

# MISD News & Notes

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**MISD VISION**  
Enriching the lives  
of our children  
through education

**BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL**

## In Person or Virtual Classes?

MISD administrators and school board members have been receiving questions from parents and community members about the start of the school year. Everyone wants to know what this year will look like from the perspective of in-person vs. virtual classes and masking requirements.

The answer is we do not know quite yet. We are planning to move ahead with

in-person classes, but the new COVID-19 Delta variant could change that. Our district is working closely with local health officials and will follow their lead and the lead of the Tribe if changes are needed.

We know this causes great uncertainty for everyone but, at the end of the day, we all want our students, teachers and staff to be safe and healthy.

Please watch for more information in the next few weeks as we navigate through this latest phase of the pandemic.

In the meantime, be sure to take a look at page 3 in this newsletter for a reliable and comprehensive overview of the Delta variant.

## New School Year = Fresh Start

The start of each school year offers a fresh start for everyone.

Help your student get into good routines that support their learning. This includes getting enough sleep, eating healthy and attending school each day.

Studies have shown that if students are not in school early in

the year, they're not learning and can very quickly fall behind academically. Once that happens, it can be difficult to make up for the lost ground.

It's also important that your child knows you value education. If it's important to you, it will be important to them.

Finally, as a parent or guardian, make sure you visit your child's school to meet their teachers and establish a good working relationship. MISD wants every parent to feel comfortable talking with teachers and administrators.

Working together, we can help your child succeed!

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## Student Registration

Online student registration is now open! Whether your student is returning to an MISD school or is completely new to the District, including 4K

and 5K, just go to the district's website for instructions:

[www.misd.k12.wi](http://www.misd.k12.wi)

Registration is required for every

student. If you need assistance, please go to:

[online@misd.k12.wi.us](mailto:online@misd.k12.wi.us)

Thank you!

## Sports Physicals Information

If your student athlete still needs to get a physical, please schedule it as soon as possible. They will not be allowed to practice unless they have a current physical on file at the school.

To make an appointment, parents/guardians may call and schedule for the day which best suits their needs. We encourage calling in advance to avoid the last-minute rush.

Both Medical and Community Health Departments can do

sports physicals.

- Medical Dept.:  
715-799-5400
- Community Health Dept.:  
715-799-5430

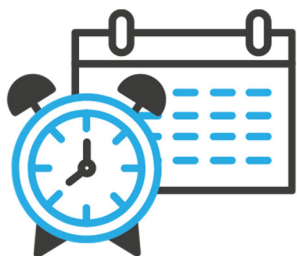
Walk-ins for sports physicals are unlikely to be taken due to other patients already scheduled.

Please remember that all patients and visitors entering MTC must be screened with COVID questions and anyone with symptoms will require COVID-19 testing prior to an appointment. Please

treat the registration clerks with respect and patience as the clinic complies with state and CDC requirements for health organizations.

And, if you haven't been vaccinated yet, MTC has Pfizer vaccines available.

All students, especially those participating in sports, are encouraged to be vaccinated, to ensure they will have their sports seasons this school year!



## Getting Back on Track

With the school year about to begin, now's the time to begin having a household schedule again.

In particular, get your student used to their school year schedule by going to bed a bit earlier and getting up

a bit earlier each day. Then, when school starts, it won't be a big adjustment.

# COVID-19 Delta Variant: What Community Members Need to Know

COVID-19 cases are rising in some tribal communities due to a new strain of the virus called the Delta variant. This fact sheet summarizes what you need to know to stay safe from Delta:

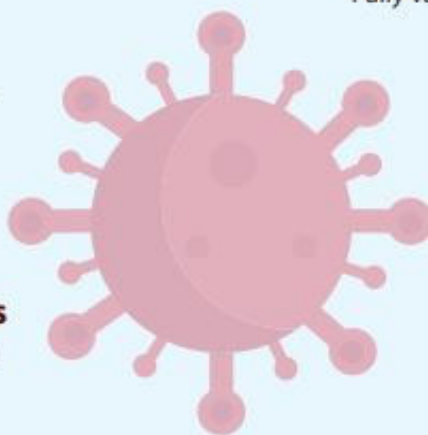
- The Delta variant spreads much more easily and quickly than previous strains of the virus.
- Unvaccinated people are at high risk of getting sick from Delta.
- People who have been fully vaccinated are well protected against severe disease from Delta.
- Delta is just one strain of COVID-19. The virus will continue to change and make new strains as it spreads from person to person.
- Vaccines are highly effective against all known strains of the virus. **Get vaccinated today to protect yourself, your family, and your community against new strains of COVID-19.**



## How contagious is the Delta variant?

The Delta variant is much more contagious and spreads much faster than earlier strains of the virus.

The Delta variant has spread rapidly in the US. In June, Delta was responsible for just 10% of all cases of COVID-19 in the US. That number jumped to 50% in July. Increasing rates of infection show that Delta is highly contagious.



## How effective are vaccines against the Delta variant?

All 3 available vaccines are highly effective against the Delta variant. Recent studies have shown all 3 vaccines provide significant protection against illness, hospitalization, and death from Delta. Vaccination is the best way to protect you and your family from Delta.

## Am I at risk of getting sick from the Delta variant?

People who have not been vaccinated are at very high risk of getting sick from Delta.

Fully vaccinated people are at very low risk of getting sick from Delta.

Masks help prevent the spread of variants. People who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places and crowded outdoor settings.

## What is the Delta Plus variant and should I be concerned?

The Delta Plus variant is a new strain of COVID-19 that was first discovered in April. It is unknown whether it is more contagious than the previous Delta variant.

The best way to protect yourself against all strains is to get vaccinated.



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1	2 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 New teacher in-service	11 New teacher in-service	12 New teacher in-service	13	14
15	16 School Board mtg. @5 p.m.	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Teacher in-service	24 Teacher in-service	25 Teacher in-service	26 Teacher in-service	27	28
29	30 Teacher in-service	31	Sept. 1: First day of school year			