

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. We remain vigilant about COVID-19 and have strategies in place to address it. These strategies may be updated as needed based on the status of COVID-19 in the community, county or state. These practices will help reduce, but not eliminate the potential of virus spread while keeping a priority on On-Site instruction. This document has been prepared with consideration of 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 based on additional information receives from supporting agencies and current levels of transmission.

Overview

The following safety measures and precautions will allow students and staff to reduce risk of contracting the virus while on campus. 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.

Symptom Monitoring

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

- fever of 100.4 degrees or higher;
- 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.

School staff will monitor students for COVID-19 symptoms. Students exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be sent home and follow the *Cochise County 21-21 Covid-19 School Guidance* to determine when they may return. Please keep your child home if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. This will ensure your child is able to return to school as quickly as possible. Students will have the opportunity to make up work missed due to symptoms of COVID-19.

Personal Hygiene on Campus

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 usage is encouraged for students and staff but not required on campus or on buses.

Vaccinations

Vaccinations are not required for students, employees or visitors to attend school or school events. Students and employees may voluntarily share vaccine information with the school staff.

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:

- On buses, students should sit one to a seat and alternating seats whenever space is available.
- Classroom desks have been arranged to provide as much spacing as practical.
- Desks have been positioned to face the same direction
- 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.

Isolation and quarantine

Any student who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for ten days after symptoms begin, (or 10 days from testing if asymptomatic). Students having direct contact at school with a person who is positive for COVID-19 will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms. Students having direct contact at home with a person who is positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine.

Reporting of positive cases

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, their parent is strongly encouraged to notify the school. Employees are required to notify their supervisor.

**This plan may be modified by TUSD Superintendent, on behalf of the Governing Board of Tombstone Unified School District #1, as conditions warrant.