

TUSD COVID-19 VIRUS MITIGATION PLAN

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This document is guidance for all operations and activities within the Tombstone Unified School District. These practices will help reduce, but not eliminate the potential of virus spread. This document has been prepared based on information obtained from Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), AZ Department of Health Services (AZDHS), Cochise County Department of Health and Social Services (CCH), Arizona Department of Education (ADE), U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) and Arizona School Administrator's (ASA). Procedures will change as we continue to refine our operations base on additional information receives from supporting agencies.

Overview

The following safety measures and precautions will allow students and staff to reduce risk for the On-Site Learning Option. These safety measures will also be taken into consideration by the CCH during any potential investigation or contact tracing, into a positive Covid-19 case in our schools and will affect the decisions made regarding possible additional actions. Any precautions we take to mitigate the spread of the virus will lessen the likelihood of the necessity of mass quarantines of classrooms, grade levels, bus routes, etc. in the event of a positive case of Covid-19 in our facilities.

At Home

Students and staff members are not allowed on campus if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or chills;
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- muscle aches;
- sore throat;
- headache;
- fatigue;

- congestion or runny nose;
- cough;
- vomiting;
- diarrhea;
- rash;
- stomach ache;
- new loss of taste or smell.

Parents should screen students for the above symptoms each morning, should self-report symptoms, and must keep students at home if any symptoms are present. Students will have the opportunity to make up work missed due to symptoms of COVID-19.

Arriving to Campus

Upon arrival to campus, students will enter through limited access points where a staff member will check their temperature. If they have a reading of 100.4 or above, they will be placed in a cool-down area. If the reading does not drop below 100.4, they will have to leave campus immediately. They will not be allowed back on campus until they have been fever free for 48 hours without the aid of medication or fever reducers.

Parents and visitors will not be allowed on campus during the school day without an appointment.

Students and staff will wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times, at minimum:

- upon arrival at school;
- after being outside for student physical activity;
- before and after lunch;
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose;
- after physical contact with other staff or students.

Masks

Masks are required to be worn over face and mouth at all times while inside campus buildings, on buses. Masks are not required outside if not in the immediate proximity of others. Break procedures will be established by each school.

Social Distancing

Staff members will educate and highly encourage students regularly to maintain an optimal distance between individuals at all times possible. Staff members will be cognizant of the social-emotional needs for students to be connected while encouraging physical space between them.

Non-instructional activity spaces including outdoor spaces will be used for instruction when the teacher feels it is beneficial. Additional practices for social distancing include:

- Parents are encouraged to drive their students to school to alleviate crowding on buses
- On buses, students should sit one to a seat and alternating seats whenever space is available.
- Classroom desks have been arranged to provide 6 feet spacing
- Desks have been positioned to face the same direction
- Restroom facilities have been altered to provide space between users
- Traffic areas such as hallways have been marked to assist in an easier flow of students.
- Seating in cafeteria areas have been modified to provide additional space and areas beyond the cafeterias have been identified as eating areas.

Cleaning

Schools will provide additional cleaning and disinfecting of all frequently touched surfaces in work areas, such as door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, desks, and learning tools. All classrooms, offices and common areas will be disinfected nightly. The playground, sports equipment, and any other shared items (if they are being used) will be disinfected regularly. Staff will clean and disinfect high touch areas in their workspaces as needed throughout the day. Schools will assign schedules to janitorial staff for increased cleaning of surfaces and bathrooms throughout the day. Food Service will maintain protocols to clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces in accordance with established food safety requirements. Buses will be cleaned and disinfected with spray sanitizer between each route.

Athletic and Extra Curricular Activities

All AIA and other governing body requirements will be strictly followed during all extracurricular activities.

Procedure if Staff or Student Tests Positive

In the event of a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in any TUSD facility, TUSD will follow all CCH directives and protocols. If a family member of staff or students tests positive, CCH will identify any possible connection to TUSD through contact tracing teams. In the event of multiple confirmed cases within TUSD, additional mitigation

including possible closure will be considered by TUSD in conjunction with CCH and AZDHS. 24/7 communication lines have been established between CCH and TUSD to ensure rapid response. Due to HIPPA and FERPA laws, notification to parents and community may be restricted.