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SUPERINTENDENT

Date: April 30, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alexander City School Employees

FROM: Dr. Keith Lankford, Superintendent 

Reference: COVID-19 Protocols and Guidelines after May 1, 2021

After consulting with medical professionals, school leaders, and the Board of Education, Alexander City Schools (ACS) has made the decision to relax the requirements for facial mask in schools. Masks will be optional beginning May 1, 2021 in PreK - 12th grade. All school employees and students are encouraged to continue wearing facial coverings, especially in closed spaces and when appropriate distancing is not possible.

The following protocols and guidelines will be initiated in all Alexander City Schools and offices effective May 1, 2021:

1. Facial coverings/masks will be optional, but encouraged in all classrooms, buses, and ACS buildings through the end of the school year.
2. Social distancing of six (6) feet will be reduced to three (3) feet while students are present in the buildings.
3. All indoor activities will remain at 75% capacity. With large gatherings such as Award's Day/Honor's Day programs, all outside **visitors will be required** to wear mask/facial coverings.
4. Mask/facial coverings will not be required on buses, but are encouraged.
5. Outdoor activities will be moved to 100% capacity with optional mask/facial coverings.

It is important to note, ACS will continue to follow CDC and ADPH guidelines for quarantining positive cases and close-contacts. At this time, students exposed and deemed close-contacts are required to quarantine 10 days after exposure. This is the same timeframe as those who test positive for the virus. Hand sanitizer and frequent handwashing will also be encouraged.

ACS reserves the right to reinstate a mask mandate at a particular school should we see an uptick in positive cases. We will continue to monitor data.

I want to thank everyone for their support, understanding, and encouragement as we continue to put the safety of our employees and students at the forefront in everything we do!

Cc:

Alexander City Board of Education members

Larkin Radney, Board Attorney