

Memorial Updated Safety Precautions for School Opening



After meeting with the Louisiana Board of Education on Zoom this week, their rules have changed again. Go figure. The state is now requiring 3rd grade and up to wear masks all day long. Out of an abundance of caution and because our 1st and 2nd grade are housed upstairs in our school, I have made the decision that 1st grade and up will all wear masks (guidelines on this to follow). This will ensure that along with our “static” classrooms, no child or teacher will be susceptible to catching Covid in our school. Now obviously each teacher upstairs while in their class will have 5 minute mask breaks throughout the day. In fact, there are a few exercises that I will be asking our classrooms to do to relax during this time.

Let me take this opportunity to explain to you what a “static” classroom means. No class will come in contact with another class during the course of the day. So if by chance, one of our students test positive only that class will need to go home. In my previous email, I stated that class would be sent home for 14 days. The CDC has now changed their rules to 10 days. In fact if we can identify the student early on, only 3 days are necessary because of our school mask requirements and static classrooms. Some of these changes will be a challenge to make happen but with encouragement from home and nurturing teachers here at school, we will achieve all of the safety measures needed for our school this year. Let me reassure you that if students are not adhering to our school safety precautions of masks & distance, then it will not be handled in a disciplinary matter but an encouraging one.

Now for those of you who are sitting on the fence right now concerning whether your child will attend our school or not, let me be so bold as to say your child will be safer at Memorial than any grocery store, hardware store or restaurant you’ve probably already visited. (And by the way if I have seen you at one of the previous mentioned places, it was great to see you.) Our teachers are reaching out to families this week regarding your plans for the start of school. I am happy to say that in several of our classrooms, there is a wait list and our phones continue to ring daily with families inquiring about openings in our school. **I want you.** But if you have decided that your family is not attending our school this year, please inform us as soon as possible.

Everything that can be done at Memorial, will be done to keep our students and faculty safe throughout the year. I hate to say trust me but you know you can. No one loves your child more than myself or our faculty. I look forward to seeing you on the first day of school, checking temperatures, wearing my Memorial mask and checking you in on time and at the proper door.

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