

RESPIRATORY VIRUS GUIDANCE

As we prepare for the 2023-24 school year, Yuma Union High School District (YUHSD) will continue our efforts to prevent, mitigate, and respond to reducing the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. The following Mitigation Plan is a living document that will continue to be updated and modified as needed. Note: All state and county mandates or Executive Orders that are issued during the course of the school year will be followed and supersede any related information outlined in our plan.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Health Screenings Prior to Coming to School

All individuals should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms each morning before leaving for work or school. Parents will need to self-report symptoms to their child's school and keep their child home if any symptoms are present. YUHSD employees will need to notify their direct supervisor of any symptoms present and stay home.

All individuals must stay home if someone in the household is sick OR they have been exposed to COVID-19 OR the individual is exhibiting any of the following symptoms:

SYMPTOMS	
Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or chills	Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Muscle aches	Cough
Sore throat	Nausea/Vomiting
Headache	Diarrhea
Fatigue	New loss of taste or smell
Congestion or runny nose	

Hand Hygiene

Frequent hand washing/cleaning will be encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day with both soap and water or hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizing stations will be available at every school site for mobile use in the high-traffic areas of campus. All classrooms will have access to a minimum 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Students are responsible to wash/sanitize their hands in the following situations:

- upon arrival at school
- after being outside for physical activity
- before and after lunch
- prior to leaving school for home
- after sneezing, coughing, or blowing their nose
- after physical contact with other staff or students

Face Coverings

Face coverings are optional on YUHSD property, unless required by certain programming. Individuals who choose to wear a face covering are expected to bring their own.



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When at School

- Student seating, when possible, will be arranged to maintain as much physical distance as possible.
- Where possible, social distancing will be maintained in open or common areas, such as hallways, stairwells, cafeterias, and gymnasiums.
- Signage will be posted in all rooms and common areas explaining hygiene practices to prevent spread.

Cleaning

- Plexiglass dividers have been installed in designated areas and will remain in place.
- Floor markings and signage have been placed to remind students, staff, and visitors to social distance.
- A schedule for regular disinfecting of high traffic and high touch point areas, such as countertops, desks, and door handles will be completed by the site lead on each campus.
- All classrooms will have an EPA N-list registered disinfectant available for students and staff to disinfect high touch points as needed throughout the day.
- Training has been provided on the proper use/procedures for disinfecting and the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required.
- Campus custodial teams will mobilize their response team in the event of a positive COVID-19 case and utilize industry and CDC recommendations to thoroughly clean and disinfect the contaminated area.

Reporting Procedures for Students

- School nurses will follow established screening and quarantining protocols and will consult with public health officials as needed to determine how best to handle students who display or develop COVID-19 symptoms, following Arizona Department of Health Services (AzDHS) COVID-19 guidance.
- School sites will communicate any confirmed case of COVID-19 among the student population to Yuma County Public Health Services District (YCPHSD). At each school site, the school nurse will be responsible for reporting.
- The district will follow YCPHSD protocols regarding reported cases.
- The school will notify students who were possibly exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case via an email and phone call from the school.
- If you are providing a COVID-19 test to the school health office to show a negative result, please note that we only accept test results from a testing site (not at-home tests). Results must show your child's name.

Reporting Procedures for Staff Members

- Supervisors will follow established screening and quarantining protocols and will consult with the COVID-19 project manager to determine how best to handle staff who display or develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- At each work site, the supervisor and/or their designee will be responsible for completing the applicable COVID-19 exposure or medical diagnosis forms.
- The COVID-19 project manager will report positive cases and their exposures to YCPHSD.
- The district will follow YCPHSD protocols regarding reported cases.



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Visitors On Campus

The district sites will limit visitors and volunteers at school.

Extracurricular Activities

- YUHSD will take in consideration guidance from the YCPHSD, metrics created by the Governor's Office, and protocols established by the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) regarding AIA-sanctioned activities.

SUPPORT SERVICES

An integral part of everything we do at Yuma Union High School District is connected to support services. From transportation to technology to our invaluable staff in each of our offices, they are all a part of coming together to make each year successful.

Transportation

- If there are insufficient drivers available to run routes, the bus routes will be canceled for that school day. Parents will be notified via our ParentSquare Messaging System (voicemail, email, or text) of any interruption or cancellation of a bus route.
- Buses will be disinfected daily

Student Nutrition

Safety measures have been increased to include the following:

- Students will not be allowed to share food.
- Proper line spacing will be required while students are in line to receive their breakfast/lunch.
- Student Nutrition employees will wear gloves at all times.

Training and Communication

- At each school, the principal and/or designee will coordinate and implement protocols and communication for the school.
- The Chief Communications Officer worked with the communication team to create a multimedia campaign, with student input, to inform stakeholders of how to safely come to school and maintain a healthy environment.
- Students and staff will be educated about their role to help support a safe and healthy environment.
- Families will be provided with information about COVID-19 symptoms, risk factors, CDC guidelines and the protective efforts to reduce the spread in our community on our website which will be continuously updated.



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