



Weekly Update—Friday, October 9, 2020

New Updates:

1. The next virtual meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom. Here is the link:
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89749082123>
2. **MSHS Outbreak Update.** I know that this week has been difficult as we have needed to move to remote learning for all schools, Manitou Springs High School has been identified as having a cohort outbreak (currently 10 test positives), and now a wildfire (which has a containment line around the entire perimeter). The resiliency through this moment is tremendous.

We thought it would be important to provide all of you with an update related to the identified outbreak at MSHS:

- Here is the [link to a presentation](#). For this situation, we will make updates to this presentation.
- I have audio recorded notes to the presentation. You can [listen to the presentation here](#).
- You can [monitor the outbreak numbers here](#). This is public knowledge through the El Paso County Health Department.

We continue to ask that everyone remains attentive to following our hygiene and health guidelines.

- Health screening daily before coming to school.
- **If sick, do not come to school or attend other events.**
- Wear face masks/coverings.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Maintain physical distancing (as much as possible)

3. **IMPORTANT: Wednesdays as Staff Work Days/Student At-Home Learning Days Through December 16.** I want to share with you that the decision has been made to keep Wednesdays as the staff work days/students at-home through December 16. This time is invaluable for our staff, especially as they are needing to make changes to their instructional practices, curriculum, planning, and a multitude of other adjustments as education navigates this world event. I wanted you to have this information now, so you can plan accordingly through December 16.

As we return to in-person learning on October 19, I know that there are questions about whether or not we will be fully in-person or hybrid. We are monitoring the health data. I will provide an update next Wednesday, October 14. I know this information is important for planning, but we do not want to make this decision too quickly.

4. **Before/After-school Childcare.** The YMCA is assessing if there is an interest in before/after-school childcare on the days of in-person learning. If you are interested in this opportunity. Please complete this survey: [MSES/UTP Before & After School Interest Survey](#) If you have any questions, you can contact Joye Levy at jlevy@mssd14.org.
5. **Barr Trail/Ruxton Avenue Fire.** I send my thoughts to our first responders as they are working hard to protect the community and the beautiful environment in which we live. Thank you to members of our school and district team who worked hard last night to prepare MSHS as an evacuation site for those who needed to evacuate.
6. **Additional Board of Education Work Session Meeting**
 - *Focus of the meeting is on capital improvement and long-term planning.
 - Monday, October 12, 2020
 - 5:00-7:00 pm
 - Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86437984290>
 - ***Monthly Work Session and Board Meeting is still scheduled for October 19, 2020 (Work Session—4:30; Board Meeting—6:00)
7. **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for October 22 and 23. Please be on the lookout for communication from your child's principal and teachers. We are looking forward to the time together. We have decided to move forward with virtual conferences. As much as we would love to have in-person meetings, we are continuing to focus on limiting the number of visitors to campus. Thank you for understanding this need at this time.



Students and parents who are participating in FuelED will also be a part of Parent/Teacher Conferences. Principals will share their plans for these conferences.

8. **Mental Health Resources.** Our Mental Health Team and Partners for Healthy Choices Team are continuing to update resources for students, staff, and families. Here is the link to the website: https://www.mssd14.org/departments/p_h_c
Employee Assistance Program: https://www.mssd14.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_57364/File/Care24%20EAP.pdf
Parents and Students: You can always reach out to our Mental Health professionals at each of our schools.

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Week #	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
					August 21 Cohort 2
1	August 24 Cohort 1	August 25 Cohort 1	August 26 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	August 27 Cohort 2	August 28 Cohort 2
2	August 31 Cohort 1	September 1 Cohort 1	September 2 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	September 3 Cohort 2	September 4* Cohort 2
3	September 7 LABOR DAY	September 8 Cohort 1	September 9 Note... Cohort 1	September 10 Cohort 2	September 11 Cohort 2
4	September 14 Cohort 1	September 15 Cohort 1	September 16 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	September 17 Cohort 2	September 18* Cohort 2
5	September 21 Cohort 1	September 22 Cohort 1	September 23 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	September 24 Cohort 2	September 25 Cohort 2
6	September 28 Cohort 1	September 29 Cohort 1	September 30 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	October 1 Cohort 2	October 2* Cohort 2
7	October 5 All Schools Fully In-person	October 6 MSHS Remote Learning All other schools-Fully in-person	October 7 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	October 8 UPES & MSES— Preparation day for Remote Learning MSMS & MSHS Remote Learning	October 9 All Schools Remote Learning
8	October 12 All Schools Remote Learning	October 13 All Schools Remote Learning	October 14 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	October 15 All Schools Remote Learning	October 16* All Schools Remote Learning
9	October 19 Return to in-person learning (Model will be communicated on Oct 14). Dependent on district data).	October 20 In-person learning—Model TBD	October 21 In-person learning—Model TBD	October 22 ½ Day for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences (All School)	October 23 No Students Parent/Teacher Conferences (All Schools)
10	October 26	October 27	October 28 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	October 29	October 30
11	November 2	November 3	November 4 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	November 5	November 6
12	November 9	November 10	November 11 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	November 12	November 13
13	November 16	November 17	November 18 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	November 19	November 20



14	November 23 No School	November 24 No School	November 25 No School	November 26 No School	November 27 No School
15	November 30	December 1	December 2 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	December 3	December 4
16	December 7	December 8	December 9 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	December 10	December 11
17	December 14	December 15	December 16 All Students At-Home/Staff Work Day	December 17	December