

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

COVID-19 Emergency Measures 1903

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind Meetings, Gatherings, Events, and Visitors

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind has adopted the protocols outlined in this policy to govern during the term of the declared public health emergency to ensure individuals present at Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind facility for events or other operationally related reasons honor safety protocols. The supervising teacher, Director of Student Life, principal, superintendent or designated personnel are authorized to implement this policy in coordination with state and local health officials.

Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind Events

~~Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind shall not hold any physical meetings, gatherings, or events in or on Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind property. Board of Public Education members may authorize meetings, gatherings, and events utilizing electronic means when the meeting, gathering or event is essential to district operations.~~

Visitors to Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind

Visitors to the interior of Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind building shall not be permitted without the express approval of the supervising teacher, dean, principal, superintendent or designated personnel. Visitors that are authorized to be present in Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind building must adhere to all health and safety guidelines outlined in Policy 1905.

Volunteers

Volunteers utilized by Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind, that have been approved in accordance with Policy 5430 may enter Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind building in accordance with the protocols outlined in Policy 1905.

Facilities Use Agreements

~~The Board of Public Education suspends community use of Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind facilities. Unless an event is specifically identified necessary by the Board of Public Education, Facilities Use Agreements and other similar requests submitted in accordance with Policy 4330 shall not be considered while this policy governs the period of a public health emergency.~~

Enforcement

Visitors to any Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind building or any attendee at a meeting, gathering, or event authorized by the Board of Public Education members in accordance with this policy who fail to honor the requirements of this policy or the directives of Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind officials shall be asked to correct their conduct or leave the meeting, gathering, or event in accordance Policy 4315.

Cross Reference

Policy 1901 – School District Policy and Procedures

Policy 1905 – Student, Staff, and Community Health and Safety Policy 1400 – Board Meetings

Policy 5430 – Volunteers

Policy 4301 – Visitors to Schools

Policy 4332 – Conduct on School Property Policy 4315 – Visitor and Spectator Conduct

Policy 4330 – Community Use of School Facilities

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5 School Event and Facility Notice

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7 The Board of Public Education has adopted the following notice to be posted at the entrance to
8 school buildings and facilities that are holding an event or allowing visitors as authorized by
9 the Board of Public Education in accordance with Policy 1903.

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11 SCHOOL EVENT AND FACILITY NOTICE

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13 Montana School for the Deaf and the Blind has taken the precautionary measures adopted by
14 the Board of Public Education, provided by the Governor of Montana, and directed by the
15 Cascade County Health Department to protect against the possible spread of COVID-19 and
16 related illnesses. These measures include but are not limited to cleaning and disinfecting
17 protocols, physical distancing guidance, limitations on the number of people present for
18 events, and use of personal protective equipment. There are no assurances these measures will
19 prevent the spread of COVID-19 or related illnesses at this event or at this facility. By
20 voluntarily entering this event or facility, attendees are acknowledging their specific
21 awareness and knowledge that there are inherent risks of exposure at public gatherings
22 and public facilities. These inherent risks that attendees specifically acknowledge include
23 but are not limited to: injury; illness; hospitalization, chronic health issues arising out of
24 COVID-19, quarantines of an unknown duration to be determined by governing
25 authorities and death. Attendees acknowledge vulnerable individuals as defined by the
26 Centers for Disease Control are at greater risk of serious complications from
27 exposure. Attendees are advised to comply with physical distancing limits consisting of a
28 minimum of 6 feet of distance from others at all times and are further advised to consider
29 the use of masks/face coverings while on school property and to use personal hand
30 sanitizer before, during and after an event. Attendees confirm that they have reviewed,
31 thoroughly understand and agree to comply with all guidance for the phased reopening of
32 Montana issued by the Montana Governor's Office. All School District Policies are in effect
33 when attending this school event or otherwise accessing this facility. Any negligence arising
34 out of your access to this facility or attendance at a school event shall be attributed to you as
35 comparative negligence within the meaning of Section 27-1-702, MCA.

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