



# Back to School Planning

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## Health and Safety – Task Force



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# Superintendent Welcome/Updates Dr. Francisco Durán



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# Pandemic Updates

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# Pandemic Update



**HEALTH &  
SAFETY**

As of 5 PM Friday, there are 78,145 COVID-19 cases (+407 since the last SitRep) identified in the National Capital Region (NCR): DC 10,159 (+31), Maryland 36,939 (+246), and Virginia 31,047 (+130) since the beginning of the pandemic.

In Arlington County, as of 1200 on 6/25/2020, there are 2,449 cases (+4 since the last SitRep) of COVID-19, including 417 hospitalized (+1) and 132 fatalities (+5) since the beginning of the pandemic.



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# Information Sharing Expectations Cintia Johnson



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# Health and Safety Guidance School Year 2020-2021



# Public Health/Industry Guidance



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                                | Description  | Phases         |
|---|--|----------------|
| Physical (Social) Distance              | Maintain 6-foot separation to the greatest extent possible   | I, II, and III |
| Bus Capacity                            | 6-foot separation  | II and III     |
| Health Screenings and Temperature Check | Conduct daily health screenings for symptoms and history of exposure for students and staff  | I, II, and III |
| Recess                                  | Groups of 50 or less, physical distance maintained and minimal mixing of groups  | II and III     |
| Face Coverings                          | Cloth face coverings should be worn by staff in times when at least 6 feet physical distancing cannot be maintained; students developmentally appropriate. | I, II, and III |



# Public Health/Industry Guidance



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                                    | Description  | Phases         |
|---|--|----------------|
| Athletics, Extracurriculars and Field Trips | Limited athletics and extracurricular activities   | II and III*    |
| Gathering Limits                            | Max size of 250 if other social distancing measures are maintained   | III            |
| Cleaning                                    | Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces  | I, II, and III |
| Visitors/Volunteers                         | Restricted and limited visitors to facilities.   | II and III     |
| Isolation/Quarantine Space                  | Identify isolation and quarantine space for individuals who become sick during the day with COVID like symptoms. | II and III     |
| HEPPA Filtration/Ventilation                | Consider placing increased HEPPA filtration in fine arts performance spaces (e.g., band, chorus, etc.)           | II and III     |





# Public Health/Industry Guidance



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                      | Description   | Phases         |
|-------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Hygiene                       | Frequent and high quality hand washing is occurring.  | I, II, and III |
| Arrival/Dismissal             | Segment and stagger arrival and dismissal times to limit mixing of groups.  | II and III     |
| Personal Protective Equipment | Identify hazards and protective measures or equipment to reduce staff and student risk (e.g., elevated mask rating, plexiglass shielding, etc.) | II and III     |
| Floor Marking (PHD)           | Provide physical floor markings for individuals to identify visually 6 foot distances.  | I, II, and III |
| Signage (PHD)                 | Provide multi-lingual signage on mask usage, 6 foot distance requirements, and no entry for sick individuals.                                   |                |



# Guidance Sources

- Arlington County Public Health Division
- Virginia Department of Education - Restart, Recover, Redesign
- Virginia High School League (VHSL)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)
- National Federation State High School Associations (NFHS)
- American Band Masters Association (ABMA)
- American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)



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# **Arlington Public Schools Health and Safety Plan School Year 2020-2021**



# School Division Wide Approach



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                                | Approach   |
|---|--|
| Physical (Social) Distance              | Physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible. Furniture in classroom will be set up to maintain ideal six foot distances.  |
| Bus Capacity                            | Physical distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible and students will be seated one per every other seat*.  |
| Health Screenings and Temperature Check | Employees <b>and</b> students will complete a daily health screening to include temperature checks. Employee screening will be logged utilizing our visitor management system and student attendance will be used as the log for students (contact tracing). |
| Recess                                  | Master schedules will be developed with the understanding of the guidance provided for maximum number of students and physical distancing.   |
| Face Coverings                          | Employees will be provided with 4 masks each to be worn. Students will be provided with 2 masks each to be worn as much as developmentally possible. School/Facilities will have additional masks on hand.   |



# School Division Wide Approach



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                                    | Approach   |
|---|--|
| Athletics, Extracurriculars and Field Trips | Phased athletics and activities approach consistent with local and state public health guidance and considerations from industry associations.                   |
| Gathering Limits                            | Implement alternate school assembly methodology and other mass gatherings of school and non-school based personal (e.g., streaming, alternating groups)          |
| Cleaning                                    | Implement enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces.   |
| Visitors/Volunteers                         | Visitors are restricted to drop off and pick up in the main office until conditions relax further. Volunteer opportunities are suspended.                        |
| Isolation/Quarantine Space                  | Identify per building a separate well ventilated space that meets the local and state public health guidance for isolation and quarantine outside of the clinic. |
| HEPPA Filtration/Ventilation                | Review filtration and ventilation approved designs to ensure consistency with guidance.  |
| Hygiene                                     | Require employees and students to wash hands upon entry, before and after certain activities, and before leaving.  |



# School Division Wide Approach



## HEALTH & SAFETY

| Guidance                      | Approach  |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Personal Protective Equipment | Conducting hazard assessments utilizing OSHA interim COVID19 guidance on positions/duties being performed and sourcing appropriate levels of personal protective equipment or administrative controls to reduce hazards from COVID19. (e.g., KN95 Respirators). |
| Floor Marking (PHD)           | Identify creative and developmentally appropriate floor markings for elementary, middle, high schools, and administrative buildings.  |
| Signage (PHD)                 | Creating multi-lingual signage identifying three main messages; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Masks Requirements</li> <li>2. 6 Foot Physical Distance Requirements</li> <li>3. Building Entry Restrictions for Sick Individuals</li> </ol>          |
| Employee Return to Work       | Identify additional health and safety items for each employee to increase employee well-being (e.g., individual hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, etc.).  |



# Highlights

## Face Covering

All employees and students will be expected to wear a face covering (mask) while inside the building where developmentally appropriate.

## Personal Protective Equipment

Enhanced protective equipment will be provided based on OSHA COVID recommendations.

## Physical Distance

All employees and students will be expected to maintain 6 foot physical distance to the greatest extent possible.



# Highlights

## Health Screening

All employees and students will receive a health screening and temperature check prior to engaging in APS in person activities (i.e., before a bus ride, attending school, etc.).

## COVID Response

Clear documented procedures will be provided for a presumptive or confirmed COVID case and positive health screening within Arlington Public Schools.





# Initial Steps Taken

- Multiple Three Layer with Filter Pocket Cloth Face Coverings (Adult/Youth) have been purchased for every student and employee.
- Additional Specialized Face Coverings are being purchased for Deaf/Hard Hearing Students, Instructors, and Support Staff.
- Plexiglass Shielding has been purchased for high traffic areas (e.g., administrative assistant spaces, attendance, etc.).
- Enhanced personal protective equipment for staff in close and constant contact (e.g., psychologist performing psychological assessment).
- Each employee will receive a return to work kit with hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in addition to their cloth face coverings.



# Initial Steps Taken

- Purchased Infrared Thermometers for schools, activities/athletics, buses, aquatic facilities, Syphax Education Center, and Trades Center.
- Made adjustments in the Raptor Technologies Visitor Management System to accommodate for health screening and contact tracing of employees and restrict visitors/volunteers.
- Distributed initial English Signage at Syphax Education Center and Trades Center.
- Developed custodial supply inventory minimums (i.e., 10 weeks) in coordination with Arlington County Government and best practice.



# Initial Steps Taken

- Developed interim guidance for the conducting of emergency exercises and drills (e.g., fire drills) as required by code.
- Hand hygiene signage was placed in February and will be refreshed where needed to provide step by step directions on proper technique and duration.



# Next Steps/In Progress

- Develop multi-lingual guidance on health and safety return to work for employees.
- Develop employee health and safety return to work training to provide an understanding of COVID procedures for Arlington Public Schools.
- Implement and deploy new employee IDs to interact with the Visitor Management System to provide quick efficient health screening.
- Implement physical marking of public spaces within facilities (e.g., hallways, offices, cafeteria serving lines, etc.).
- Investigate ventilation and filtration needs (if any) above current approved design.



# Next Steps/In Progress

- Finalize emergency response procedures for health screening concerns and COVID-like symptoms present in schools and workplaces.
- Implement an emergency notification system with capabilities to text, telephone, and email employees.



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# Breakout Groups and Guiding Questions



# Guiding Questions

1. What additional health and safety considerations would you want to make student and staff experience more comfortable in person?
2. How as a community do we begin to encourage health and safety behavior norming to our students and employees around these requirements (e.g., mask wearing, hand washing, 6 foot physical distance)?



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# Breakout Groups Report Out





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**Next Meeting – 13 July 2020**