

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



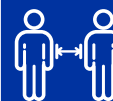
DAILY SCREENING AT HOME:

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 determined to be in immediate proximity (within 6 feet) to the positive case will be considered a close contact and will be excluded/quarantined, except:
 - Students in 3 to 6 feet proximity may not be considered a close contact as long as both students were wearing masks and the school had other prevention strategies in place.*
 - Students within 3 feet or less will be excluded/quarantined, regardless of mask use.
 - **Fully vaccinated individuals are exempt from quarantine, as verified by School Health.**
- Students with confirmed cases and close contacts must quarantine for 7 days, with a negative test on day 5-7 (return on day 8 with negative results on a PCR-RT).
- Individual students on quarantine will be provided with asynchronous work to continue their learning. In the event of a whole class quarantine, synchronous and asynchronous distance learning will be provided.

**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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