

WESD Mitigation Plan (taken from the WESD Reopening Plan)

Health Screening

- Students should stay home if they feel ill or are exhibiting symptoms of respiratory infection.
- Parents and guardians should assess their child's health daily prior to heading to school or the bus stop.
- At the beginning of each day as students enter the classroom, teachers will check students' temperature, as well as informally screen students for respiratory symptoms. If the teacher has concerns about a student (temperature above 100.4, respiratory symptoms), he or she will contact the school health office for guidance.
- Students will be reminded of proper respiratory hygiene, including:
 - Avoiding touching the eyes, nose, and mouth.
 - Covering the mouth when coughing.
 - Covering the nose when sneezing and safely discarding tissues.

Hand Hygiene

- Frequent hand washing/cleaning will be encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day with both soap and water or hand sanitizer. Instructions for hand washing include:
 - Using soap and water, scrubbing for 20 seconds, and rinsing.
 - Using paper towels to dry hands, when feasible.
- Classrooms without hand washing will have access to alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Hand washing stations are in classrooms or entry ways to cafeteria
- Hand sanitizer stations will be or are installed in school and district office entryways.

Face Coverings

- Students and staff will be required to wear face masks on school campuses, as well as buses.
- Any student who has difficulty breathing or who is incapable of physically removing the face covering on his/her own will not wear cloth face coverings, and alternate methods of protection will be discussed by parents and staff. Students who refuse to comply with the safety protocols adopted for in-person learning will be offered the opportunity for the distance learning model.

School Campuses and Classrooms

- Student seating will be arranged to maintain social distancing. Desks will be faced in the same direction, rather than facing each other or students will sit on only one side of tables, spaced apart.
- Each student's belongings will be separated from others' and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Social distancing will be maintained in open areas, such as hallways, stairwells, gyms, playgrounds.
- Students will be encouraged to bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains. To limit exposure to other students and staff, recess will be separated by classes and grade-level cohorts. Signage will be posted in all rooms and common areas explaining hygiene practices to prevent spread.
- Where possible, adjustments to drop-off and pickup routines will be made to facilitate social distancing. Walking students will be encouraged to leave campus quickly. Busing students will wait in designated zone areas. Parents will wait in assigned pickup zone, while students wait under staff supervision.



Enhanced Cleaning

- Additional disinfecting of high touch point areas, such as counter tops and door handles, will be completed throughout the school day.
- All classrooms will have an EPA N-list registered disinfectant available for staff to disinfect high touch points as needed throughout the day.
- Training for staff will be provided on the proper use/procedures for disinfecting and the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required.
- Continued air quality will be maintained by cleaning all HVAC unit coils and changing air filters as scheduled. Also HVAC outside air dampers will be set to bring in outside air.

Response to Reported Cases

- CDC protocols regarding reported cases and specific guidance from the Maricopa County Department of Public Health will be followed.
- School health technicians will follow established screening protocols, and will consult with public health officials to determine how best to handle students and staff who display or develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- Isolation rooms will be set up within the school for students or staff who may get sick during the day.

Visitors

- No outside visitors beyond the school office, except for the safety and well-being of students.
- Parents will report to the front office and not go beyond unless it is for the safety or well-being of their child.

Activities and Events

- Suspend field trips and student travel until further notice and reevaluate resumption at the end of the first quarter.
- Suspend sports and athletic events and reevaluate at the end of first quarter.
- Suspend large group gatherings, such as school assemblies and book fairs, until further notice and reevaluate resumption at the end of the first quarter.
- Evaluate opportunities to incorporate virtual field trips and extracurricular activities.
- Suspend social activities such as dances and movie nights until further notice and reevaluate resumption at the end of the first quarter.
- Evaluate conducting other activities such as orientations, curriculum nights, Meet the Teacher nights and open houses in alternative or modified formats, including virtually.
- Refer to the Community Education Department to address rental of facilities, including athletic and faith-based organizations.
- Suspend staff travel for professional development and other activities until further notice and reevaluate at end of the first quarter.