

Mountain Discovery Return to Learn Plan

For the 2021-22 school year, Mountain Discovery is returning to 100% in person instruction at full capacity. In order to ensure the safety of all students, staff and parents, the MDCS Return to Learn Plan is based on the [NC Strong Schools Toolkit](#) published and kept up to date by the NC Department of Health and Human Services. In addition we used simplicity and redundancy as guiding principles during the formation of our plan. We arrived at the following solution signed by all of our staff members and communicated to parents via our messaging system.

Mountain Discovery's Magna Carta

Re: SARS-CoV-2 Protocols

Mountain Discovery acknowledges that physical mitigation strategies are the only way we can assure protection against COVID-19 transmission between members of our school community. Furthermore, we acknowledge the understanding that simultaneous use of multiple physical protections is much safer than implementing just one. Approved physical mitigation strategies are:

- Wearing a **properly fitting** cloth face covering and ensuring others are doing the same
- Indoor ventilation (constant operation of exhaust fans with windows cracked)
- Social distancing
 - Indoors masked: 3 feet
 - Indoors unmasked (**This will only occur during lunch**): At least 6 feet
 - Outdoors masked: 3 feet with tolerance of **momentary** encroachment inside of 3 feet.
 - Outdoors unmasked: 6 feet (see reverse) during lunch and at rest, 3 feet all other times.
- Gathering outside

We, the undersigned, pledge to ensure that there are a combination of **at least 2** of these approved mitigation measures in place during each and every human interaction we supervise or participate in while on the Mountain Discovery campus or on school sponsored field trips and other activities. In addition, we will train students on proper hand washing techniques and disinfect frequently touched common surfaces.

Suspected cases and exposures are managed by our school director and operations manager according to the latest guidance issued by NCDHHS in the Strong Schools Toolkit.

Send an email to rtl@mountaindiscovery.org if you would like to comment on the MDCS Return to Learn Plan.