

COVID-19 Plan & Protocols

2023-24



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Introduction

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The Avery Coonley School (ACS) has offered safe and successful in-person learning due to its strict adherence to national, state, and local guidelines, the implementation of broad-scale mitigation strategies, and the widespread vaccination of ACS eligible staff and students. This success could not have been achieved without the partnership of our families. As we enter year four of the pandemic, and as the variants evolve, we again ask for your cooperation to help us to achieve our goal of delivering a rigorous curriculum in a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

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Operational Plan

Screening

- Parents/guardians should observe their child(ren) daily for the presence of COVID-19 [symptoms](#) before coming to school.
- Parents/guardians should have their child(ren) tested for COVID-19 if they exhibit ANY [symptoms](#), especially those associated with seasonal allergies or a cold.

Attendance

Do NOT send your child(ren) to school if they are experiencing ANY [symptoms](#) of COVID-19.

Masking

LOW

Individual masking is optional when local positivity is LOW

MEDIUM

Individual masking is optional but encouraged when local positivity is MEDIUM

HIGH

Individual masking is optional but universally recommended when local positivity is HIGH

COVID Testing

If your child is exposed to a positive case at home or school, a COVID-19 test is required. PCR, rapid or home tests are accepted. If [symptomatic](#), a PCR test is advised – especially if home and/or rapid tests are negative.

Social Distancing

When positivity levels are climbing, ACS will do its best to implement the recommended social distancing.

Exposure to COVID-19

Household Exposure to COVID-19 Guidelines

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 case, household members should mask and test on day 6 following the exposure, or sooner if symptoms develop, but may attend work/school, regardless of vaccination status, as long as no symptoms are present.

IF POSITIVE follow the guidelines below:

▼ Positive Result ▼

Isolate for 5 days at home beginning first day following positive result (the day of result is counted as day 0).

May return to school on day 6 IF fever and symptom free, **AND** able to tolerate wearing a well-fitted mask for an additional 5 days.

Other Mitigation Strategies

- ACS utilizes a high-tech air filtration system.
- Water stations are available throughout the school for use with reusable bottles brought from home.
- ACS schedules regular sanitization of frequently touched surfaces.
- Routine and intermittent hand washing is encouraged throughout the day.

Definitions:

Isolation means to remain home and stay away from other people for at least 5 days following a positive test result. The first day of symptoms or positive result in the case of asymptomatic cases is considered day 0.

Vaccine/Booster Eligibility

Vaccination remains the leading public health prevention strategy for COVID-19. For the most up-to-date information, visit the CDC web site on COVID-19 vaccinations at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/overview-COVID-19-vaccines.html>