

Health and Safety Protocols for the 2021-22 School Year

WHAT TO EXPECT



GET VACCINATED!

APS encourages all staff and eligible students to get vaccinated to help keep schools open and prevent transmission of COVID-19.



PRACTICE SAFE ROUTINES:

PPE and hygiene supplies will be readily available in all schools. Time will be provided for frequent handwashing, including before eating and after recess or physical activity.



ENHANCED CLEANING:

APS will provide enhanced cleaning of frequently touch surfaces, as well as deep cleaning after a suspected or reported COVID-19 cases.



STUDENT MEALS:

All grades will eat in the cafeteria or in additional indoor/ outdoor spaces, as available. Distancing will be followed, to the extent feasible.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Visitors wearing masks are allowed inside APS buildings. Parents and guardians are invited to visit schools prior to school opening for scheduled orientations, tours and open houses, and registration. After August 30, APS will limit daily access to our buildings when students are present to protect student health and safety.

MASK UP!

Masks are required for everyone inside our buildings, except when eating or drinking. Masks are not required outside.



PE/RECESS/ATHLETICS/BAND:

Face masks ARE required:

- Inside for PE and Recess
- Inside for Athletics and Band (mask requirement may be lifted w/ COVID-19 testing protocols)

Face masks are NOT required:

- Outside for PE and Recess
- Outside for Athletics and Band
- When indoors while eating



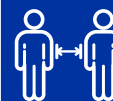
DAILY SCREENING AT HOME:

Students and staff should complete the daily Qualtrics symptom screener prior to arrival at school or bus, as a reminder to monitor symptoms and stay home or keep kids home when sick. No temperature checks at arrival.



DISTANCING:

Students will be spaced as far apart as possible in classrooms and during activities. Desks and tables will face in the same direction to the extent feasible.



VENTILATION:

HVAC enhancements allow for well-ventilated spaces at every school, including Certified Air Cleaning Devices in every classroom and increasing air filtration to the highest possible level (MERV-13).



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COVID-19 TESTING AND REPORTING:

Schools will report positive cases with individuals affected and will report outbreaks with the entire school community. Testing will be readily available at all school locations.



CONTACT TRACING AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES

If a positive COVID-19 case occurs in a classroom:

- Students and staff who are fully vaccinated (two weeks past their final dose) are exempt from quarantine unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms or test positive. If the vaccinated students or staff develop COVID-19 symptoms, it is recommended that they get tested.
- Unvaccinated students determined to be in immediate proximity (within 6 feet) to the positive case will be considered a close contact and will be excluded/quarantined.*
- Students and staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 must quarantine for 7 days, and may return to school on day 8 as long as they receive a negative COVID-19 test on days 5-7.
- Unless the student or staff member receives a negative test, they must quarantine for a longer period of 14 days from the date that symptoms develop. Individuals who choose not to get tested will be required to complete the entire 14-day quarantine.

If an APS student/group of students needs to quarantine, APS will strive to ensure learning can continue during that time. APS has systems in place for students to receive virtual instructional support, either asynchronously with prepared assignments or synchronously with their teacher, depending on the circumstances and whether or not the teacher is also on quarantine. The approach will vary by grade level and depending on each circumstance. The learning plan for quarantine will be communicated with families directly when the need arises.

**Per the guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a student who is within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student is not considered a close contact as long as both students are wearing masks and the school has other prevention strategies in place.*



stay safe!

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