

MES Family Update September 23, 2021

Good afternoon MES Families,

We hope that the Fall season has started out well for everyone. We are hoping that tomorrow's storms miss morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up.

A few things for you today:

*Next week Nurse Mecca will conduct vision and hearing screenings for many of our students. Per Connecticut guidelines, all students **except** Grades PreK, 2 and 6 will be screened.

*This week we met with our town-wide School Safety and Security team. The team meets near the start of each school year - and on an as needed basis from there. We review any changes/modifications to the MES School Safety and Security Plan. The meeting includes town officials, members of the Marlborough Fire Department, our Resident Trooper, our Town Constable, school administration and Nurse Mecca. The group discussed some additional measures that can be put in place to make MES an even safer place for students and staff.

*Although we realize that the end of the day pick-up line can get quite lengthy, it is imperative that cars do not move into the left lane to pass the waiting line of cars. Please use some of the following strategies to avoid getting stuck in the line if you are not doing regular K-6 pick-up from the Community Room.

- Afternoon PreK families - please plan on getting into the front pick-up loop around 2:35. This should help you avoid the pick-up line. Feel free to arrive even earlier if you would like.
- Anyone who does get stuck in the line, please pull into the Gym lot, park and walk up to the front of the building to pick-up your PreK or early pick-up student.
- Although we don't want to make a habit of it, please use the Senior Center parking area and walk up the sidewalk to the front of the building for pick-up.

*Please see the information below from the Health Room. The information below is guidance from DPH, CSDE and Chatham Health:

When my child is sick:

Keep your child home until symptoms improve

Get your child a COVID test (PCR) if:

- **They have one or more of the following key COVID symptoms:** feeling feverish, temperature 100.4 or greater, chills, uncontrolled new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell.
- **They have two or more of the following nonspecific COVID symptoms:** fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

Students should remain home until test results are received by the Health Room. You may fax results to 860-295-6223 or email amecca@marlborough.k12.ct.us.

Students may return to school earlier if a healthcare provider provides documentation with a specific, confirmed alternate diagnosis (e.g. strep throat).

If your child has had close contact with a COVID positive individual or tests positive for COVID, please contact the school immediately. **Close contact definition:** *within 6 feet of a COVID positive individual for 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.*

We hope that everyone has a terrific Friday and a wonderful first weekend of Fall.

Dan & Kim