

2020-2021 Mt. Calvary-Grace Lutheran School Reopening Plan

MCG has made the decision to be open to in-person learning regardless of what color the La Crosse County Compass is at. This is a decision based on student to teacher ratio as well as extra safety and health precautions that have been put into place on our campus. Our teachers will also offer a virtual option for families that are not comfortable having in person learning. We want to support all our families and ask that you make a decision for your student(s) based on what is best for your family. We ask that if you wish to have students at MCG this school year (in person or virtual) that you email Mrs. Gloede at secretary@mcglutheran.org with your decision or commitment no later than Friday, August 7th so that we can move forward with planning and our teachers can put together their classroom schedules. After a commitment is made, individual teachers will make contact with their students and families can set-up a one-on-one meeting if needed. Please call Mr. B (608-304-3604) with any questions or concerns regarding this plan.

COHORTS	Students will spend the school day in their designated COHORT. Intermingling of cohorts will not be allowed.	
PK3	Mrs. Gates	COHORT 1
PK4	Mrs. Biedenbender	COHORT 1
K	Mrs. Thompson	COHORT 2
1	Mrs. Gramarossa	COHORT 2
2	Mrs. Gramarossa	COHORT 2
3	Mr. Towne	COHORT 3
4	Mr. Towne	COHORT 3
5	Mr. Biedenbender	COHORT 4
6	Mr. Biedenbender	COHORT 4
7	Mr. Biedenbender	COHORT 4
8	Mr. Biedenbender	COHORT 4
<u>No more than 10 students per grade</u>		
Arrival	Scheduled at 7:30am. Doors are unlocked at 7:15. Students will be asked to go directly to their classrooms. No one is to linger in the entryway or in the hallways for longer than needed. Please use social distancing as recommended. School day begins at 7:50.	
Dismissal	<p>End of day dismissal locations:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">PK3-PK4 - Church Entrance (closest to 16th street)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">K-2 - Park Avenue Main School Entrance</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3-4 & 5-8 - Gym Entrance with dismissal at staggered times</p> <p>Parents of older students (3-8) are asked to make contact with student/teacher from their vehicle. Parents of younger students (PK3-2) should meet at the appropriate door. Because of the multiple dismissal locations, it will be hard for older siblings to escort younger students, but can be done if necessary. If parents need to enter the building for dismissal, masks are to be worn. On fair weather days, expect students to wait outside the building. Adjustments will be made during inclement weather. Students are to remain on school grounds until they are picked-up and will not be allowed to wait at the park across the street.</p>	

Recess/Phy-Ed	Recess and Phy-Ed will be scheduled so that each classroom is able to utilize a space to themselves without intermingling with others. Shared play items will be sanitized between use. Make sure students have weather appropriate clothing for outdoor activities.
Snacks	Students will supply their own snacks and snacks will be consumed in classrooms. Snack juice/milk will still be available for purchase through the Hot Lunch Program and delivered to classrooms by kitchen staff.
Lunch	Students will utilize separate spaces (assigned tables) and separate lunch times while consuming food in the cafeteria. Each table will have its own bussing area and tables will be sanitized between use. Students will not have access to microwaves. Cold lunch items that need to be warmed up will have to be done by Mrs. Asp or Mrs. Cordes after they have served all the hot lunch students. There will be no self-serve items for students, all food/drinks will be served out of the serving window. Students will not be allowed to share food with each other. The need to consume lunch in classrooms may arise and will be arranged as needed.
Masks	Masks will be mandated for all staff and students entering and exiting the building and in common areas on the MCG campus. As well as at times indicated by the individual classroom plans while on campus. (The only exceptions to mask wearing in common areas are eating lunch) Masks must be appropriate and not distracting. MCG will supply 5 cloth washable masks per student, but students may also bring masks from home. All reusable fabric masks must be brought home and properly washed between use. Please label all masks to avoid unwanted mix-ups. Please note: As indicated on each classroom plan, once students are in their classrooms masks will not be mandatory, but may be worn if desired. (this is subject to change)
Active Monitoring	Parents will be asked to actively monitor their students. Daily symptom reporting will be implemented for parents prior to sending students to school either by an email or an app (TBD!). Any student(s) that show active symptoms while at school will be removed from the classroom and placed in the designated isolation room and parents will be called for immediate pick-up. If a student shows any symptoms of COVID-19 please keep ALL STUDENTS home until it is determined that the ill student does not have COVID-19.
Illness	Students who have any illness must be symptom free without medication for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If you would answer YES to ANY of the following statements, please DO NOT send your child to school. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My child has, or has had a temperature over 100.4F in the past 24 hours. 2. I have given my child medication to lower his/her temperature in the past 24 hours. 3. My child has, or has had potential symptoms of COVID-19. 4. I know my child has been exposed to COVID-19.
Hand Washing/Sanitizing	Frequent handwashing will be mandatory throughout the day in each classroom. Hand sanitizing stations have been placed in high traffic areas for utilization throughout the day as well.
School Cleaning	Normal cleaning will be done every morning before school begins. High-touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the school day as well as sanitized after school by teachers and staff.
After School Care	With all the added COVID guidelines, at this time we are strongly suggesting parents look at alternatives for after school care. If absolutely necessary, MCG teachers will supervise after school care from 3:00-5:30 M-F on school days. Staff and students attending will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing either by staying in family COHORTS or student COHORTS. Parents need to discuss directly with Mr. B if after school care is needed.

Sports (grades 5-8)	At this time, it has been decided to postpone the start of the sports calendar. Practices will begin no earlier than September 21 st and games/meets no earlier than October 1 st . However, this is a very fluid category and the LALSAC Athletic Directors will continue discussion about this. Mr. Towne will update families and athletes as needed.
Field Trips/Special Events	There are no scheduled field trips or special events at this time. Discussion for added events will happen as the school year progresses.
Pioneers	Mr. and Mrs. Asp look to continue pioneers with a virtual approach and possible outdoor activities (weather permitting) where social distancing can be implemented. More information to follow.
Choir	Choir will not be held to start the school year nor will students be scheduled to sing in worship services. This will be re-evaluated as the school year progresses and communicated to families. Choir instruction will be replaced by other music class activities.
Chapel	Students will attend Chapel once a week (Wednesdays) while practicing social distancing and mask wearing.
Piano lessons	Students who sign-up to receive piano lessons will do so with Mrs. Cotton in the piano room. Masks must be worn by both student and teacher and equipment will be sanitized between students.
Field Trips	There are no scheduled field trips at this time. Discussions will continue as the school year progresses and communicated.
Special Events	There are no scheduled special events at this time (Fall Fest, Grandparent's Day, etc.) Discussions will continue as the school year progresses and communicated.
Visitors	Visitors into the building will be limited. All visitors/parents are required to wear a mask if entering school for ANY reason. Visitors will also be asked to park on the street in front of school or in the back lot (Denton St.) of school during school hours in order to leave the large parking lot next to the gymnasium open for play/pickup.
Travel	During this pandemic, health agencies and government authorities strongly suggest that you limit travel outside of your immediate area. If you must travel, please make all the necessary precautions to keep your family safe. MCG reserves the right to ask your student(s) to remain at home for a designated period of time if they have traveled outside of our area.
School Supplies	All school supplies are to be labeled with student's names and cannot be shared among students. We also ask each student to bring a water bottle to school. The water fountains will be shut off, but the bottle fillers will be operative.
Computer Use	5 th -8 th graders will each be given a laptop provided by MCG that they can use while at school and can take home that will need to be returned at the end of the year. 3 rd -4 th graders will utilize the computer lab for technology related courses at school. PK3-2 nd will not have computer access while at school. If there is a need for virtual learning for your student(s) at some point during the year and you do not have the technology to do so, please speak directly to your teacher.
Virtual Learning	Each teacher has put together a virtual learning option for their classroom if parents are not comfortable sending their students to in person classes. A virtual learning commitment must be made by each family in order to proceed with this learning approach. Virtual learning schedules will be sent out after we have a commitment. A virtual student still holds a spot in the class and may return to the classroom for in-person learning at any time throughout the school year.
Possible Scenarios To better understand how MCG will react to times when students or staff are exposed to, symptomatic of or test positive for the	Scenario A - Symptomatic student with <u>negative</u> test result. Madi (8 th grader) – symptomatic of Covid-19 (as laid out by the Health Department) a. Madi and all her family members (Calvin(2 nd) and Tessa(5 th) are to stay home pending test results b. Request for Madi to be tested for COVID-19 c. A Negative test result is realized.

Covid-19 virus, we have put together some different scenarios that we hope you find easy to understand and that will answer questions before they even are asked. Again, these are POSSIBLE SCENARIOS using the Gloede family as an example. **All decisions related to COVID-19 will be decided with the help of the La Crosse County Health Department.**

d. Well/healthy students can return to school as usual but the ill student (in this case-Madi) needs to be free of symptoms for 24 hours prior to returning.

Scenario B - Symptomatic student with positive test result

Madi (8th grader) – symptomatic of Covid-19 (as laid out by the Health Department)

- a. Madi and all her family members (Calvin(2nd) and Tessa(5th) are to stay home pending test results
- b. Request for Madi to be tested for COVID-19
- c. Positive test result is realized
- d. COHORT (classroom 5-8) will be notified of a positive case and given instructions for next steps to be taken
 1. If the positive case(Madi) was at school while infectious then the whole COHORT was exposed and will possibly need to quarantine for 14 days pending direction from the Health department.
- e. Madi, Calvin and Tessa must be quarantined/isolated for 14 days
- f. If Calvin and/or Tessa become symptomatic request will be made for COVID test

Scenario C - Multiple students (and/or staff) with positive test results

Madi (8th grader) has a known positive case and Calvin (2nd) also tests positive.

- a. the same would apply to Calvin’s COHORT as stated above in scenario B d. & d.1)
- b. Family members(students) outside of the quarantined cohort will NOT need to quarantine unless showing symptoms or if their family member tests positive. (In other words, if you have a student that is quarantined due to a positive case in their COHORT but have other students at school in other COHORTS, they are able to continue to go to school.

Scenario D - Student develops symptoms while at school


Calvin (2nd grader) becomes symptomatic of COVID while at school

- a. Calvin will be removed from his COHORT and placed in our designated isolation room along with Tessa (5th grader) and Madi (8th grader)
- b. Parents will be called and student(s) will need to be picked up ASAP!
- c. Request for Calvin to be tested for COVID-19 will be made
- d. Appropriate steps as indicated in the previous scenarios will apply pending the test results.

Scenario E - Teacher is symptomatic

Mr. Towne is symptomatic of COVID (as laid out by the Health Department)

- a. Mr. Towne’s COHORT would be quarantined pending test result
- b. Positive result, Mr. Towne would implement online learning for his COHORT (if healthy enough to do so).
- c. Negative result, Mr. Towne will return to school after 24 hrs free of symptoms, a substitute teacher may assist with this situation.

Additional information	<p>At this time, testing for COVID-19 can only be done with a person that is symptomatic.</p> <p>MCG can <i>request</i> a symptomatic student be tested for COVID-19 but <i>cannot demand</i> them. If parents choose not to test a symptomatic student, then MCG will implement the following policy:</p> <p><i>“If a symptomatic student refuses COVID-19 testing, then that student, as well as other family member students will need to self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to MCG.”</i></p>
<p>Mt. Calvary – Grace Staff will do their absolute best to keep all our students safe and healthy while on campus at MCG.</p> <p>Communication and flexibility among Teachers, Parents and Students will be crucial during this school year. Any significant and pertinent information will be shared in a timely manner with all those who need to know and will come directly from the school office. We will be as transparent as possible! Weekly updates will continue in the form of our school newsletter (Hawk Happenings) via email and will include any COVID-19/Health Department updates as well as direct school related incidents.</p> <p><i>Hebrews 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul. </i></p>	