

Updated COVID-19 Protocols



The School District of Manatee County, working in close collaboration with the Florida Department of Health Manatee, is rigorously monitoring the presence of COVID-19 cases on our school campuses and in our school support sites.

After evaluating the number and types of cases recorded during the first two days of school, we have determined we must re-introduce many of the additional procedures we had in place at our schools and support sites last year to strengthen our mitigation strategies.

The following additional procedures are effective immediately:

- ✓ All students and employees who are sick or who have symptoms will be sent home until they are symptom free.
- ✓ Temperature checks will be taken daily for all employees and randomly for students.
- ✓ Reinforce and practice proper handwashing techniques among students and staff.
- ✓ Provide and encourage the use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Deep clean and disinfect schools and school buses daily, or in-between uses as needed.
- ✓ Make every effort to social distance as much possible in schools.
- ✓ District employees visiting schools, other than their own, must wear masks during the school day.
- ✓ Provide plastic shields in elementary classrooms and cafeterias where possible.
- ✓ All employees will answer COVID-related questions daily upon arriving at work.
- ✓ Limit non-essential visitors and volunteers to school campuses.
- ✓ **Everyone eligible to be vaccinated is strongly encouraged to get vaccinated.**

Let's work together to keep our schools open and our students and staff healthy!