLean School

Frequently Asked Questions School-Based Hybrid Learning For Parents & Guardians

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BUS TRANSPORTATION

What are the safety protocols on buses?

The School's approaches align with federal and state guidelines. Measures include:

- reducing by half the number of students riding each school bus;
- requiring parents or students (in grades 7-12) to show the bus driver the completed daily MyMedBot Health Screening Questionnaire;
- seating students one per bench, alternating window and aisle positions; and
- requiring everyone riding the bus to wear a face mask at all times.

What is being done to increase ventilation on the buses?

Bus windows will remain cracked open at all times. In addition, the rooftop vents will remain open on the buses to increase air flow.

Will the buses be routinely disinfected?

Yes. After each bus run the bus drivers will thoroughly disinfect the buses.

Will the bus drivers be practicing the same safety precautions?

Yes. Each morning the bus drivers must complete the MyMedBot Health Screening app. Coughlin Transportation will confirm that each driver has passed the questionnaire. Drivers will also be required to wear a face mask while on the bus.

Will there be an adult monitor on the bus to help enforce the safety protocols?

Unfortunately, no. Logistically this is not possible as the buses do not return to their point of origin after each run. However, the bus drivers understand the School's safety protocols and will be working with the students and the School to ensure those safety protocols are followed. Riding the bus is a privilege and not a right. Any student unable or unwilling to follow the safety protocols will have to be driven to and from school, or return to home-based instruction.

If I don't sign up for the bus at this time, will we be able to join the bus at a later date?

After the initial sign up period, we are unable to guarantee that space will be available for a given bus stop or bus run. If space is available, parents can sign up for the bus at a later time during the school year.

If school returns to home-based instruction, will we receive a refund for the cost of the bus program?

Yes, at the end of the school year, parents who have paid busing fees will receive a prorated refund for any days the school is in home-based instruction after October 26.

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PARKING

Will faculty and staff be able to park on campus?

Yes. There should be enough parking on campus to accommodate all faculty and staff. If for some reason this is not possible, faculty and staff are welcome to park at the Inverness Pool (on Deborah Drive), which is a short walk from campus.

Can faculty, staff, and parents park on the street in front of the School?

Yes, parking is permitted on the School side of Lochinver Lane between the entrance and exit driveway. Please note, parking is restricted on other streets in the neighborhood and parking laws are enforced by the police.

If parking is not available in the lot, parking is available at the Inverness Pool parking lot on Deborah Drive.

If Upper School students drive, where can they park?

With the exception of the two Upper School students whose families purchased parking spaces at the auction last year, Upper School students who wish to drive to school must park at the Inverness Pool on Deborah Drive and walk to school. Students may not park on any of the streets in the neighborhood or in any neighbor's driveway.

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM SCHOOL

What time can we drop off our children in the morning if we are not using the bus program?

Students can be dropped off at school starting at 8:00 am. The police officers assisting us will not permit parents to enter the parking lot before then. If you arrive early, please wait at the Inverness Pool parking lot on Deborah Drive until 8:00 am before coming to school. Please do NOT wait in front of the School on Lochinver Lane or drop off your child or children in the neighborhood.

Where will our children go when they are dropped off in the morning?

Students will enter the building through the following designated entrances:

Lower School students -- Main Entrance

Upper School students -- Upper School Entrance by the circle

Middle School students -- Middle School Entrance (with a blue canopy, used during construction, and adjacent to David Roth's office) near the driveway exit.

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A member of our team will be outside of each entrance to greet students and to ensure that their MyMedBot questionnaire was completed that morning. These individuals will have a master list of everyone who completed the questionnaire.

Will we need a campus pass to drop off or pick up our students?

No, this year a pass is not required. We expect next year to return to our campus pass system as bus ridership will again become mandatory unless an accommodation has been provided.

How will students board the bus in the afternoon?

Lower School students riding the bus will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3:05 pm and walked by a teacher to their assigned bus. Dismissal for Middle and Upper School students will begin at 3:15 pm. Students will remain in their last period classroom until they are called to board their bus. Two buses will be called at a time. A member of the McLean team will be outside each bus to check students onto the bus to ensure that everyone is on the correct bus.

Will we use SchoolPass this year?

Yes. Parents must update it daily if there are any changes to their child's afternoon schedule. We will rely on the information in the app and unfortunately cannot accept any schedule changes over the phone. If parents have any issues with SchoolPass they should contact [IT Support](#).

Can I change the bus my child is riding on a given day?

Because we need to limit the number of students on buses, changes can only be accommodated if seating is available. Parents should contact [IT Support](#) to find out about availability.

What time can we pick up students at the end of the school day?

Students will wait in their classrooms to be dismissed until all of the buses depart. We estimate that this will be around 3:40 pm. Parents arriving before that time must wait in the Inverness Pool parking lot, and may arrive on campus at 3:40 pm. Parents may not park in the neighborhood or pick up their children on the street. Parents are also asked not to get out of their car since we will help their children get safely into the vehicle.

Parents will be issued a sign to display in their windshield with their child's last name on it to place in the front windshield during pickup to expedite the process.

How will the School maintain a safe pick-up environment?

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McLean administrators and faculty will be outside during afternoon pick up to help students maintain physical distance and to facilitate the pick-up process.

What if I cannot get to school at 3:40 pm? Can my child remain at school after dismissal?

In order to maintain a safe and properly supervised environment, students may only stay after school for the following activities, and must continue to follow all of the School's safety protocols:

- Upper School students may remain at school in designated areas in order to participate in after school activities or sports.
- Middle School students may stay after school to participate in Study Hall or the after school conditioning and skills program.
- Lower School students will remain outside until picked up by a parent or guardian. In inclement weather, they will be brought into school to await pickup.

Students not participating in one of these activities may not remain after school.

Will there be late afternoon bus service?

Yes. The School will be operating both a 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm bus service to the Grosvenor Metro, MacArthur Blvd (DC), and McLean Presbyterian Church (VA) bus stops. Parents must sign up for this service in advance through [IT Support](#) so that we can provide properly-sized buses.

What happens if my child is late arriving to school?

Students arriving after 8:20 am will be required to enter the building through the main entrance and must have completed the MyMedBot questionnaire. Parents of students arriving without the completed questionnaire will be called to come back to school in order to complete the questionnaire. The student will remain in an isolation area until this is done.

HEALTH SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE (MyMedBot)

What do I do if I get the red MyMedBot screen telling me to contact a physician?

Students and McLean employees may not come to school if the MyMedBot app informs them to contact a physician. If this occurs, please contact your doctor and follow their instructions. Please also contact the School's COVID Health Coordinator, Margarita Rosado-Payne (mpayne@mcleanschool.org; 240.395.0664), and inform her of your symptoms and physician's instructions. She will let you know when you are cleared to

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return to campus. The School's COVID Health Coordinator is the only one authorized to make this determination.

What will happen if we forget to complete the MyMedBot Health Screening Questionnaire

- Students riding the school bus will not be permitted to board the bus without showing that the MyMedBot questionnaire has been completed. The Health Screening Questionnaire requires a current temperature reading. Unless parents have a thermometer with them and can complete the app at the bus stop, they will need to bring their child home, take their temperature, and then drive them to school.
- Students being driven to campus will not be permitted to enter the building until the MyMedBot questionnaire is completed. Parents should pull into one of the available parking spaces and walk their child into school through the main entrance so that our receptionist can take the child's temperature and the parent can complete the questionnaire.
- Students who are dropped off without a completed MyMedBot questionnaire will wait until the rest of the students have entered the building and then will be escorted to an isolation area. Parents will be contacted to complete the MyMedBot app. As a one time courtesy, the School will take the student's temperature at that time. Once the MyMedBot questionnaire is completed successfully, students will be allowed to go to class. (Lower and Middle School students will wait in tents at the back of the gym and Upper School students will wait on the side of the building.)

Who do I contact with any medical related questions regarding the MyMedBot App?

Please contact the School's COVID Health Coordinator, Margarita Rosado-Payne, at mpayne@mcleanschool.org; 240.395.0664.

Who do I contact if I have any technical issues regarding the MyMedBot App?

Please contact [IT Support](#) and they will be happy to assist?

TRAVEL

Our child participates on a sports travel team, are there any specific protocols we need to follow?

If a McLean student travels outside of the State of Maryland, District of Columbia, or northern VA, to an area with a test positivity rate above 10%, the student will need to

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remain in home-based instruction until either the student receives a negative COVID-19 test result or for 10 days after their return home.

What do we do if an out-of-town relative or friend comes to visit?

In accordance with the State of Maryland's Travel Advisory, if anyone visits from an area out of state with a test positivity rate above 10%, that individual has to test negative 72 hours before s/he travels or receive a COVID test upon arrival. The McLean student has to remain in home-based instruction until the visitor receives a negative test result or for 10 days after the visitor's arrival.

I travel for work, what protocols does my child need to follow if someone in our immediate household(s) travels out of state?

If a member of the McLean student's immediate household(s) returns from an area with a test positivity rate above 10%, the student needs to remain in home-based instruction until either the family member receives a negative test result or for 10 days after the family member's return.

What source is the School using in determining test positivity rates?

While there are a number of different websites reporting COVID-19 statistics, the School is relying primarily upon CovidActNow.Org.

Given expected family travel, does the School expect to close for a set period of time after Thanksgiving or Winter Break?

The School will assess the public health situation at that time. It hopes that if families follow the Community Agreement and these travel guidelines an overall return to home-based instruction will not be needed at these times.

If I have questions about the School's travel policy, who should I contact?

Please contact the School's Chief Financial & Operating Officer, Jeffrey Berman (jberman@mcleanschool.org; 240.395.2454), with any travel related questions.

WEDNESDAYS

Why is there a special Wednesday schedule?

Peer schools that have implemented hybrid approaches have found that hybrid education is much more complex and challenging for teachers and for some students. Those schools have found that teachers and many students require a day to catch up, plan, and regroup.

What is it that makes home-based and hybrid instruction more demanding for teachers?

Teaching is an extraordinarily demanding profession. Even in normal times, teachers give all they have to address the academic, social, and emotional needs of their

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students, and then rely upon holiday and other break periods to recover. Teaching students in hybrid mode is even more demanding. Teachers need to track student attention, comprehension, and behavior both in the classroom and across a Zoom link. They also have longer work days, and in many cases nearly constant interaction with students. To do hybrid instruction, teachers have to arrive at the school earlier and leave later than for a normal school day. Additional support to students squeezes out some of their most important tasks including lesson planning, grading, and coordinating with administrators and support staff. In order to become fully proficient in hybrid instruction our teachers will also need to invest significant time in additional professional development. We believe that providing time for our teachers to do necessary professional development, planning and individual work with students and parents, will enhance the quality of teaching and learning.

What activities will take place on Wednesdays?

Wednesdays will be used by teachers for professional development, class preparation, and communication with students and parents as needed. Students should also use this time to catch up on work and seek additional help. While specific plans are still being finalized, we anticipate the following Wednesday schedules:

- Lower School: The mornings will be devoted to team meetings and professional development. In addition, grade 3 will have optional outdoor sports on campus for those students able to participate between 10:00-11:00 am. Grade 4 will have a similar outdoor sports program on campus between 11:00 am-12:00 pm. The afternoons will be used for parent communication and office hours from 12:00-2:00 pm as well as virtual K-4 interactive assemblies and independent studies.
- Middle School: Office Hours will be offered in the morning for 1 to 2 hours depending upon grade level. In addition, a lunchtime Social Hangout will be held for students in grades 5 & 6 and grades 7 & 8, Community Meetings will take place at their normal time and the Thursday Get-Togethers will move to Wednesday afternoons for individual grade levels.
- Upper School: Advisory Lunch will move to Wednesday and Wednesday club meetings will move to Thursday. Tutorial will remain on Wednesdays, plus additional office hours as necessary. AP courses will continue to meet on Wednesdays. Students should use this day to get extra help, get caught up, or work ahead.

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FACE MASKS

What is the School's policy regarding face masks?

Everyone in the building must wear a face mask at all times, with the following exceptions:

- Students may remove masks for lunch and for mask breaks as described below, only under the direction and supervision of a teacher or staff member.
- Faculty and staff working alone in their office or classroom may remove their face masks.

What types of face masks are permitted?

- Face masks must be two-ply and cover both the mouth and nose, with few gaps around the edges. Handmade or commercially made cloth masks are preferred, however surgical masks are acceptable.
- Masks are part of the school's dress code and may not advocate violence, sex, or the use of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco; contain any political statement or symbol; or display symbols that demean any individual or group.

How many face masks should we have?

- Students and staff are encouraged to change their face masks daily.
- Lower School students will be required to bring in 5 clean and dry masks each day. As well as two ziploc-style bags to be stored in their child's backpack labeled "clean" and "dirty."

What do I do if my face mask rips or becomes wet?

The School has a supply of supplemental face masks that it will provide to employees and students in an emergency. If you need one, please ask the School's nurses.

Can Bandanas or Gaiters be worn?

No, these are not acceptable face coverings. Only two-ply face masks can be worn.

What protocol will the School follow if its face mask wearing expectations are not followed?

At the start of the transition to school-based hybrid instruction teachers in each division will review with students, in an age appropriate manner, the School's expectation regarding wearing face masks. Students unable or unwilling to follow this protocol will be required to return to home-based instruction.

Can employees and students also wear a face shield?

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Yes. Students and employees may supplement their face masks with face shields, but face shields cannot be used in place of face masks. Students wishing to use a face shield must supply their own.

Will students, faculty, and staff have opportunities for a mask break?

Yes. Students will have the opportunity for outdoor mask breaks multiple times a day (most likely during break, lunch, study hall, or PE). During these times, students will need to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance.

If inclement weather, students will go to their homeroom/advisory and every other student will be able to take a short mask break. While students can converse during mask breaks, they must use their indoor voice.

Teachers will also be able to take a mask break at these times. In addition, teachers can close their doors to take a mask break when they are not in class.

USE OF OUTDOOR SPACES

Whenever possible the School will make use of its outdoor spaces as the virus is much less likely to spread outdoors. The School has purchased a number of tents for this purpose.

When will students go outside?

Lunch, break, study hall, PE, and recess will all be conducted outdoors whenever possible. This will take place even during cold temperatures and light rain so students should dress appropriately each morning using multiple layers.

How will recess be organized?

All recess, whether outdoors or in, will be supervised, and will take place as follows:

- Lower School students will remain in their small learning groups and have recess in different zones of the playground or lower field. If weather does not permit students to go outside, students will have recess in their classroom.
- Middle School students will remain in their grade level groups and have recess in different parts of the upper field. If weather does not permit students to go outside, students will have recess in their classroom.

What will students learning from home do during recess and lunch?

During recess and lunch, students at home will be able to take a Zoom break.

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What will students learning from home do during PE?

Separate PE instruction will be provided for students learning from home, but this may be conducted at a different time. During outdoor PE, students at home will be able to take a Zoom break and catch up on work.

Will any academic subjects be taught outside?

No. All academic subjects will be taught inside so that students at home can fully participate.

Under what weather conditions will students remain in the building?

If the temperature falls below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or there is heavy precipitation, students will remain in the building.

LUNCH

Will students eat lunch outdoors?

Weather permitting, students will eat lunch outdoors using tents, chairs and tables provided, or sitting on the ground. Lower and Upper School students will use the tents on the lower field and Middle School students will use the tents on the upper field. While eating lunch, students are required to maintain 6 feet of physical distance.

What if the weather does not permit eating outside?

Students will eat in groups in their classroom. Half of the students (every other student) will unmask and eat lunch while the others remain masked and then they will switch.

Will the School offer a hot lunch program?

Yes. Vignola Gourmet will once again be providing lunch for students and staff wishing to participate. Lunch will be pre-packaged by Vignola in individual containers with the student's name on them and delivered to either their classrooms or designated locations in the building. Please refer to the [email](#) sent about this program for sign up details.

Teachers will be provided with gloves to wear in assisting younger students.

What about snacks?

In the Lower School snacks will be eaten outdoors, weather permitting. In inclement weather, half of the students (every other student) will unmask and eat snacks while the others remain masked.

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Will the water fountains in the School be operational?

Upward facing “bubbler” nozzles have been shut off, but water bottle filling stations are still operational in each division. Students should bring a water bottle and a straw for drinking while masked.

OTHER PROTECTIVE MEASURES BEING TAKEN INSIDE THE BUILDING

How is the School ensuring air quality in the building?

The School’s Administration has been closely following the debate in recent months regarding the role of aerosols--tiny respiratory particles that linger in the air--in COVID-19 infections. As *The Washington Post* [recently reported](#), CDC now agrees that coronavirus can spread by airborne transmission. Prior to that acknowledgment, the School recognized this risk and hired a consultant to advise us. [Dr. Rainald Lohner](#) heads the Center for Computational Fluid Dynamics at George Mason University. Dr. Lohner visited the school twice, tested our classrooms and offices for airflow, and devised and tested solutions that we are implementing to enhance air circulation and filter aerosols. After his visits, Dr. Lohner was featured on NBC’s [Today Show](#), where he illustrated the ways aerosols can travel in classrooms. Our work was aided by the advance purchase of HEPA air purifiers that we have adapted and positioned as directed by Dr. Lohner. This includes the addition of chimneys to create circular air flow, and installation of purifiers above through-the-wall unit ventilators, where present.

What is the School doing to eliminate congestion in the hallways?

Movement in hallways will be supervised by teachers, administrators, and staff, and markers on the floors will remind students and adults to maintain 6 feet of physical distance. Lower School students will not be changing classrooms and will be accompanied by a teacher when they go outside for recess, break, PE, or lunch.

When practical in the Middle School we have created one way traffic flows. Only half of the students will be in the hallways at a time. Grade 5 and grade 8 students will dismiss from class five minutes earlier than grades 6 and 7 students (two different bell sounds will be used).

How will Middle and Upper School students enter their classrooms?

Desks in all classrooms have been spaced 6 feet apart. Students and faculty may not rearrange the furniture so that this distancing can be maintained.

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The first student into each classroom will take the desk farthest from the door. There are no assigned seats. When leaving the classroom, the student closest from the door will exit first and the students will leave in reverse order from how they entered, again maintaining 6 feet of physical space.

Will students be using lockers?

In order to facilitate traffic flow and physical distancing in the hallways, most students will not use lockers. Lower School students will keep their belongings inside their classroom. Middle and Upper School students should plan on carrying their devices, books, and other material from class to class in their backpack.

Middle and Upper School parents or students can request an accommodation by contacting their Division Head.

Is the School enhancing cleaning protocols?

Yes. The School has hired a full time employee to continuously clean and disinfect high touch areas throughout the building, including bathrooms, between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. As part of its daily routine, each evening, the School's cleaning crew will also wipe down all desks, chairs, bathrooms, and other high touch areas in the school. Additional disinfecting cleaning will be done on Wednesdays.

Additionally, each classroom has been equipped with bottles of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes for cleaning desks, chairs, and any other common areas.

In the Middle School, a staggered release during each period will enable each student in grades 5 and 8 to clean the desk and chair they will be occupying in their new classroom while students in grades 6 and 7 will have time to clean their desks and chairs prior to departing the classrooms.

Upper School students will be responsible for cleaning their own work stations prior to sitting down.

How will shared devices be cleaned?

In most cases, students will not share any devices, art supplies, books, or other material. Each student has been provided with the supplies and material needed for their courses.

The Upper School will continue to use shared computers in both the STEM and digital arts classrooms, and for printing on each floor. Students will be responsible for wiping

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down keyboards and screens before using these devices with cleaning supplies that the School has provided.

Students in the Lower and Middle Schools will not be sharing any devices. They may ask their teacher to print documents for them.

How will student devices be cleaned in the Lower and Middle Schools?

Lower School iPads will be disinfected by teachers with supplies provided by the School prior to placing them in the charging stations each evening. Lower School students will bring their devices home each Tuesday evening.

Middle School students will bring home their devices (iPads in grade 5 and Chromebooks in grades 6-8) each evening and are asked to disinfect them at home.

Will students be sharing desks?

In the Lower School, no. Each student will have an “Individual Work Zone” consisting of a desk, floor seat, lap desk, and hula hoop.

In the Middle School, desks will be shared and no student will have their own desk (grades 5 & 6 desks will be turned around). Students will clean their desks and chairs each period.

Similarly, in the Upper School, desks will be shared and no student will have their own desk. Cleaning of desks will occur each period by the students who enter the classroom.

Are any special precautions being taken regarding the bathrooms?

Yes. The bathrooms, along with other high touch areas in the building, will be regularly disinfected throughout the day by a dedicated member of our facilities team.

We have also established a limit of 1 or 2 people in each bathroom, depending on size. Signs posted on the doors indicate the maximum occupancy and some bathroom stalls have been closed and locked. If the bathroom is fully occupied, students and employees will line up in the hallway, maintaining 6 feet of physical distance.

Face masks must be worn at all times in the bathrooms and air purifiers have been installed in each bathroom. Finally, disinfectant wipes have been placed in each bathroom for wiping of the commode or sink prior to use.

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How will Lower School use the bathrooms?

Students will be sent to the bathroom one at a time. Lower School teachers will provide continuous messages about students distancing and washing hands. “Emergencies” will be sent to the bathroom or Health Room and considered a priority if there is a line. Students who have toileting accidents will go to the Health Room to change.

What will faculty and staff do if they are not feeling well?

All school employees must stay home if they are not feeling well. The School has implemented a new sick leave policy for this school year.

DRESS CODE

What is the dress code during hybrid instruction?

We want everyone to feel as comfortable as possible despite the heightened demands of mask-wearing, and colder indoor temperatures because windows will be open for better ventilation. Students and teachers will therefore be allowed “free dress” as described in the [Parent and Student Handbook](#). We will reinstitute the normal dress code once we fully reoccupy the building. In the meantime, students are encouraged but not required to wear their McLean gear. Please ensure that your child dresses warmly.

We also recognize that public health conditions may require us to transition again to home-based instruction. We do not want parents to go through the expense of purchasing uniforms for what may be a short period in the building.

Faculty will also enjoy free dress in line with the guidelines in the Employee Handbook during school-based hybrid instruction.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS

Once school-based instruction begins, can parents decide to switch between school- and home-based instruction?

Yes, with two weeks of advance notice given to your child’s division head. This will provide the School with needed time to provide your child with material needed for either school- or home-based education.

Will Occupational Therapy services be provided?

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The occupational therapists will not be providing individualized services at this time. In order to best support our students, they will be sharing their expertise in the development of fine motor skills, handwriting, keyboarding, and gardening with the Lower School students by continuing to instruct in these areas to Small Learning Groups.

Will Speech and Language services be provided in the Lower School?

The speech and language pathologist will not be providing individualized services at this time. In order to best support our students, she will be sharing her expertise in the development of phonemic awareness and pragmatic language skills with the Lower School students by continuing to instruct in these areas to small learning groups.

Will Middle and Upper School students be allowed to keep their cell phones with them?

Yes, but with conditions.

In order to avoid adults handling phones of Middle School students, those students will be required to power off and put their cell phones in their backpacks when school starts and keep them there during the day.

Upper School students will adhere to the guidelines of proper cell phone use, as outlined in the [Parent & Student Handbook](#).

Will students be able to take books out of the Learning Commons?

Yes. The School Librarian will provide suggested reading lists for students in all divisions and bring requested books directly to them. Students can access online through Destiny Discover the School's library collection but will not be able to browse books in the Learning Commons as it will be used for child care for McLean faculty and staff.

In accordance with guidelines from the American Library Association, when books are returned, they will remain untouched for 3 days before being reshelved. The same protocol will be followed by teachers for books in their classrooms.

Is it safe for teachers and students to exchange paper for homework and assignments?

Yes. Scientists have found that paper is not a surface that the coronavirus can easily live on and therefore not a vehicle for virus transmission.

Will the School be conducting After School Programs?

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The following after school programs will be conducted with continued adherence to the School's established safety protocols:

- The School will continue its after school Sports Conditioning and Skills Development Program through the end of the first semester. The Potomac Valley Athletic Conference (PVAC), of which the School is a member, hopes to begin interscholastic sports competitions in January. At that time, the School will determine which sports, if any, it feels safe to participate in given the public health concerns at that time.
- Middle School after school Study Hall will begin on Monday, October 26 and [sign up information can be found here](#). Students can participate in Study Hall on the days they are normally scheduled to be on campus.
- We will evaluate the feasibility and interest in Lower School 3:20 Club and it may be phased in starting in early November.

Will we have a Fall Drama Performance?

Yes. The Drama Department has selected a “virtual” play for the Upper School that will be performed over Zoom. Rehearsals are underway and the performances are expected to be released on November 20. More details will be forthcoming. There will be no Middle School Fall play.

Will visitors be allowed into the building?

- During the school day, visitors, including parents, will not normally be allowed to enter the building.
- When possible, repairs will be conducted before students arrive or after they depart. When this is not possible, those providing repair services will have to complete the MyMedBot Health Screening Questionnaire and their movement in the building will be confined to their immediate area of focus.
- The Admission Office will conduct tours for prospective families after school.

HEALTH ROOM

For further details, please consult the [Educational Continuity Plan](#).

How will the School treat students who show COVID-19 symptoms during the school day?

Any student exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will immediately be brought to the Health Room. The School nurse will assess the student's symptoms based on CDC guidance and if needed place the student in the isolation area established in the Health Room. The parents will be called and the student needs to be picked up within 30 minutes. Once they arrive at school, parents should call McLean's main number (301.299.8277)

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to let the receptionist know they are on site and the School nurse will escort the student outside through a designated exit. Parents will be required to contact their child's primary care physician to determine whether a test is recommended. A doctor's clearance note will be required in order for the student to return to school.

When can a student, faculty member, or staff return to School after testing positive for COVID-19?

Before individuals who have a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis are able to return to school, they must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication AND have symptoms that have improved AND be 10 days from when symptoms first appeared.

If a faculty member, staff, or student has tested positive for COVID-19 but is asymptomatic, they may return to school 10 days after their positive test. Finally, faculty, staff, and students must be medically cleared by McLean's COVID-19 Health Coordinator, Margarita Rosado-Payne, prior to their return.

When can a faculty member, staff, or student return to school after close contact with a person infected with COVID-19?

Public health officials will notify an individual if they are considered a "close contact" of someone diagnosed with COVID-19. Close contacts must stay home for 14 days from the date of their last exposure even if they have no symptoms or they have a negative COVID-19 test done during the quarantine.

What is the protocol if a student or employee tests positive?

The School will notify the Montgomery County Health Officer and the Maryland State Department of Health of any suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19. As required by law, the School will follow the instructions of the County Health Officer including with regard to guaranteeing and notifying others in the community, contact tracing, and disinfecting.

Is there any change to the procedures for students receiving prescription medication at school?

The School nurses will continue to dispense prescription medication to students at the time prescribed by physicians. To lessen congestion in the Health Room, we have established a one-way traffic pattern. Students will enter through the entrance to the administrative offices and exit into the Middle School hallway.