





Alexandria Public Schools Mitigation Guide

Focus: Prioritize in person learning for all students while adjusting mitigation strategies based on our local data. Our COVID Advisory Team will meet on a weekly basis to review the data and provide input regarding the mitigation protocols.

Purpose: The purpose of this document is to outline Alexandria Public School’s COVID-19 mitigation guide. This document outlines the data which will be reviewed for decision making and the mitigation efforts for each of the tiers. The data from the school/classroom level will continue to be the greatest consideration with the county data being secondary data to consider. Alexandria Public Schools will utilize guidance established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), guidance from the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education and data and guidance provided from Horizon Public Health. Keep in mind that student case rates may not always reflect adult case rates and in order to continue with in person learning we may need to adjust protocols to maintain appropriate staffing.

				
	TIER I	TIER II	TIER III	TIER IV
District staff-level indicator (Active COVID Positive)	1% (~7)	2% (~14)	3% (~21)	3.5% (~25)
Student School-level Indicator (Active COVID Positive)	1% ~42	2% ~84	3% ~125	3.5% ~146
Elementary Classroom Indicator	1 or more active cases in a classroom Communication Protocol: Email home to families	2 or more active cases in a classroom Communication Protocol: Email home to families	3 or more active cases in a classroom Communication Protocol: Email home to families	4 or more active cases in a classroom *Face coverings required for the remainder of the week Communication Protocol: Email home to families
Face Coverings Students	Not applicable	Not applicable	Face coverings encouraged	Face coverings strongly recommended (*see elementary classroom indicator)

Face Coverings Adults (Staff, Visitors, Volunteers - During the school day) Based on district staff level indicator	Not applicable	Strongly recommended	Required	Required Reduce Volunteers / Visitors unless connected to curriculum
Close Contact/ Quarantine	Follow guidelines for household close contacts Inform of classroom exposures at elementary levels	Follow guidelines for household close contacts Inform of classroom exposures at elementary levels	Follow guidelines for household close contacts Inform of classroom exposures at elementary levels	Follow guidelines for household close contacts Inform of classroom exposures at elementary levels
Distancing	Not applicable	Not applicable	In impacted school/classroom increase distancing whenever possible	In impacted school/classroom increase distancing whenever possible
Cohorting	Not applicable	Not applicable	In impacted school/classroom reduce movement outside of cohort of students to the extent possible	In impacted school/classroom reduce movement outside of cohort of students to the extent possible
Meals	Standard meal practices	Standard meal practices	In impacted school/classroom adjustment of meal practices (classrooms/more tables for greater distance, etc)	In impacted school/classroom adjustment of meal practices (classrooms / more tables for greater distance, etc)

Measures present across all tiers

- Screening: Self-Screening for symptoms of illness is a practice that keeps us all safe. If you are ill, stay home
- Healthy Behaviors / Hygiene: Educating students and staff in preventive care/ healthy hygiene practices
- COVID Positive Cases: Positive COVID cases isolated for the required period of time per CDC
- Transportation: Face covering required on transportation through March 18, 2022 per CDC (No communication for COVID cases on buses)
- HVAC: Systems are running to maximize air flow and monitor air quality
- Cleaning: Routine cleaning
- Large group gatherings/staff trainings: Postpone / reschedule / move to virtual if in Tier IV
- Special circumstances within classrooms/intervention supports/small group settings: Teachers may from time to time request for students to wear a face covering for short periods of time when they are in close proximity to each other. Teachers will work with site level administration to communicate proactively with parents and students.
- Community Education: Communication will continue when a positive case is in a class or activity.

Updated February 7, 2022 - We will continue to actively monitor our local COVID data to determine strategies necessary to ensure the safety of our students and staff and adjust mitigation protocols accordingly.