

Amphitheater Public Schools



HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES FOR STUDENTS DURING COVID-19

Introduction

Amphitheater Public Schools recognizes that students need to feel comfortable in their surroundings to be motivated to learn. While this school year is atypical given the limitations imposed by COVID-19, our administrators, teachers and staff are committed to provide the same quality education and growth opportunities for our students this year despite this pandemic. With this in mind, the District has offered families a choice between two different learning modalities to permit families to select how and where their student will feel most comfortable to continue learning during the pandemic. Both models are designed to provide a high-quality education and necessary Portrait of a Graduate skills to the student.

While physically on a school campus, school bus, or at a school event this year, students are expected to comply with all District health and safety protocols in place to assist to slow the spread of COVID-19. After the Arizona Governor closed schools across the state in March 2020, the District implemented additional health and safety protocols for people physically present at a school campus or on a school bus for additional safeguards against the spread of the coronavirus. These additional health and safety protocols satisfy the public safety mandates for face coverings currently in place in Pima County.¹ They also mirror guidelines from the public health departments at the federal, state and local levels for slowing the spread of COVID-19.² This handbook will help guide students and their families to understand and implement these additional COVID-19 health and safety requirements when the student is on a school campus or bus. Families are encouraged to read this handbook in its entirety to understand these important safety expectations for their students.

Purpose for District Health and Safety Protocols

The coronavirus COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As the World Health Organization, as well as the federal, state and local health departments continue to study COVID-19 throughout this global pandemic, their guidance about appropriate protective measures for limiting the spread evolves.

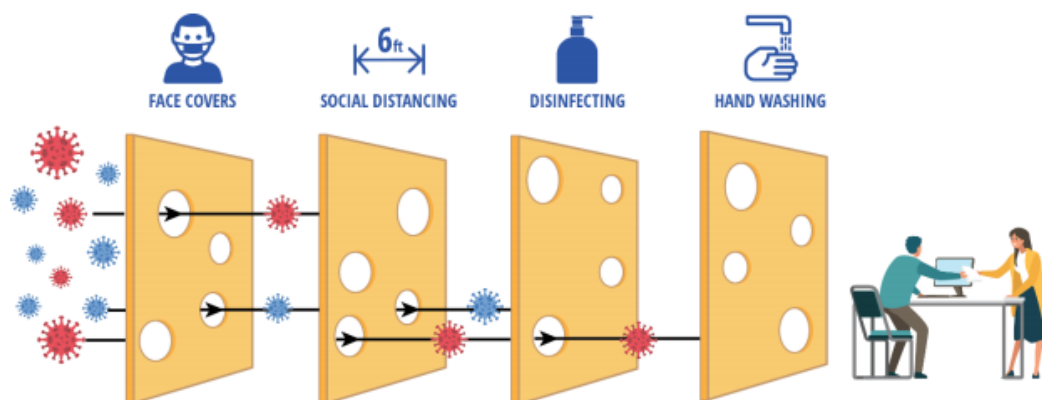
Amphitheater Public Schools has protective measures in place to reduce the spread of COVID-19. These protocols coincide with current health department guidelines for schools during COVID-19. Yet, because individuals who are present on a school campus or school bus will be in contact with other students and employees who are also at risk of community exposure, it is impossible for Amphitheater Public Schools to prevent every potential for transmission and/or to determine every potential close contact with someone with COVID-19. During this global pandemic, there is an inherent risk of contracting the infection when in the physical presence of others or in a public area, notwithstanding any precautions taken by the District or school.

¹ On June 19, 2020, the Pima County Board of Supervisors mandated that every person 5 and over wear a face covering that completely and snugly covers the nose and mouth while in a public place when the person cannot easily maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from all others. Thereafter, Arizona Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-51 on July 23, 2020, which requires school districts to develop policies that require face coverings for all staff and students to contain the spread of COVID-19.

² The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides the latest information about COVID-19 and the global outbreak: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov. In addition, the District follows the guidance of the Arizona Department of Health Services (<https://www.azdhs.gov>) and the Pima County Health Department (<https://webcms.pima.gov>) related to COVID-19. Finally, the OSHA COVID-19 webpage offers information specifically for workers and employers: www.osha.gov/covid-19.

Amphitheater Public School's health and safety protocols are designed to assist with avoiding the spread of COVID-19 at school. Each protocol is an important safeguard for personal safety during the pandemic. Principals are responsible to ensure that students, parents, staff and visitors at the schools are fully compliant with each of these health and safety protocols while at school. Concerns about noncompliance should be reported to the Principal. In addition, families also play a crucial role in keeping everyone at school safe and reducing the risk of exposure by following the practices outlined in this handbook.

To help explain the reasoning for this, please see the below image, which is based on the "Swiss Cheese Model" designed by James Reason, Ph.D., to demonstrate why multiple safeguards are in place to improve the likelihood of workplace safety.³ The Swiss Cheese Model analogizes the health and safety safeguards to Swiss cheese, and the holes in the cheese to the many different potentials for a person to become ill from COVID-19. Each added layer of Swiss cheese negates the chance for a exposure by blocking the path through the holes.



With the COVID-19 safeguards represented in the image as multiple layers of Swiss cheese, it is easy to understand how the combination of the District's health and safety protocols can help protect against COVID-19 exposures at school when appropriately followed by everyone who comes to a school campus or rides a school bus.

People who come to the schools may have varying opinions about these protocols, and some may have strong personal feelings against physical distancing and/or wearing a face covering. As a District, we fully support the free exchange of ideas and conversations as appropriate. However, this does not alleviate the District's responsibility to ensure that the people who come to a school campus comply with the laws in place for public safety. This is no different from any other regulation or rule the District currently follows and is most similar to our policies regarding dress code. Students who violate these rules may be held accountable for violations of the Amphitheater Student Code of Conduct, including, but not limited to, being removed from the school campus or school bus. They may also be precluded from attending future sessions of the District's On-Campus Supervision.

³ Williamson County and Cities Health District. *Reopening Business Frequently Asked Questions*. Texas: 2020.

District COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols



Face Coverings

While at school, wear a face covering that snugly covers both the nose and mouth



Wash Hands

Wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer



Healthy Hygiene

Cover face for sneezes or coughs, and wash hands immediately afterward



Avoid Handshakes and High Fives

Do not shake hands or give high fives to limit the spread of germs



Consult an Adult before Removing a Face Covering

Get permission from an adult before removing face covering or leaving assigned area



Avoid Sharing Supplies

Avoid sharing computers, supplies, or eating and drinking utensils to limit the spread of germs



Be Physically Distant

Remain at least 6 feet from others whenever possible



Conduct Health Checks

Conduct a daily self-health check for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school



Stay Home When Sick

Stay home if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, have a temperature of 100° or if someone who lives in the same house is COVID-19 positive

District Face Covering Regulation

On July 23, 2020, Arizona Governor Ducey issued Executive Order 2020-51, which requires school districts to *“develop and implement a policy to require face coverings, such as face masks or face shields, for all staff and students over the age of five until the Arizona Department of Health Services determines that face coverings are no longer necessary or recommended to contain the spread of virus.”* Consistent with this requirement, the District developed Regulation JICA-RB – Student Dress, which requires students to wear a face covering while at school or on a school bus. Virtually identical regulations are in place for employees (Regulation GBGB-R – Staff Personal Security and Safety) and visitors (Regulation KI-RB – Visitors to Schools). Here are the relevant sections of the Regulation:

Cloth Face Coverings

While recommended by Arizona Department of Health Services, all persons, including, but not limited to, staff, students, vendors, visitors, and volunteers, shall wear a cloth face covering while on any District property, in any District facility, at any District event, whether indoors or outdoors, and in any District vehicle, including District busses or vehicles rented or leased by the District.

Cloth face coverings should not be worn by:

- A. Children under the age of two (2);
- B. Anyone who has trouble breathing;
- C. Anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The Superintendent may make exceptions to the requirement to wear a cloth face covering while keeping in mind the health and safety of everyone involved.





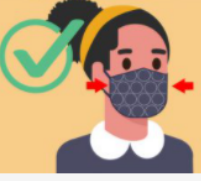

Cloth face coverings are to fully cover a person’s nose and mouth, ideally fitting snugly but comfortably against the sides of the face and under the chin. They are to remain affixed in place without the use of one’s hands and are to not have holes. They are to be laundered regularly or disposed of appropriately.








Students may remove face coverings during times specifically determined by a school administrator to be appropriate, including times designated for eating and drinking, playing outside on the playground, or any other designated “face-covering break,” provided that the students remain an appropriate physical distance (as recommended by the Pima County Health Department) from others while the face covering is removed.

A cloth face covering does not replace the need for frequent handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and practicing physical distancing (six feet [6’] away) to the extent possible. Individuals are to be reminded to avoid touching their cloth face covering and to wash their hands frequently. To ensure the proper use of cloth face coverings, staff and students are to be educated on how to wear and care for their cloth face coverings.

How to Select a Face Covering for School

When selecting a mask, there are many choices. Here are some do's and don'ts recommended by the CDC.⁴

DO choose masks that	DO NOT choose masks that
 <p>Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric</p>	 <p>Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl</p>
 <p>Completely cover your nose and mouth</p>	 <p>Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape</p>
 <p>Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps</p>	 <p>Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks</p>

Caution: Gaiters & Face Shields	Special Situations: Children	
 <p>Evaluation is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time</p>	 <p>If you are able, find a mask that is made for children</p>	
 <p>Evaluation is on-going but effectiveness is unknown at this time</p>	 <p>If you can't find a mask made for children, check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under the chin</p>	
<th>Special Situations: Glasses</th> <td><p>Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old</p></td>	Special Situations: Glasses	 <p>Do NOT put on children younger than 2 years old</p>
 <p>If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging</p>		

⁴ The information in this section comes from the CDC website for safe return to school. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html> (Oct. 2, 2020)

How to Wear a Face Covering at School⁵

Wear a mask **correctly** and **consistently** for the best protection.

- Be sure to wash your hands before putting on a mask
- Do **NOT** touch the mask when wearing it



Wear your Mask Correctly



- Wash your hands before putting on your mask
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- CDC does not recommend use of masks or cloth masks for source control if they have an exhalation valve or vent

Do NOT wear a mask



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Wear a Mask to Protect Others

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms
- Wear a mask in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart
- Wear a mask correctly for maximum protection
- **Don't** put the mask around your neck or up on your forehead
- **Don't** touch the mask, and, if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect



Follow Everyday Health Habits

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

Take off Your Mask Carefully, When You're Home

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place mask in the washing machine
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing.



How to Wash a Face Covering⁶

A cloth face covering should be washed after each use. It is important to always remove a mask correctly and wash your hands after handling or touching a used mask.



Washing machine

You can include your mask with your regular laundry.

Use regular laundry detergent and the warmest appropriate water setting for the cloth used to make the mask.

Washing by hand

With permission from and the assistance of an adult, prepare a bleach solution by mixing:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) household bleach per gallon of room temperature water or
- 4 teaspoons household bleach per quart of room temperature water

Follow all precautions on bleach bottle. Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection. Some bleach products, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing, may not be suitable for disinfection. Ensure the bleach product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

Soak the mask in the bleach solution for 5 minutes and rinse thoroughly with cool or room temperature water.



Dryer

Use the highest heat setting and leave in the dryer until completely dry.

Air dry

Lay flat and allow to completely dry. If possible, place the mask in direct sunlight.



⁶ The information in this section comes from the CDC website. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wash-cloth-face-coverings.html> (July 30, 2020).

Student Requests for Accommodation to Face Covering Regulation

Students must wear a face covering while at school or on a school bus. Students cannot come to school without a face covering. Absent an approved accommodation in place for the student, any student who fails to comply with the face covering requirement at school or on a school bus may be disciplined for violations of the Student Code of Conduct. When appropriate, such disciplinary consequences may include the student's removal from school.

Regulation JICA-RB allows students to remove face coverings during times specifically determined by a school administrator to be appropriate, including times designated for eating and drinking, playing outside on the playground, or any other designated "face-covering break," provided that the students remain an appropriate physical distance (as recommended by the Pima County Health Department) from others while the face covering is removed. Students who need further accommodation may submit a request using the "Chronic Health Condition/PPE Certification Request for Accommodations" form available at the end of this handbook and on the District and school websites in a fillable PDF. All student face covering accommodation requests must be submitted to the student's School Health Office.

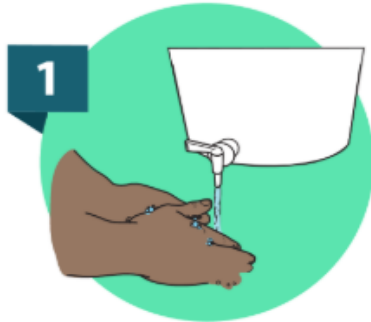
Once the application for accommodation is received, a District representative will contact the family to engage in an interactive process to determine if there is a viable accommodation available for the student. Because the face covering rule is in place during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect others who may come in contact with the student at school, face covering accommodations will only be granted for medically-certified health conditions.

Students who request an accommodation must comply with the face covering rule until an accommodation is granted to them. All accommodations will be granted in writing.

No one else has authority to make an accommodation to the District's face covering regulation.

Hand-Washing Help

Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use the cleanest water possible, for example from an improved source.* Use an alcohol-based hand rub that contains 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.



1. Wet hands with water.



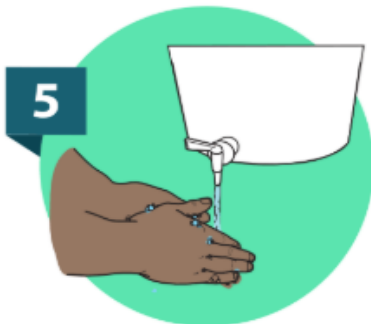
2. Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



3. Rub hands together and scrub everywhere.



4. Wash the front and back of your hands, in between your fingers, and under your nails.



5. Rinse hands with water.



6. Dry hands completely using a single-use towel or air dry.

WHEN TO WASH HANDS TO PREVENT COVID-19:

- **After** blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- **After** being in a public place
- **Before** and **after** caring for someone who is sick

Remember to wash your hands after each of these activities to stay healthy:

- **Before, during, and after** preparing food
- **Before** eating food
- **After** changing diapers or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
- **After** using the toilet or latrine
- **After** touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- **After** touching garbage

⁷The information in this section comes from the CDC website for safe return to school. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/global-covid-19/handwashing.html> (Oct. 2, 2020).

COVID-19 Symptoms

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19⁸:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Student Responsibility for Daily Health Screens at Home

Students are responsible to conduct a daily health screen at home before coming to school. Parents are asked to assist their younger children with this responsibility. Students must answer the following questions every day at home before leaving for school:

Fever of 100.0 degrees or higher	YES or NO
Subjective fever (felt feverish) chills/shaking	YES or NO
New or worsening cough	YES or NO
Shortness of breath	YES or NO
Sore throat/muscle or body aches/headache	YES or NO
Diarrhea/nausea/vomiting	YES or NO
Loss of taste or smell or rash	YES or NO

If you answer “YES” to any of the symptoms listed above, students should stay home. Do not come to a school building until the symptoms resolve. Please see the below section entitled “Protocols When A Student is Sick” for information about how long an ill student must remain away from school.

Temperatures may be taken while the student is on a school campus. Students with a temperature of 100.0 degrees or higher may not use fever reducing medication to be able to come to school. Instead, they should self-isolate at home and contact their primary care physician or nearest health care facility for direction.

⁸ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html> (July 25, 2020).

COVID-19 “Close Contact” Definition

The Pima County Health Department has issued additional guidance for people who have been in **close contact**⁹ with someone who is positive for COVID-19. Pima County Health considers you a close contact if you meet any of the following conditions:

- You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative period of 15 minutes or more, with or without a mask, in a 24-hour period,
- You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19,
- You had direct physical contact (hugged or kissed) someone who has COVID-19,
- You shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who has COVID-19, or
- Someone with COVID-19 sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.

People who meet any of the above conditions are considered to have been in **close contact** with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. Families are requested to notify the school if their student has been in **close contact** with a positive COVID-19 person and remain away from school for 10 full days (returning on Day 11) after their last exposure with the COVID-19 positive individual as long as no symptoms occur from daily monitoring during the quarantine period. Amphitheater Public Schools encourages anyone who meets the **close contact** definition to follow the ADHS guidance to quarantine for 10 full days (returning on Day 11) days after their last exposure to the positive individual.

➤ In limited circumstances, public health departments will allow quarantine to end as early as Day 8 (*i.e.*, quarantine at home for at least 7 full days) with proof of a negative COVID-19 test and no COVID-19 symptoms having occurred during the quarantine period. However, the test must be taken 48 hours before the end of the quarantine period for this to occur. In other words, a person anticipating a negative test would need to take the COVID-19 test no earlier than on Day 5 of your quarantine period and, if a negative test is received and no COVID-19 symptoms have presented during the quarantine period, the person would be allowed to end the quarantine after 7 full days and return on Day 8. Currently, there is no ability for someone to test out of quarantine earlier than Day 8.

The CDC defines the contagious period for a **close contact** to be 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.¹⁰

When Must Students Report COVID-19 Symptoms

Students should notify the school and remain away from school if they experience any of the following:

- COVID-19 symptoms,
- Positive COVID-19 test result, or
- Have been in **close contact** (defined above) with someone with COVID-19.

Employees who learn that a student meets any of the above conditions are expected to notify the Principal immediately. Students should never be asked not to report a potential COVID-19 exposure or

⁹ <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=580745> (Sept. 25, 2020).

¹⁰ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/contact-tracing.html> (July 25, 2020).

symptoms to school employees. It is important that everyone follow these health and safety protocols during the pandemic to avoid exposing others to the coronavirus and to avoid an outbreak at school.

Protocols to Address Illness on Campus during Pandemic¹¹

Displays Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Immediately ask person to put on a mask if not already wearing one
- Arrange for the individual to leave school site if signs of illness are evident
- Individual should remain away from school site until 1 of the following 3 alternatives for return is met:
 - Alternative 1 (must meet all 3 bullet points to return):
 - At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
 - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers (fever free without fever reducing medication), AND
 - Other symptoms have improved
 - Alternative 2: A negative COVID-19 test is provided
 - Alternative 3: A physician's note showing an alternative diagnosis is provided
- May encourage, but not require, person to report if being tested and if test returns positive

Displays Symptoms of COVID-19 - Awaiting Test Results:

- Person remains away from school site until results are available
- If results are delayed, follow guidance for when person reports a positive COVID-19 test
- Once results are available, follow the recommendations based on results

Displays Symptoms of COVID-19 - Refuses to Take a COVID-19 Test

- Follow above guidance for steps to take when person displays symptoms of COVID-19

Displays Symptoms of COVID-19 - Reports a Negative Test Result

- Person remains away from school site until:
 - At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; AND
 - All other symptoms have improved

Sick with Non-COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Person should remain away from school site until:

¹¹ These protocols were developed based on the guidance provided by the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Pima County Health Department regarding when people who may be ill with COVID-19 should take precautions for isolation or quarantine.

1. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers; AND
2. All other symptoms have improved

Reports Positive COVID-19 Test:

- A person who receives a positive COVID-19 result must remain away from school site, and are encouraged to quarantine at home, until all three (3) requirements are met (must meet all 3 to return):
 1. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, AND
 2. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers improved, AND
 3. Other symptoms have improved

Reports a Positive COVID-19 Test - Asymptomatic:

- Follow above guidance for steps to take when person reports a positive COVID-19 Test
- If symptoms develop subsequently, the procedure do not change.

Reports a Positive COVID-19 Test – Provides Documentation of Having Tested Positive for COVID-19 within the Past 90 Days

- Someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days may continue to test positive for COVID-19 as long as the person has the antibodies. People who provide proof of a positive COVID-19 test result within the past 90 days do not need to isolate and can return to campus.

Reports a Positive COVID-19 Test – Provides Documentation of Having Tested Positive for COVID-19 Antibodies within the Past 90 Days

- A person with COVID-19 antibodies may continue to test positive for COVID-19. People who provide proof that they have tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies within the past 90 days do not need to isolate and can return to campus.

Reports a Positive COVID-19 Test – Provides Documentation of Having Received a COVID-19 Vaccine

- The CDC has not provided guidance permitting someone who has received a COVID-19 vaccination to avoid isolation or quarantine. These protocols should continue to be followed despite vaccination.

No COVID-19 Symptoms - Awaiting Test Results:

- People who are asymptomatic and take a COVID-19 test do not need to remain away from school site while awaiting test results unless considered a close contact (defined below) with someone who is positive.
- For close contacts, follow below close contact guidance
- While awaiting test results, continue to follow usual District health and safety protocols
- Once results are available, follow the recommendations based on results

Close Contact with Someone Positive with COVID-19:

People are considered a **close contact** if they:

- Were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more, with or without a mask, in a 24-hour period,
- Provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19,
- Had direct physical contact (hugged or kissed) someone who has COVID-19,
- Shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who has COVID-19, or
- Someone with COVID-19 sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on them.

The CDC defines the contagious period for a **close contact** to be 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

People who are a **close contact** must remain away from a school site for 10 full days (returning on Day 11) after their last exposure with the COVID-19 positive individual as long as no symptoms occur from daily monitoring during the quarantine period.

- In limited circumstances, public health departments will allow quarantine to end as early as Day 8 (*i.e.*, quarantine at home for at least 7 full days) with proof of a negative COVID-19 test and no COVID-19 symptoms having occurred during the quarantine period. However, the test must be taken 48 hours before the end of the quarantine period for this to occur. In other words, a person anticipating a negative test would need to take the COVID-19 test no earlier than on Day 5 of your quarantine period and, if a negative test is received and no COVID-19 symptoms have presented during the quarantine period, the person would be allowed to end the quarantine after 7 full days and return on Day 8. ***Employees who want to proceed with this option must provide proof of their negative test result to their Supervisor before returning to work.***
- Someone with documented evidence of having been positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days or documented evidence of having antibodies for COVID-19 within the past 90 days, is not considered a **close contact**.

Lives with Someone with COVID-19:

- Follow guidance for **close contact** above

Had Contact with Asymptomatic (Showing No Symptoms) Person Who Had Contact with a Symptomatic Person (Showing Symptoms):

- If a **close contact**, follow guidance for **close contact** above
- If the person had contact, but is not **close contact**, then the person should continue to conduct daily health screen at home and, if answers to all questions are “NO”, may report to work as usual

The Person or Someone Living with the Person has Traveled to an Area with Local Transmission:

- Continue to conduct daily health screenings
- Follow usual District health and safety protocols.

Steps to be Taken When a Positive COVID-19 Test Result is Reported

1. Information about positive COVID-19 tests should be submitted to the School Health Office. The School Health Office reports all positive cases to the Pima County Health Department.
2. The Principal will arrange for a school official to communicate with the individual who reported the positive case to clarify the following:
 - The date and time of the positive test result
 - The date and time that the individual first experienced a symptom of COVID-19
 - The primary working or learning locations of the individual, and
 - The date and time that the individual was last physically present at a District site
 - *Why? For COVID-19, the CDC identifies the **close contact** (defined on page 13) period to be 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.¹²*
3. If the person with COVID-19 was at a District site within two (2) days before the first symptom (for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days before the positive test date), then the Principal:
 - Determines which areas of the site should be closed for cleaning, immediately closing them to limit others from entering the area, and submits a cleaning request for the area(s),
 - Assists Pima County Health Department officials to identify anyone at a District site who was in **close contact** (defined on p. 13) with the COVID-19 positive individual, and follows the directives of the Pima County Health officials for notifying individuals who may have been in **close contact** with a person with COVID-19, and
 - Send a notice to all families and staff assigned to the site, as well as any other staff members who were present at the site during the contagious period as determined by the front desk log.

¹² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/contact-tracing.html> (July 25, 2020).

Communications for a Potential COVID-19 Exposure

The Pima County Health Department performs contract tracing. The District does not conduct its own contract tracing. If a Pima County Health official determines that someone at a District site was potentially in **close contact** (defined on page 13) with someone who was present at a District site while contagious with COVID-19, the Principal will deliver a letter provided by Pima County Health to that individual.¹³ Pima County Health officials identify to whom the Principal must deliver a Pima County Health letter. The Pima County Health letter is on the Pima County Health Department letterhead.

As added precaution, the District also sends a communication to all families and staff assigned to the site, as well as any other staff members who were present at the site during the contagious period (as determined by the front desk log), when it is made aware that someone with COVID-19 was physically present at a District site during the contagious period. This District communication is provided as a courtesy to remind people at the site to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms and follow the COVID-19 mitigation protocols.

Sample District Communication

We are writing to make you aware that someone who has reported a positive COVID-19 test result was present at [FILL IN SITE NAME]. The Pima County Health Department has been notified. Pima County Health performs contact tracings for positive COVID-19 test results and will communicate with anyone who may have been exposed. The person was last on campus on [INSERT DATE].

The District has established health protocols designed to minimize the spread of COVID-19. The mitigation protocols are on the District website: <https://www.amphi.com/Domain/4949>. These include:

- *Wear a face covering at school*
- *Maintain appropriate physical distancing from others*
- *Regular hand-washing*

Please continue to follow these protocols and perform daily health screenings. Do not come to school if you are ill or begin to experience any of the below symptoms:

- *Fever (temperature over 100 F) without having taken any fever reducing medications*
- *Loss of smell or taste*
- *Cough*
- *Muscle aches*
- *Sore throat*
- *Shortness of breath*

¹³ See, e.g., https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Health/COVID-19/Schools%20Child%20Care/PARENT%20ALERT%20COVID-19%20Schools.pdf (Sept. 25, 2020); see also https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Health/COVID-19/Schools%20Child%20Care/PARENT%20ALERT%20COVID-19%20Schools%20Staff.pdf (Sept. 25, 2020).

- Chills
- Headache
- Gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite

Cleaning Following Potential COVID-19 Exposure at District Site

Amphitheater Public Schools has dedicated and trained custodians who clean every District and school site daily. District administration meets with custodians regularly to review cleaning procedures for added safety. The District's standard daily cleaning procedures were sufficient in and of themselves to comply with the public health guidelines for cleaning during a pandemic. Notwithstanding this, additional cleaning protocols have been put in place at every site since COVID-19 began for added safety precautions for those present at the site.

If a person notifies a school that they were physically present at the school site within two (2) days before illness onset (or for asymptomatic patients, two (2) days before the positive test), then the Principal will take the following steps:

1. Clear inside space(s) where the person was present for extended time periods and close the doors to the space if possible. *NOTE: This would generally consist of all areas where the primary learning or working spaces of the positive case.*
2. Do not let anyone at the site enter the space(s) until cleared by the cleaning team.
3. Arrange for a COVID-19 deep clean of the space(s).
4. If students are scheduled to be in the areas to be cleaned, the Principal will make plans for those students to move to a different space. Students will only be sent home upon direction of the Pima County Health Department.

Additional Information for Families

Families who would like additional information about steps the District is taking to mitigate exposure to COVID-19 should consult the District's website at www.amphi.com. Specific details about the District Reopening Protocols and Mitigation Plan are available on the website under "COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information".

Resources and telephone numbers that may be helpful for families during the pandemic are also available in that same section of the website. These include a resource guide to help families during these difficult times with links to information about food assistance, internet access, economic assistance, the mental health crisis line, tips to support children, and information about COVID-19.

In addition, the Pima County Health Department has set up a phone hotline to answer questions from the public and healthcare providers about testing, symptoms, and any other questions about the virus. Call (520) 626-6016 (local) or 1-844-542-8201 (state) to reach a health care professional. Pima County Health also posts information about its available FREE COVID-19 testing locations on its website at <https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=575060>.

Moreover, Arizona Governor Ducey announced a new statewide hotline that will provide answers for coronavirus concerns in both English and Spanish. The statewide COVID-19 Hotline is administered by 2-1-1 Arizona and the Crisis Response Network and will offer a place to answer questions and concerns from Arizona residents about COVID-19. Arizonans can get important COVID-19 related information in English and Spanish by simply dialing 2-1-1.

Finally, families should feel free to call their school if they have questions about this handbook or other COVID-19 related questions. Amphitheater Public Schools also has an email hotline that is monitored continuously at answers@amphi.com.



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**CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITION/PPE CERTIFICATION
REQUEST FOR ACCOMMODATIONS**

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of Student	Date of Birth	School	Grade
<input type="text"/>		<input type="text"/>	
Name of Parent		<input type="text"/>	Phone

I give permission for the Health Director to discuss my child's diagnosis and possible accommodations with the physician noted below.

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
X Parent Signature	Date

Certified health professional diagnosis

Accommodations Requested (mark one)

- ☐ Can wear cloth mask or clear mask
- ☐ Can wear Face shield/ helmet shields
- ☐ Other appropriate PPE for this student (student must cover nose and mouth to attend school)

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Name of Certified Health Professional	Title of Certified Health Professional
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Signature of Certified Health Professional	Office Phone
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Date	

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