

Monticello School Infection Control Mitigation Measures 2023/24

Infection prevention and control in the school setting is critical, as ill students cannot successfully learn and ill staff members cannot effectively teach and provide the necessary support to the school community. These measures are subject to change, as we will continue to follow the direction of public health regarding all infectious disease control recommendations.

Monticello Schools asks our families to help keep our school healthy by:

1. Monitoring your child for signs of infectious illness everyday.
2. **Do not send your child to school if sick. Seek medical attention if necessary.**
3. Report your child's absence and the reason for the absence by calling the Pony Attendance Line~ 608-938-4194.
4. It is recommended that you have your child assessed by a medical professional if having multiple symptoms of illness such as:
 - a. Fever (100 degrees or higher) and/or chills
 - b. New loss of taste or smell
 - c. Muscle/body aches
 - d. Cough (not due to other known causes, such as chronic cough)
 - e. Sore throat, when in combination with other symptoms
 - f. Nausea, vomiting, when in combination with other symptoms
 - g. Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
 - h. Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
 - i. Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies), when in combination with other symptoms
5. Vaccinate your child for communicable diseases.
6. Help to teach your child the importance of hand washing, hygiene, and cough etiquette (covering coughs).

Monticello Schools will support a healthy learning environment by:

1. Monitoring our county and state infectious disease levels and public health recommendations for mitigation and control.
2. Daily cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, materials, and surfaces and weekly cleaning our buses.
3. Providing good ventilation and air flow throughout our school.
4. Teaching and requiring frequent hand hygiene, providing frequent hand washing and sanitizing time.
5. Teaching and monitoring for correct cough etiquette.
6. Supporting any student or staff member who wishes to wear a mask while at school.
7. Monitoring our school for outbreaks of any communicable disease.
8. Supporting and helping students who have been out of school due to illness to catch up in school lessons and school work/assignments.