



**K-12
COVID HEALTH
AND SAFETY
PLAN**

**2021-2022
SCHOOL YEAR**

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Greetings

We are happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! The beginning of school always brings excitement and yet we know that with COVID still present, there may be questions and concerns too.

Hopefully this plan addresses your questions and concerns. If not, please contact us. We will actively monitor and review new COVID-related information and guidance throughout the year. We will continue to be available to answer questions as they arise and provide guidance as public health conditions and knowledge evolves. We had a healthy school year last year on campus and look forward to partnering with your child and family along this school journey together this year.

Please note that future updates about the general health conditions of the School and any changes to policies or campus operations will be communicated via email to our families.

Our Current Thinking

We agree with the experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH), National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, and others who emphasize the importance of in-person interaction for learning and development, and prioritize safely reopening campus to the extent public health conditions allow.

The recent rise in COVID cases in the state of Hawaii, and the rise of the Delta variant, are certainly concerning. This has led us to start the school year with similar health and safety protocols as we ended last school year with. Hopefully the situation will improve and we can revisit certain mitigation strategies later.

No Change to the First Day of School

All students will report to campus as planned, August 18th.

Role of Family / Community Expectations



One of the many truths that this pandemic has laid bare is how interconnected we are. Our health is impacted by the care, thoughtfulness and behavior of others. The school has a plan to screen for symptomatic individuals, mitigate transmission on campus, limit exposure, and respond quickly to illness. **But we need your help to reduce the chance of the virus coming onto campus.**

By enrolling your child at Assets, you are agreeing to the policies and expectations outlined in our reopening plan and family handbook. Most notably, to keep your child home if they are sick or someone in your household is concerned they might be infected. Additionally, we ask for your support in the requests that we have shared, and in sharing a commitment to value and protect the health of our entire school community.

Please contact us if you are ever unsure about a policy or an illness, possible COVID exposure, travel plans, or testing.

Illness and COVID Reporting

Report a Positive or Potential COVID-19 Case



If your child has been advised to test for COVID, please immediately notify the school, regardless of their vaccination status. If your child or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19, immediately notify the school.

K-8 families, please send an email to k8covid@assets-school.org.

High School families please send an email to HScovid@assets-school.org.

Assets has a nurse on each campus. We will work with the Department of Health to implement contact tracing.

Report an Exposure or Close Contact



If your child was in close contact with someone who tested positive or has been advised to be tested for COVID-19, immediately notify the school, regardless of their vaccination status.

K-8 families, please send an email to k8covid@assets-school.org.

High School families please send an email to HScovid@assets-school.org.

Please Stay Home if Sick



If your child is sick, we ask that you keep them home from school. They must be fever- or symptom-free for 24 hours, without any fever-reducing medication, before returning to campus.

Communication of a Confirmed or Potential COVID-19 Case



If a student is advised to test for COVID, we will initiate contact tracing and notify parents of all close contacts. **NEW** Per our current policy, fully vaccinated students may remain on campus while unvaccinated students will need to self-quarantine until the test results come back. As you know, the symptoms of COVID overlap with many childhood illnesses so we thank you for your patience as we keep the community safe and work with physicians to determine why a student is symptomatic.

We understand a potential or positive case in our community may be unsettling to many people and there will be a desire for details. We will work closely with the Department of Health to inform you of the appropriate information and next steps, while adhering to applicable privacy laws and standards.

Unless directed otherwise, the school will not disclose personally identifiable information and will work with public health officials to communicate additional details to any individuals who may have had exposure to the individual(s) with a positive diagnosis.

When You Can Return to Campus



Assets School's policy is to consult with local health officials for the most appropriate and updated information regarding when an individual can return to campus after a positive COVID-19 diagnosis or quarantine. The Hawaii Department of Health notifies individuals when they are released from quarantine. Please make sure the Assets Health Team clears you before you return to campus.

Situations may be unique but our general understanding is:

If...	You May Return to Campus After
1. You test positive for COVID-19, or are presumed positive, and you <u>have symptoms</u> (regardless of vaccination status)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 10 days pass since symptoms first appeared and; Being fever-free for at least 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication, and; Symptoms have improved.
2. You test positive for COVID-19 but have <u>no symptoms</u> (regardless of vaccination status)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days pass since the test and; Being symptom-free the entire time.
3. You have COVID-19 symptoms but your primary medical doctor determines it is due to an alternate cause or illness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All symptoms resolve and; Being fever-free for at least 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication.
4. You are exposed to COVID-19 and have no symptoms	<p>If you are fully vaccinated: NEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not need to quarantine if you have no symptoms However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative. <p>If you are unvaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing a 10-day quarantine and; Being symptom-free the entire time.
5. You develop COVID-19 symptoms during your quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting the criteria for #1.

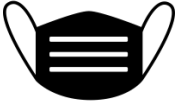


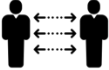



Our Reopening Approach





We know no single measure can eliminate our risk. Evidence does suggest that risk to students and employees can be kept low if there is strict adherence to multiple, coordinated mitigation strategies and response protocols.



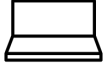

We have integrated recommendations from multiple health and science organizations into a school reopening framework from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Our reopening strategies focus on promoting Healthy Classrooms, Healthy Buildings, Healthy Policies, Healthy Schedules, and Healthy Activities.

Healthy Classrooms

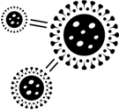





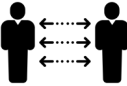
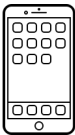
	K8	HS
<p>Face Coverings</p> 	<p>Cloth face coverings must be worn by everyone on campus, except during lunch and snack breaks. Gaiters and masks with exhalation valves or vents are not allowed.</p> <p>Students will be given “mask breaks” outdoors. Teachers will coach students on how to wear and care for their masks. The school has extra masks for those who forget or need a replacement during the day.</p>	
<p>Face Shields</p> 	<p>Clear face shields are available to any student who wishes one. Students may wear this over their mask at their discretion or at the teacher’s request when working closely with another student.</p>	
<p>Hand Hygiene</p> 	<p>Students will wash or sanitize hands throughout the day. Each classroom will be equipped with hand sanitizer.</p>	
<p>Physical Distancing</p> 	<p>We will distance as much as possible. Classrooms have rearranged furniture and we have tried to lower class sizes wherever possible.</p>	
	K8	HS
<p>Class Materials</p> 	<p>Materials will be designated to individual students when possible. Shared materials will be sanitized. Students may not share personal supplies.</p>	
<p>Cohorts</p> 	<p>NEW K-6 self-contained classrooms with limited collaboration amongst no more than one other homeroom, except during recess when outdoors and masked.</p> <p>7-8 graders self-contained classrooms with limited collaboration amongst no more than two other homerooms, except during recess when outdoors and masked.</p> <p>After School Care will be offered, but enrollment will be limited and students will be divided by grade-level cohorts in designated spaces. These cohorts will be different than the ones during the school day.</p>	<p>Grade-level homerooms</p> <p>Academic courses aligned with student’s profile of needs</p>
<p>Assembly</p> 	<p>NEW K8 Assemblies will resume this year with smaller cohorts in attendance and COVID-19 guidelines in place.</p>	




<p>Field Trips</p> 	<p>NEW: Field trips will resume this year. All field trips will go through an approval process prior to scheduling to ensure it is COVID-responsible.</p> <p>Face coverings are required on the bus. Ventilation will be increased. Students will be distanced to the degree possible.</p>
<p>Outdoor Areas</p> 	<p>We have set up large tents on both campuses to provide additional covered area for instruction, snack/lunch, or drop-off/pick-up procedures.</p>

Healthy Buildings





<p>Ventilation</p> 	<p>All classrooms with students have windows and doors that open to fresh outdoor air. We have set up tents on both campuses that allow for outdoor instruction.</p>
<p>Filter Indoor Air</p> 	<p>The K8 campus uses an HVAC system that has upgraded the air filters. Our maintenance staff changes filters on a regular schedule.</p>
<p>Physical Barriers</p> 	<p>We have installed barriers in the main offices for visitors.</p>
<p>Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custodial staff clean and disinfect classrooms daily. • Classrooms will be equipped with disinfectant for teachers to use as needed. • Common areas, shared spaces, and high-touch surfaces will be sanitized frequently throughout the day. • Custodial staff are using disinfectants on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) list of registered antimicrobial products for use against Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. • Shared materials will be sanitized. • Everyone is expected to sanitize their own technology tools regularly.

Healthy Policies



<p>COVID Response Team</p> 	<p>We have a team responsible for reviewing new COVID information, tracking key risk assessment metrics, and procuring COVID-related materials and supplies for the school.</p>
<p>Health Screenings</p> 	<p>All employees and students complete a daily health screening prior to arrival on campus.</p> <p>We will not be conducting temperature checks on site this year.</p>
<p>Sick Policy</p> 	<p>If your child is sick, we ask that you keep them home from school. They must be fever- or symptom-free for 24 hours, without any fever-reducing medication, before returning to campus.</p> <p>If the student is at school, parents will be contacted immediately for pick up. Students will wait in a supervised, designated area that will be disinfected afterward. If the student is a driver who is capable, they may drive home with parent's permission.</p>
<p>COVID Policy and Reporting</p> 	<p>We have clear expectations and protocols to enact when there is a positive case in our community. Please see the section "Illness and COVID Reporting," found earlier in this document, for the full policy.</p>
<p>Parents on Campus</p> 	<p>NEW K-8 Parents are allowed on campus this year to walk their child to class in the morning. Parents must be masked and complete their own health screening on the app. Parents should not enter the classroom and should not linger on campus.</p>
<p>Visitors</p> 	<p>Non-essential visitors will be limited on campus. All visitors must wear a mask and stop at the office for health screening. We ask that parents refrain from entering campus unless necessary.</p>
<p>Limited Gathering Size</p> 	<p>To protect everyone, we will limit the number of adults (employees and parents) who are meeting in-person.</p>
<p>School App</p> 	<p>The Assets app is how you submit your daily health screening and will allow you to quickly find and receive school information wherever you are.</p>

<p>Travel</p> 	<p>NEW All students and staff must meet the State of Hawaii's travel requirements at the time of their travels.</p> <p>Out-of-State Travel Please complete the online Assets School Travel Form (https://forms.gle/e7Sd8XxxxFmRx4WZA) at least one week prior to the start of your travels.</p> <p>No student, staff, parent, or visitor may return to campus unless one of the following conditions are met.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fully vaccinated prior to the start of your travels* or; 2. Receive a viral COVID test 3-5 days after returning from the trip (and provide proof of negative result); or 3. Quarantine for 10 days <p>Families should submit the student's negative test result to our COVID-19 Response Team (k8covid@assets-school.org or hscovid@assets-school.org) and may return to campus only after they receive notice clearing the student.</p> <p>International Travel No student, staff, parent, or visitor may return to campus unless one of the following conditions are met.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individuals who are fully vaccinated may return to campus after their travels BUT must also receive a COVID test 3-5 day after returning from their trip. You do not need to quarantine while awaiting your results. This is per the CDC's current guidance. or; 2. Receive a viral COVID test 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel (even if your test is negative). Or; 3. Quarantine for 10 days <p>Inter-Island Travel Travelers must follow all local and state guidelines. There are no additional requirements from Assets at this time.</p> <p>*Have You Been Fully Vaccinated? In general, people are considered fully vaccinated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or • 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine
<p>Follow Federal, State, and Local Orders</p> 	<p>All families and employees are expected to adhere to orders from applicable federal, state, and local government health departments.</p>
<p>Distance Learning</p> 	<p>If by circumstance or government order we must close campus and move fully to distance learning, we will be prepared with a responsive program.</p>

Healthy Schedules

	K8	HS
<p>Before-School Care/Supervision</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervision begins at 7:15 a.m.
<p>Morning Drop-off</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW There will be no staggered drop-off times this year. School begins at 7:45 a.m. 	
<p>Recess and Lunch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW Recess will be with the entire cohort (i.e. K-4), not just the classroom like last year. Students will be outdoors and masked for recess. Snack and lunch will be eaten in class groupings, in a designated outdoor space. Strict adherence to “no sharing” policy. For those who purchased lunch, it will be pre-packaged and handled by adults wearing masks and gloves. Utensils will be handed directly to students. No microwave access available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered schedule for snack/lunch breaks with two grade levels outside at any one time in designated areas. When not on snack/lunch break, students will have “recess” in homerooms.
<p>Staggered Dismissal</p> 	<p>Staggered dismissal by grade-level cohorts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades K-4th 2:45 p.m. (Wed. 1:15 p.m.) Grades 5th-8th 2:55 p.m. (Wed. 1:25 p.m.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered, parent-selected pick-up times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 - 3:05 p.m. 3:05 - 3:10 p.m. 3:10 - 3:15 p.m. Non-carpool students must leave campus at 3:00 p.m.

Healthy Activities

<p>Specialist classes</p> 	<p>Resource Classes include Art, Drama, Music, P.E., Design Studio. Classes will be offered via a rotating block schedule with small class sizes. Material usage will adhere to our current policy. Classes will take place outdoors or in the homeroom class whenever possible.</p>	<p>Art, Music, and P.E. classes are offered as electives at the HS. Physical distancing and material usage will adhere to our current policy.</p>
<p>After school clubs and classes</p>	<p>More information will be shared once the school year begins.</p>	
<p>Athletics</p> 	<p>We continue to work with the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association, Interscholastic League of Honolulu, and other schools to develop guidelines for safely resuming sports.</p>	

Support



We continue to live through one of the great crises of our time. We expect students and families to experience moments or prolonged periods of anxiety. Across the country we are seeing a heightened need for mental health support. One of the great strengths of Assets is our counseling support. If you have any questions or believe your child could use additional support, please reach out to Peggy Brandt and Chris Brasile at the K8 campus and Krystal Camilo at the HS campus.

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