

Carver Public Schools  
**Fall Reopening Frequently Asked Questions**  
as of July 24, 2020

**1. What is the timeline for the school district to make a decision on how schools will reopen in the fall?**

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The Carver Public School Reopening Committees are currently developing plans for three scenarios for a return to school in the fall:

1. A full in person return;
2. A hybrid model in which students with the last names A-L would come to school on Monday and Tuesday, and students with the last names M-Z would come to school on Thursday and Friday and all students would be remote on Wednesday, In the hybrid model students in the same household would come to school on the same days even if they have different last names; and
3. A full remote plan

An initial draft of these three plans needs to be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Education (DESE) by Friday, July 31. The final version of all three plans must be presented to the school community and DESE no later than Monday, August 10. The Carver School Committee will make the decision on which plan will be implemented. At the next School Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 29, the Committee will establish a date to review the final plans and a second date to vote on the final plan that will be implemented in the fall.

**2. Who needs to wear a mask or face covering, and when do they need to be worn?**

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Students in second grade and above, and all adults, including educators and staff, are **required** to wear masks/face coverings. Students in grades K-1 will be **required** to wear masks/face coverings on the bus and during all movement and transitions throughout the building, but will have the opportunity to take their mask/face covering in the classroom setting. Students in Pre-K **will not be required** to wear masks but mask wearing is recommended. For students in grade 2 and above, masks breaks will be scheduled throughout the day. All students are **required** to wear masks on the school bus.

**3. What will the safety protocols be on the school bus?**

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Only one student will be allowed to sit on each bench on the school bus, students in the same household can sit together on the bus. This will give us a maximum of 23 students on each bus, *not including* siblings sitting together. Students are **required** to wear masks on the bus with no exceptions. The school bus will be sanitized between each route.

**4. Will there be Allied Arts classes and specials?**

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In all three models we plan on offering allied arts classes at the Middle High School and specials at the Elementary School. DESE will be releasing guidance next week about band and chorus at all levels.

**5. If we go back in the hybrid model, will my children be on the same schedule?**

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Yes. All students in the same household will be on the same schedule.

**6. If we go back in the hybrid model, what will remote learning time look like?**

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The Reopening Committee is currently working on finalizing plans for what the remote learning days will look like for students. The committees are committed to having connection time for all students when they are home on their remote learning days.

**7. What would the classroom set-up look like in 3 feet and 6 feet of social distancing?**

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All desks will be set-up facing the point of instruction in the classroom. At 3 feet of social distancing we can have up to 23 desks in each Elementary classroom and up to 20 desks in most Middle High School classrooms. At 6 feet of social distance we can have 20 desks in each Elementary classroom and 16 desks in each Middle High School classrooms. Medical experts advising DESE have stated that the greater the physical distance the better, but that the minimum acceptable distance is 3 feet, when in combination with face coverings and other measures. Establishing a minimum physical distance of three feet between students is informed by evidence and supported by the guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization.

**8. Will the school district provide devices for all students in the hybrid or remote model?**

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All students in grades K-12 will have access to a district issued device and charger.

**9. What happens if a child/adult has symptoms or there is exposure in school?**

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DESE has specific guidance that has been developed in coordination with medical professionals. An overview of the guidance is in the chart that follows.

Event	Location of Event	Testing Result	Quarantine
<p><b>Individual is symptomatic</b></p>	<p>If an individual is symptomatic <u>at home</u>, they should stay home and get tested.</p> <p>If an individual student is symptomatic <u>on the bus or at school</u>, they should remain masked and adhere to strict physical distancing. Students will then be met by the nurse and stay in the medical waiting room until they can go home. They should not be sent home on the bus.</p> <p>If an individual staff member is symptomatic at school, they should find coverage for their duties and then go home and get tested.</p>	<p>Individual tests <b><u>negative</u></b></p>	<p>Return to school once asymptomatic for 24 hours</p>
		<p>Individual tests <b><u>positive</u></b></p>	<p>Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school, notify personal close contacts, assist the school in contact tracing efforts, and answer the call from the local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative. Most people who have a relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days <b>and</b> until at least 3 days have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms.</p>
		<p>Individual <b>is not tested</b></p>	<p>Remain home in self-isolation for 14 days from symptom onset</p>
<p><b>Individual is exposed to COVID-19 positive individual</b></p>	<p>If an individual is <u>at home</u> when they learn they were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, they should stay at home and be tested 4 or 5 days after their last exposure.</p> <p>If an individual is <u>at school</u> when they learn they were in close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19, they should be masked for the remainder of the day (including K-1 students) and adhere to strict physical distancing. At the end of the day, they should go home and should not take the bus home.</p> <p>They should stay at home and be tested 4 or 5 days after their last exposure.</p>	<p>Individual tests <b><u>negative</u></b></p>	<p>Return to school, if asymptomatic or once asymptomatic for 24 hours</p>
		<p>Individual tests <b><u>positive</u></b></p>	<p>Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school, notify personal close contacts, assist the school in contact tracing efforts, and answer the call from the local board of health or MA Community Tracing Collaborative. Most people who have a relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days <b>and</b> until at least 3 days have passed with no fever and improvement in other symptoms.</p>
		<p>Individual <b>is not tested</b></p>	<p>Remain home in self-quarantine for 14 days from exposure</p>

**10. When would the school close or change its model based on positive cases in the school community?**

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If there is more than one confirmed case of COVID-19, student or staff, in a school, or if there are a series of single cases in a short time span, the school district will work with the Carver Board of Health to determine if an area of the school, an entire school or the school district needs to close or transition to another educational model.

**11. Can parents choose whether to send their children to school or keep them learning remotely?**

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Parents/caregivers can choose to send their children to participate in the in-person or hybrid model or keep them at home learning remotely. In-school attendance is highly encouraged if the district selects an in-person model. If a parent selects to keep their students home, students will be assigned to a remote platform for their coursework. The remote platform we will be using for students in grades 6-12 is Edgenuity. You can find out more information about the platform at [www.edgenuity.com](http://www.edgenuity.com). The district is still in the process of selecting the remote platform for students in grades K-5.

**12. Will Middle High School students keep their course selection for this school year no matter what model is selected by the district.**

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Yes. Middle High School students will have the courses available to them that they signed up for last year no matter what model we return in. If we return in-person in either the full or hybrid model and a student/family selects to be remote, that student will most likely need to select different elective courses. We are still waiting for official guidance on band and chorus.

**13. Will there be fall sports at the Middle High School level?**

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The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) has officially pushed back the start of the fall sports season until Monday, September 14th. The MIAA is waiting for additional guidance if we will have a fall sports season.

**Additional Questions**

The following are additional questions that we are still waiting on additional guidance or still being developing in our planning process.

1. Will there be afterschool activities?
2. What are the specific cleaning and sanitizing protocols for each building?
3. What will the full remote schedule look like?
4. Will all teachers use one platform districtwide in the hybrid or remote model?

5. Other to be determined.