

Notification from: Melican Middle School (MMS)

April 5, 2021

Dear Melican Families –

We hope you enjoyed the three-day weekend. The weather certainly was beautiful.

As we prepare for the return to 100% in-person learning on April 26, please remember to register your child to take the bus ([Bus Registration Form](#)) if he/she will be taking the bus and is not already registered. The district is using a registration process this year to allow us to continue to follow safety protocols and to coordinate routes. Additionally, we will be shifting from our Day1 through Day 5 schedule to a traditional Monday through Friday schedule beginning on April 26.

Clubs and Activities - [Clubs and Activities list on our website –](#) Please connect with club advisors with questions. Additionally, interscholastic Track, Baseball, and Softball teams are forming – please reach out to Jen Callaghan with questions. Any student participating in our interscholastic athletics must have a recent physical on file in our Health Office and must participate in the District’s weekly pooled COVID screening.

COVID Pooled Screening – Please see the message below from our Health Office.

District Travel Guidelines – We ask that you continue to follow the [District Travel Guidelines](#) as we look forward to increasing in-person learning for our students.

Hoodie or Jacket - We ask that each student bring a hoodie or jacket for morning drop-off, outdoor learning, and Brain Break.

Message from the Health Office:

We are looking to increase the number of students that participate in the COVID pooled screening offered weekly at Melican. Please consider having your child participate. It is important for the continued health and well-being of students and staff to be aware of any asymptomatic cases, particularly with the upcoming potential increase to 100% in-person learning.

Please follow the instructions to register your child for the weekly pooled testing.

Step 1: Please fill out the following registration form. This only needs to be filled out once.

[Registration form for pooled screening](#)

Step 2: Please sign the consent form for your child and email a copy of the consent to ldefeudis@nsboro.k12.ma.us

[Consent for pooled screening](#)

Samples should be collected in the morning before coming to school.

Samples should be returned in the box with their label on it.

Cohort B collection is on Thursdays.

Cohort A collection is on Fridays.

Students in SARP can drop off either day by 10am. Kits are passed out in homeroom on Tuesday mornings for cohort B and Wednesday morning for cohort B.

[FAQ about pooled screening](#)

[Instructions how to collect a sample](#)

Please ignore the part where it says to discard the box. We ask that you return the sample in the box as it has the student's name on it.

Schedule for the Week:

Monday (4/5) – Remote Monday – Day 4

Cohort B – Remote
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Tuesday (4/6) – Day 2

Cohort B – In-Person
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Wednesday (4/7) – Day 3

Cohort A – In-Person
Cohort B – Remote
SARP – Remote
6:30 p.m. – Northborough School Committee

Thursday (4/8) – Day 3

Cohort B – In-Person
Cohort A – Remote
SARP – Remote

Friday (4/9) – Day 4

Cohort A – In-Person
Cohort B – Remote
SARP – Remote

Upcoming Dates:

- April 12, May 10, May 24 – half-days for students
- April 12 – 2:45-3:30 – In-Person Orientation for students switching from SARP to In-Person Learning.
- April 14 – 3:00 Zoom for all students interested in participating in our interscholastic sports programs.
- April 26, 2021 – Return to 100% In-Person Learning (if conditions allow)

Please reach out with any questions.

Respectfully,

Michelle Karb, Principal and Jennifer Callaghan, Assistant Principal

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