

COVID-19 MITIGATION OPENING PLAN 2022–23

School Based Guidelines and Best Practices

Introduction

Requirement – This is defined as something that is specifically required for all campuses. These will be indicated in this document by an **Ⓡ**

Best Practices – These are defined as highly suggested practices, indicated by a **β**

Compliance and Reporting

Staff and Students

- We will continue to meet COVID reporting requirements.

Face Masks

- Face masks are strongly encouraged for ALL students, teachers, staff, and visitors while indoors on campus.

Entering and exiting the building

Guiding Principle – A safe and coordinated entrance into the building.

- Hand sanitizing stations must be present at all entry points for students **Ⓡ**

Recess

- Disinfect and sanitize recess spaces daily **Ⓡ**
 - Hand sanitizer will be available to students before and after recess **Ⓡ**

Restroom Use

- Sinks need to be tested to ensure water flows for a minimum 30 seconds **Ⓡ**
- Schools must develop a regular and frequent cleaning schedule of restrooms **Ⓡ**

Award Ceremony

Guiding Principle – Recognition of student success remains important and should be in person.

- Schools may consider live-streaming the ceremony for parents at home, assuming proper privacy precautions have been taken (media release verification, etc.) **β**

Building & Process Guidelines and Best Practices

Entrance Doors (student and staff)

Required: **Ⓡ**

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms

Front Lobby

Required: ®

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms
- Hand sanitizing station

Optional:

- Plexi glass sneeze guard on front office window

COVID Waiting Room (dedicated space not required)

Required: ®

- A space that can be used if needed, does not need to be a dedicated room.

COVID 19 Decontamination Protocol

- When responding to a request to decontaminate a space that has been confirmed as a COVID-19 exposure location, the following protocols MUST be followed:
 - Confirm the space was last occupied by the exposed person a minimum of 24 hours prior.
 - Provide any requested PPE equipment appropriate to complete cleaning protocol.
 - Thoroughly clean the space using appropriate cleaning products.
 - Use the Electrostatic sprayer to disinfect the applicable room. β

Students who appear sick:

- If a student should become ill during the school day, and exhibit any of the following:
 - Feverish/sweaty/flushed/warm to the touch not due to running or physical activity
 - Chills/shaking due to being cold, when others are not displaying the same symptoms
 - Continuous coughing (not due to choking on water/saliva, chronic asthma/allergies)
 - Having difficulty breathing and/or visibly looking distressed
 - A temperature at or above 100.4 degrees
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Indicators of an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, pink eye, influenza, etc.).
- Please provide the student with a health room pass and send the student to health room to be triaged
 - Ask student to wear a mask, although not required
- Contact parents or guardian immediately to pick up their student
 - Staff will also ask the parent/guardian if in the previous two weeks the students has had close contact with someone who had a confirmed case of COVID-19. If the answer is yes, the "COVID-19 Exposure" screening process will be followed.

When sick students can return to school

- If a student COMES TO SCHOOL with higher risk COVID-19 symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, or loss of taste and smell, parents will need to pick the student up from school and they can return once the following conditions are met:
 - The child should be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
 - should not have any signs or symptoms of illness.

- For students who are ill and DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL, they may return in accordance with our current return to school procedures:
 - They are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
 - they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 (Quarantine)

- Follow all applicable state, county, and local requirements with respect to quarantining, isolation, and returning to school. In the absence of any specific requirements set forth by local authorities, the School will refer to the guidelines set forth by the CDC. See Appendix for the current processes related to quarantine following confirmed exposure to COVID-19. These processes are subject to change as required by modified guidance from federal, state, or local authorities and/or school management decisions based on current conditions and other relevant factors.

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 (Isolation)

- Follow all applicable state, county, and local requirements with respect to quarantining, isolation, and returning to school. In the absence of any specific requirements set forth by local authorities, the School will refer to the guidelines set forth by the CDC. See the Appendix for the current processes related to confirmed cases of COVID-19. These processes are subject to change as required by modified guidance from federal, state, or local authorities and/or school management decisions based on current conditions and other relevant factors.

To mitigate COVID-19 risk factors and maintain continuity of educational services, the procedures and practices outlined in this document will be reviewed periodically by school leadership and other appropriate personnel to adapt to changing conditions. Procedures and practices will be updated accordingly to meet these needs and informational notice will be provided to the schools' governing board.

Appendix

Federal and local guidance is rapidly changing and BASIS.ed is continuously monitoring the situation to provide the most up-to-date information. This appendix will be updated as appropriate to adapt to currently available information and guidance. Informational notice will be provided to the governing school boards when substantive changes are made.

As of **March 30, 2022**, new information on isolation and quarantine has been updated as it applies to the general public and health care facilities.

Guidelines can be found here:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/documents/public-health-resources/release-from-isolation.pdf>

Close Contact Exemption

Per the CDC, in the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

- If a person is symptomatic and awaiting COVID-19 test results:
 - Stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until results are available. If results are delayed, follow guidance for symptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19. Once results are available, follow the recommendations below based on results.
- If a person is symptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen testing, stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until:
 - At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medication; AND
 - Other symptoms have improved.
 - Individuals should continue to wear a mask around others and take additional precautions through at least day 10 from when symptoms first began. If you cannot wear a mask during this time, you must continue to isolate for 10 full days after symptoms first began.
- If a person is symptomatic and tested negative for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen testing, stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medication; AND
 - Other symptoms have improved.
- If a person is symptomatic and has not been tested for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen testing, stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until:
 - At least 5 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of fever reducing medication; AND
 - Other symptoms have improved.
 - Individuals should continue to wear a mask around others and take additional precautions through at least day 10 from when symptoms first began. If you cannot wear a mask during this time, you must continue to isolate for 10 full days after symptoms first began.
- If a person is asymptomatic and awaiting COVID-19 test results:
 - No isolation is required while waiting for test results. Take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Once results are available, follow recommendations based on results.

- If a person is asymptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen testing, stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until:
 - At least 5 days have passed since specimen collection of the first positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen testing while asymptomatic.
 - If symptoms develop, follow guidance for symptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Individuals should continue to wear a mask around others and take additional Precautions through at least day 10 since specimen collection of the first positive test. If you cannot wear a mask during this time, you must continue to isolate for 10 full days after the collection of the first positive test
- If a person is asymptomatic and tested positive for COVID-19 by serology:
 - No isolation is required since there is a low likelihood of active infection. Take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- If a person is asymptomatic and tested negative for COVID-19 by PCR, antigen testing, or serology:
 - No isolation is required. Take everyday precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - If a person has other non-compatible symptoms and has not been tested for COVID-19, stay home away from others or under isolation precautions until: At least 24 hours have passed since the last fever without the use of fever reducing medication; AND
 - Other symptoms have improved.

Quarantine

A person who had known close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case should quarantine (exceptions below) for at least 5 days from their last exposure and should get tested at least 5 days after exposure. If they are negative or are unable to get tested, they should continue to watch for symptoms and wear a mask around others for at least day 10 from the last exposure. If they are unable to wear a mask when around others or are inpatients/residents in healthcare or congregate settings, they should continue to quarantine for 10 days they are positive, they should follow isolation guidance. If they develop symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19, remain at home, and follow isolation guidance.

Not Required to Quarantine – People up-to-date on Vaccination

- People up-to-date on vaccination with an exposure to someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine but should wear a mask around others for 10 days from the last exposure.
- People are recommended to get tested at least 5 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19. If they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they should immediately self-isolate and be evaluated by their healthcare provider for COVID-19, including testing.
- People who test positive for COVID-19 by PCR or antigen test should follow isolation guidance, regardless of vaccination status.

Not Required to Quarantine – People that had COVID-19 within 3 months (90 days)

- People that had COVID-19 within 3 months (90 days) of exposure to someone with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine if they meet ALL the following criteria but should wear a mask around others for 10 days from last exposure:
 - Have met criteria to end isolation; AND
 - Remain asymptomatic (i.e., no new symptoms).

- People that had COVID-19 within 3 months (90 days) and remain asymptomatic do not need to get tested after close contact.
 - However, if a person is identified as a contact of a case more than 3 months (90 days) after symptom onset or since specimen collection (if asymptomatic) of the first positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen test, they should follow the above recommendations for quarantine or recommendations for people up-to-date on vaccination.