

Arlington Public Schools

2023-2024



COVID-19 Pandemic Learn-in-Person Plan

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Three Rivers Public Health Department has coordinated with schools since the beginning of the pandemic to ensure student and staff safety and reduce the risk of spreading COVID. We will continue to take their recommendations into advisement as the 2022-2023 school year begins. Their information is available at: <https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org>. We will have a link to this on our www.apseagles.org website. If you need to be tested for COVID-19, contact the school for a home test, or find a trusted test site nearest you.

All enrolled students and staff will be expected to be present in school daily. Any changes to this typical schedule, will be communicated through our Blackboard Connect calling system, via video or email message, and placed on all social media outlets.

The use of face coverings will be **optional** during the 2022-2023 School Year. Hand sanitizer will be readily available in multiple locations throughout the building. Practices that ensure low viral spread and proper hygiene will be strongly encouraged.

We will follow guidance from Three Rivers Health Department and the CDC for the necessity of quarantine in the event of illness or exposure. We will monitor the impact of COVID-19 on our community, and within the walls of our school on a class by class basis and communicate and adjust as necessary.

Students required to quarantine or isolate will continue to participate in class via technology, utilizing resources posted on CANVAS and other virtual means (zoom, email, etc.), unless actively ill with COVID-19 and unable to participate. All work required for classes is expected to be completed in a timely manner, and regular communication between students and teachers is required, and should be documented. Families will be required to provide documentation of COVID-19 illness to the school nurse. We are no longer required to report cases to the health department.

Staff in isolation are required to communicate with building principals regularly, unless actively ill with COVID-19. If possible and/or necessary, teachers will deliver instruction via the following means; specific lesson plans for substitute teachers, resources posted on CANVAS, video lessons, and real-time conferencing with classes. Email should be checked regularly to communicate with students.

Facilities will be cleaned and sanitized regularly. Airflow systems filters will be changed as advised to ensure clean air quality.

Decisions regarding isolation of sick individual students or staff, groups of students, and entire classrooms will be made in consultation with Three Rivers Public Health Department, based on active spread of the virus in the school/classroom setting.

Arlington Public Schools Risk Factor Plans
MASK OPTIONAL UNLESS REQUIRED AFTER ACTIVE ILLNESS

| Area of Emphasis | Low Spread* | Moderate Spread* | Elevated Spread* |
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| Health Screening | Normal Operation | Parents Screen symptoms at home--Self monitor for symptoms. | Parents Screen for fever and symptoms at home--Students monitor and report symptoms to the school nurse. |
| On Buses for routes and/or activities | Normal Operation | Bus routes run as normal, with efforts made to keep students spread out as much as possible. | Bus routes run as normal. Efforts are made to ensure seats are jointly occupied by household family members only to reduce the risk of virus spreading. |
| In Classrooms | Normal Operation | Deep Cleaning occurs daily, sanitizer is readily available for students and staff. | Desks are adequately spaced and sanitized daily. The use of hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged on a regular basis. |
| Congregate Times (hallway passing, arrival, dismissal, etc) | Normal Operation | Normal Operation, contact with from student to student monitored and discouraged. | Contact strongly discouraged. Class dismissal times will be staggered to reduce congestion. Physical distancing encouraged. |
| Lunchroom | Normal Operation; No Touch Check Out Implemented | No Touch Checkout; Ala Carte Available, Salad Bar Available | Social Distancing Carefully Monitored;; tables spaced throughout building and/or gym used for seating; Eating occurs in same-student groups |
| Recess | Normal Operation | Fewer Groups on Playground at once if possible; | Sanitizing of Equipment; Fewer Groups on Playground at once; limited access to equipment; Contact Game discouraged |

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| Restrooms | Normal Operation | Additional Cleaning throughout day; no-touch foot door pulls installed; hand washing and/or use of sanitizer reminders posted | Additional Cleaning Throughout Day; Limited amount of persons at once; |
| Technology | Normal Operation: 1:1 implemented | Sanitize carts at end of day | Students may take computer home with permission if in isolation |
| Activities | Normal Participation | Guidelines set by NSAA will be followed strictly; | Guidelines set by NSAA will be followed strictly |

*Spread is determined by school tracking and consultation with the Three Rivers Public Health Department. ** Masks may be required for individuals to return to school for limited days as 3RPHD advises when necessary.