

Martha's Vineyard Public Schools
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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Dear Parents,

Here is our latest information we have to share. We will continue to update you as the days go on.

Over the past week and over the weekend we have been in webinars, phone conferences, zoom meetings, etc. trying to ensure we are able to provide support for our students and staff in the most effective and efficient ways during this unprecedented time.

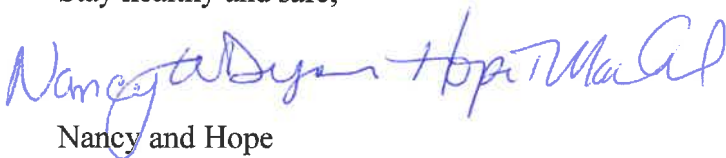
Exact processes and responsibilities are in the midst of being determined for us here at MVYPS. Many of our questions and areas of concerns are not answered by DESE at this time (ie, MCAS, ALTs, timelines, etc.). We are following guidance from DESE, OSEP, along with guidance from legal counsel.

In the meantime here are some links for your information

1. OSEP Q & A regarding COVID-19 outbreak.
<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/speced/guid/idea/memosdcltrs/qa-covid-19-03-12-2020.pdf>
2. Article explaining social distancing
<https://www.ariadnelabs.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/03/Social-Distancing-This-is-Not-a-Snow-Day-Bitton.pdf>

By the end of the week if not sooner, we should have plans in place island wide to share with you. Remember if you receive any school work it is not replacing instruction, it is simply a means to provide ideas for families to have available engaging activities for their children if they wish to utilize.

Stay healthy and safe,



Nancy and Hope