



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### *Health and Safety*

#### **What measures will be implemented on campus to ensure the safety of staff and students?**

**Cleaning and Disinfecting:** AVUHSD will take essential actions to create a physical environment that promotes student and staff safety through established protocols and procedures. These will include daily disinfection of areas used by students and staff, focus on high-touch surfaces such as door handles and restrooms during the day.

**Physical Distancing:** We will encourage physical distancing throughout the day. Schedules will be developed to reduce numbers of students in common areas during breaks, lunches, and reduce large gatherings. Classrooms will utilize space by spreading desks and tables around the room, as well as using vacant classrooms and outdoor spaces, as available.

**Face Coverings:** At this time, we anticipate that the California Department of Public Health and Los Angeles County orders will require that all staff and students wear face coverings, masks, or face shields. There will be very few exceptions to this requirement.

**Hygiene:** Hygiene practices will be reviewed regularly with students. We will teach and reinforce washing hands, avoiding contact with one's eyes, nose, and mouth, and covering coughs and sneezes among students and staff. We are adding hand sanitizer stations to high traffic areas on all campuses.

AVUHSD will continue to follow the California Department of Public Health guidelines and continue to collaborate with the Los Angeles County Public Health Agency for current guidelines on health measures.

#### **How do schools expect to screen every student at least once per day?**

Each school site will create a process for screening students in the most efficient way possible. Parents will also be asked to assist us by pre-screening at home.

#### **What will happen if a student or staff member develops a fever or symptoms while on campus?**

**STAFF:** If at any time during the school day a staff member develops a fever on campus, the staff member will be sent home.

**STUDENT:** A student who is ill and exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will be supervised in a separate area until parents arrive to pick them up.

### **Will they be required to be tested for COVID-19?**

AVUHSD will advise sick staff members and students not to return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation, including 3 days with no fever, symptoms have improved and 10 days since symptoms first appeared.

### **What happens if a staff member or student tests positive? Will school be closed for 14 days? Is there a procedure in place for quarantining in the event that a person on campus tests positive or in the case that a family member of a student or staff personnel tests positive?**

We will work with public health on whether a decision needs to be made to close school. We will review context, contacts and exposure to others to inform necessary next steps. When a student, teacher or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and has exposed others at the school, we will implement the following steps:

- In consultation with the local public health department, the appropriate school official may decide whether school closure is warranted, including the length of time necessary, based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer.
- Given standard guidance for isolation at home for at least 14 days after close contact, the classroom or office where the patient was based will typically need to close temporarily as students or staff isolate.
- Additional close contacts at school outside of a classroom should also isolate at home.
- Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19 positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfection.
- Implement communication plans for school closure to include outreach to students, parents, teachers, staff and the community.
- Provide guidance to parents, teachers and staff reminding them of the importance of community physical distancing measures while a school is closed, including discouraging students or staff from gathering elsewhere.
- Students and staff will immediately transition to the “At-Home Learning” model.
- Maintain regular communications with the local public health department.

### **Will students sent home due to COVID-19 exposure be required to enroll in a “At-Home Learning” model until it is safe for them to return, or permanently?**

Students will immediately begin to participate in the Distance Learning option of the “At-Home Learning” model. They will continue with the work assigned from their in-person teacher, participating virtually in the classes instead.

### **What happens to learning and teaching if an entire classroom or school needs to close?**

The teachers and students would transition into the Distance Learning option of the “At-Home Learning”. Our current “At-School Learning” model allows for our students and teachers to seamlessly transition to “At-Home Learning” if the need arises.



**What if a family member that lives in the same home with a student or staff member test positive for COVID?**

Staff and students who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 should stay home and monitor their health.

**I would really like my student to return to a normal school day on campus; however, I am also worried he/she may contract COVID-19. What assurances do I have as a parent that every precaution will be taken to ensure my child's safety specific to this virus?**

AVUHSD will follow the Los Angeles County Health orders to the greatest extent possible to ensure safety for our students and staff.

**What precautions will be taken for issuing food services on campus? What meal options will be provided for online learners?**

At this time we are looking at options to provide meal service for our "At-School Learning" students within the daily bell schedule. Drive-thru meal services will continue through the start of the new school year for all students.

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*Student Learning and Schedules*

**What would be the class size for on-campus learning?**

AVUHSD has elected a blended learning model to accommodate the need for reduced class size. Our class size will be in compliance with the current health orders specifying the required amount of physical distancing.

**How many days a week will "At-School Learning" students physically attend school?**

Students will be on campus two days a week. Group A will attend on Monday & Tuesday. Group B will attend on Thursday & Friday.

**Will students participating in the "At-School" and Distance Learning option of "At-Home" Learning receive instruction from their teachers as opposed to just posting assignments on Google Classroom?**

Yes- Teachers will either live-stream their in-person class lesson or they will provide a pre-recorded lesson for students to view. Additionally, teachers will be available daily for students in both models to access for questions and support.

**What will lunch look like?**

At this time we are looking at options to provide meal service for our "At-School Learning" students within the daily bell schedule with the focus on reducing numbers of students in common areas during breaks and lunches.



**Will sports and extra-curricular activities be permitted for the 2020-21 school year?**

On Monday, July 13 we will begin phase one of a three-phase return to athletics and activities. In phase one, teams and clubs are permitted to gather in groups no more than 10, in outdoor spaces only, and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distancing. Specific information will be made available from your student's school.

**Will music courses be provided in both the “At-School” and “At-Home” Learning Options?**

Yes. Music courses will be provided in both options. Our faculty will collaborate on the best ways to provide this instruction in alignment with the requirements of the most recent public health order.

**Will parent volunteers be permitted?**

Initially, we will not be allowing parent volunteers to participate on campus. At some point, we would like to have all volunteers and will be monitoring safety regulations in order to welcome volunteers back to our school. We all are working together to prevent illness and reduce the number of people on campus for physical distancing.