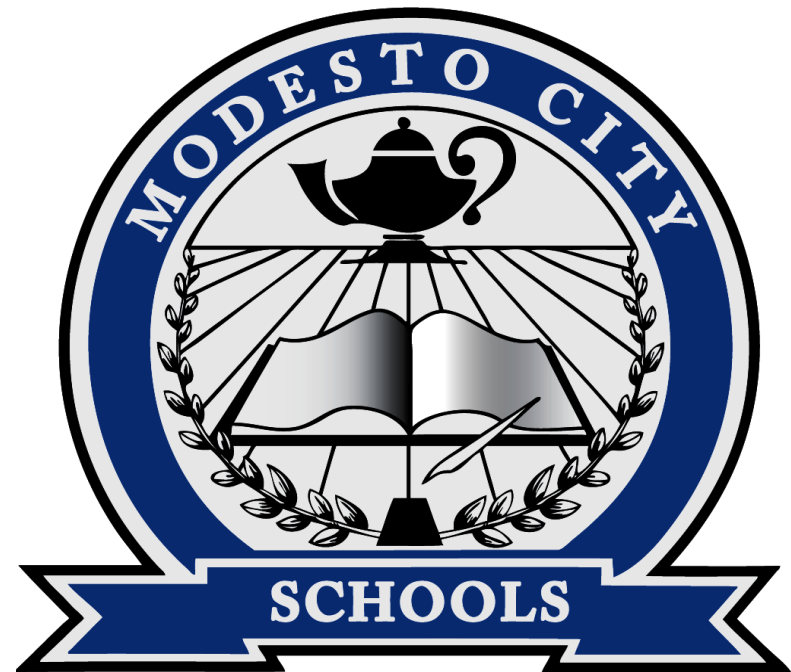


Report on the Opening of Schools



June 22, 2020



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Purpose of Presentation

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a report on the August 10, 2020 opening of schools.

The report will include:

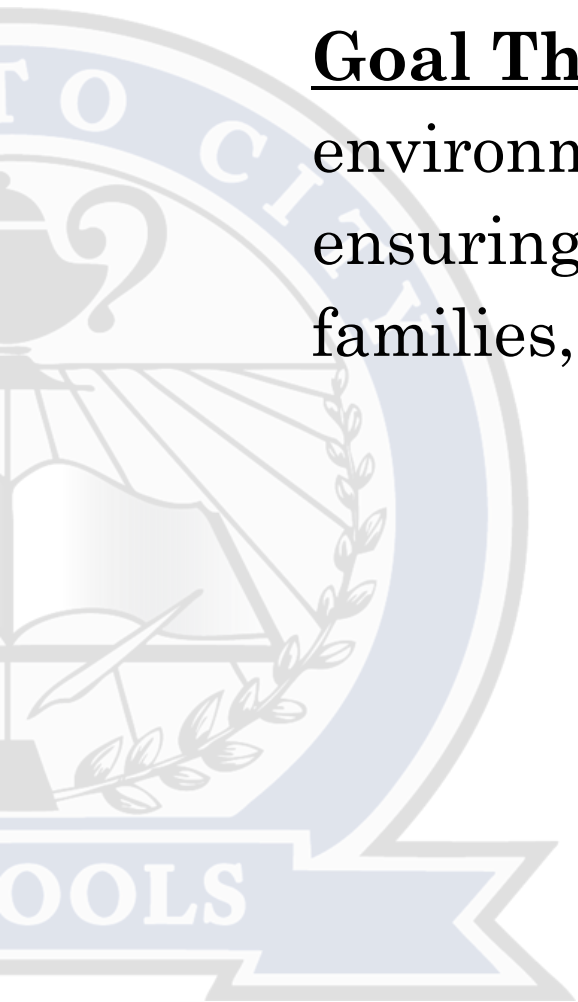
- Preparations for reopening schools
- Instructional models
- COVID-19 health and safety protocols
- Communication with the public
- Next steps



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District Goal Alignment

Goal Three: Provide a safe, welcoming, and respectful learning environment for every member of the school community while ensuring effective district-wide communication for students, staff, families, and community partners.



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Preparations for Reopening Schools

- Apply local control to the **safe reopening** of Modesto City Schools based on **guidance from public health** officials and local and state agencies.
- Reopen Modesto City Schools' sites with **thoughtful safeguards** and **protocols** in place to **minimize health and safety risks** for students and staff.
- Recognize and respect **parent/guardian** decisions to **choose a learning model** that works best for their student(s).

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Instructional Models

We are planning for **two primary instructional models**:

- **Traditional Model**
 - Thoughtful safeguards and protocols
 - In case of quarantines or school closure - effective transitions to Distance Learning model
- **Modesto Virtual Academy (TK-12)**
 - Independent Study
 - Curriculum: Florida Virtual School
 - MCS credentialed teachers

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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **General Guidelines**

- If you are sick stay home...applies to Students and Staff.
- Students and Staff will continuously be **reminded** to **frequently wash** their hands.
- The **wearing of masks** is **encouraged**. Students should plan to provide their own masks. However, in the event they do not have a mask, **MCS will provide upon request**.
- **Parents** should begin the practice of taking **student temperatures daily**. If above **100 degrees**, the student should **stay home**.

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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **General Guidelines (cont.)**

- Each school site is equipped with **thermometers** and will have a **separate quarantine room** for any student or staff member **displaying symptoms** of the virus.
- School Nurses may choose to conduct **random temperature checks** for students and staff.
- If any student or staff member is **confirmed** to have the **virus**, the **entire school community will be notified**, and the **County Health Officer** will direct next steps for that respective student population.

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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Classroom Protocols**

- **Desks** will be spaced to allow **maximum space** available between students and staff.
- **All desks** will face the **same direction**.
- **Hand sanitizer** will be available in **instructional areas**.
- Classroom **entry/exit routines** will be established to support **social distancing**.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Classroom Protocols (cont.)**

- **Shared student devices** used in classrooms will be **cleaned regularly** according to sanitization guidelines.
- **Tissues** will be available in **each classroom**.
- Any student displaying **signs of sickness** will be **immediately referred** to the school site nursing station for assessment.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Transportation Protocols**

- All **bus routes** will be continuously evaluated for **maximum efficiency**.
- Students will be **required to wear a mask** and **sanitize their hands** upon entering the vehicle.
- Students should plan to provide their **own masks**.
- In the event they do not have one, **MCS will provide one**.
- **Social distancing** will be utilized when possible.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

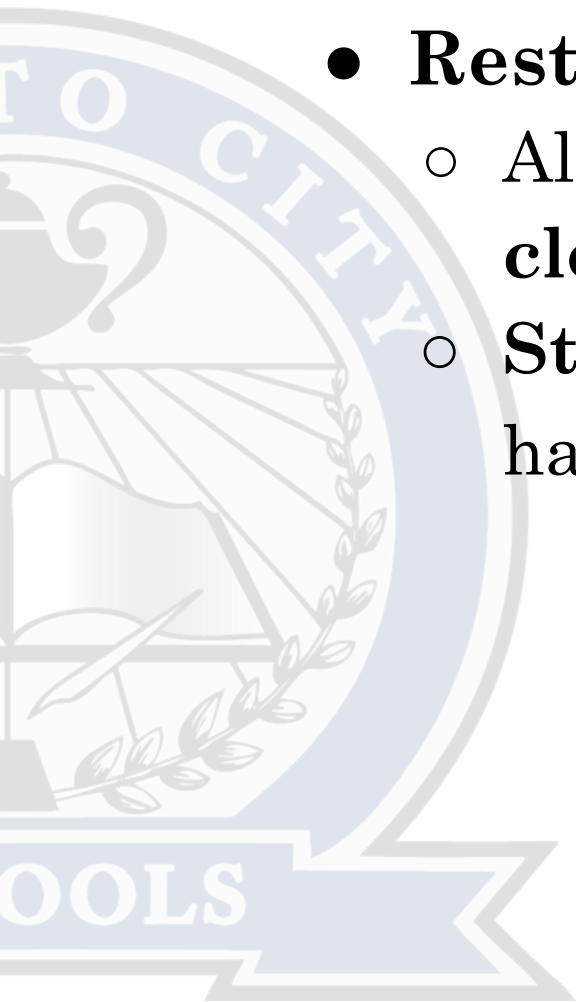
- **Cafeteria / Lunch Protocols**

- Lunchtime schedules may be **staggered** to reduce the number of students being served at one time.
- **Sanitizer** will be available **before and after** lunch for student use.
- Teachers and staff **will prompt** students to **sanitize and/or wash** their hands properly
- **Tables** will be available both inside and outside.
- Students will maintain **social distancing** while eating **to the extent possible**.

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- **Restroom Protocols**

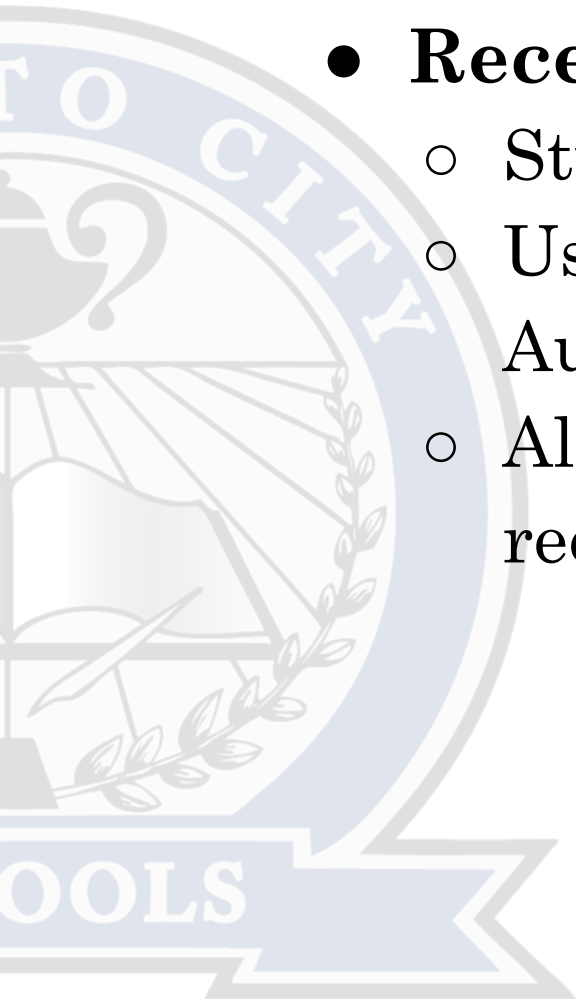
- All **restrooms** will be **routinely checked** by staff for **cleanliness, sanitation**, and appropriate **supplies**.
- **Students** will be **trained** and **reminded** to wash their hands **frequently**.



COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Recess Protocols**

- Students will be **reminded** of **social distance** practices.
- Use of **balls** and **equipment** will be evaluated for use on August 10, 2020.
- All students will be **required** to sanitize hands **before** reentry into the **classroom**.



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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Choir / Band / Drama Protocols**

- Instruction in these areas will be **modified** to align with the **safety recommendations** of the County Health Officer.
- **Performances and competitions are suspended** until it is determined by the **County Health Officer** that participation is safe.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Physical Education Protocols**

- Students at the junior high and high school will . . .
 - **take roll outside** the locker room **before** dressing for activity.
 - be required to **sanitize** their hands **before entering** the locker room.
- **Showers** at the junior high and high school will **not be allowed** until the County Health Officer **rules them safe**.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Physical Education Protocols (cont.)**
 - **Social distancing** will be maintained during indoor and outdoor activities for all **students participating in physical education.**



COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Athletic Sport Protocols (cont.)**
 - Organized **team activities** have been **permitted** effective **June 15** with the following **protocols**:
 - The team activities must be **conditioning** and **skill-based only**.
 - **No equipment** may be used.
 - All activities must be done **outside**.
 - **Social distancing** will be followed where **practical** and **possible**.

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- **Athletic Sport Protocols (cont.)**

- Effective June 15, organized team activities can occur with the following protocols:
 - Athletes are to **come dressed** for the activities.
 - **No locker room** will be available at this time.
 - Athlete groups **no greater than 25 per coach**.
 - In the coming weeks, both the **County Health Officer** and the **California Interscholastic Federation** will make a determination of the sports that can be safely played this fall

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Before & After School Program Protocols**
 - Before and after school programs **will be offered** and will follow the **same safety procedures** as the regular school day.



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COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Extra-Curricular Activity Protocols**
 - All **in-person** extra-curricular activities, assemblies, rallies, field-trips, and any school-wide gatherings related to the 2020-21 school year **are suspended** until the County Health Officer deems them safe.
 - **Mass gatherings** of any kind are **not permitted**.
 - **Virtual** assemblies, rallies, field trips, and other like activities **may take place**.

COVID-19 Health & Safety Protocols

- **Community Protocols**

- **No** outside or parent **classroom volunteers** will be allowed **until** the County Health Officer approves their participation.
- Use of school facilities by **outside entities** will be evaluated on a **case by case basis**.
- Use of **outside** space **may** be permitted.
- Use of **indoor** facilities will largely depend on the entities **proven ability** to sanitize the facility after use.

Communication with the Public

- **Parent communication** detailing this information began on June 9
- **Auto-dialers, social media, and parent letters** have been employed
- **Additional communication** will take place in the coming weeks
- School site **parent letters** the week of **July 27**

Next Steps

- Our **priority** is on **educating** our students **while also** doing our best to **protect** them and **our staff** from the spread of the virus.
- Ongoing **communication, analysis, & evaluation**
 - These guidelines are our **initial** guidelines
 - Plans will be developed in accordance with **County Public Health Officer** and other Stanislaus County school districts.
 - The State of California **could issue mandates** that **may** require us to **make changes** to this plan.

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Questions



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