

# MECHS COVID Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When will MECHS open for in-person instruction?

September 14th, 2020

Q: Will MECHS continue to offer a virtual option once the school buildings are open for in-person instruction?

Yes, MECHS will still offer a virtual option. Students will not have to choose between the virtual or in-person option, though we encourage students to come to the building for in-person support as often as they are able. Students will be able to work from home when needed and work at the site when they need the in-person support. MECHS will be operating with staff at the Site Monday through Wednesday from 4:00–9:00 p.m. (time may vary by site). Thursday will be a virtual learning day for all students. All students will be required to come to the building for EOC testing.

Q: Can students come into the building to work even if they are mostly working virtually?

Yes, even if a student chooses to do the majority of his/her work virtually, if the student needs help from a teacher, he/she is welcome and encouraged to come to the building for support.

Q: Can students work virtually any time throughout the day even though MECHS is only open from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.?

Yes, students can work virtually anytime. However, it is important to note that teacher support is only available for virtual students Monday through Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Therefore, if a student needs a test reset, needs a password to take a test, or simply needs teacher assistance, that support is only available on Monday through Thursday from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Q: Will MECHS provide a device such as a Chromebook for students?

There will be a limited number of chromebooks available for each site to check out to students.

Q: Will MECHS provide internet access for students who work virtually?

No, MECHS will not be providing internet access for students. All stand alone MECHS sites will have WIFI available in their parking lots for student use.



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**Q:** What happens when a parent/guardian is registering and cannot upload documents such as a birth certificate, social security card, transcripts, etc.?

If a parent/guardian is unable to upload the required documents for registration, contact the Site Registrar. The Registrar may be able to get all of the documents through a records request from the previous school. However, if the Registrar is not able to get these documents from the previous school, the parent/guardian can make an appointment with the Registrar and bring the documents to the Registrar in person rather than uploading them through online registration. The parent/guardian is not required to upload documents through online registration in order to submit registration.

**Q:** Do parents/guardians have to upload documents when re-registering?

No, if one is completing re-registration, MECHS already has all of the required documents on file. There is no need to upload documents again through online re-registration.

**Q:** When students come back into the building, how will

parents/guardians/students be notified when someone tests positive for Covid?

See the COVID Decision Making Flow Charts

**Q:** How will students be served food during Covid?

When students return, MECHS will offer prepackaged snacks. The snacks will be given to students in each classroom or in the cafeteria (if the number of students and size of the cafeteria area will accommodate social distancing). The snacks will be given to students by a staff member wearing gloves and a mask. There will be no buffet service. MECHS will consider returning to our normal/traditional meal plan as we continue face to face learning. When we return to our normal/traditional meal plan, we will continue no buffet style service. Meals will be individually packaged and/or boxed.



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Q: Will students be moving freely around the buildings from class to class when they return?

Yes, students have the ability to change classes as long as maximum capacity is not exceeded in the room.

Q: Why can students only receive testing passwords between 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.?

Testing passwords require staff monitoring and support. Therefore, testing passwords will only be available during staff working hours which coincide with site hours.

Q: What happens when a teacher doesn't respond between 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.?

Teachers are required to be available for student support from 4pm-9pm Monday through Thursday, on the listed site based support emails listed on the [mymec.org/students](mailto:mymec.org/students) webpage. Teachers will be responding to students as quickly as possible, but speed will be based on the number of students seeking support at any given time. If you feel you have an incident where a teacher is not responding appropriately, please reach out to site administration for follow up and further investigation.

Q: Is the blended learning MECHS model going to continue even after Covid is no longer a global pandemic?

Yes, MECHS will be a blended learning program indefinitely. Students will continue to have the option to work virtually or in person. MECHS will be moving to a hybrid model, currently with Monday through Wednesday open for in-person instruction and Thursday designated as a virtual learning day for all students. Students will still have the option to work virtually on the in-person days. Students will be required to come to the buildings for EOC testing.



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