



# Alvord Independent School District

Fall 2020-21 On-Campus School Guidance

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## Student & Staff Safety Protocols

### Screening Protocols

- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to work each day.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their students for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the office if symptoms are present.

### Isolation Protocols

#### Student or Staff Displaying COVID-19 Symptoms

##### Precautionary Guidelines for Students or Staff displaying Symptoms:

- When a student or staff member is suspected of having or is confirmed to have the COVID-19 virus, the district will follow the guidelines provided from the Texas Education Agency. These guidelines can be accessed at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/covid/Covid-19-SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school will provide a screening assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and picked up by a parent/guardian.
- Areas used by an individual who shows COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be cleaned as soon as is feasible.

### Guidelines For Positive Covid 19 test result of Staff or Student:

- District communication will be provided to the parents of students who came in contact with a COVID-19 positive student or staff member.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.

### Disinfecting with a COVID-19 Positive Case

- If a classroom or facility is closed due to COVID-19, these areas will be disinfected using CDC approved disinfectant and equipment.
- Custodial staff will defog and disinfect classrooms, restrooms, athletic locker rooms, gymnasiums, the weight room, and any other necessary area.

### Face Coverings

The use of face coverings (masks or shields) will be determined by the rate of community transmission of COVID-19 and the health recommendations associated with each level. The District will rely on guidance from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Centers for Disease Control and Protection (CDC), local health departments and officials, as well as any executive orders or directives from Governor Greg Abbott, to determine the community transmission level and use of face coverings.

### Staff Expectations

If required by local or state order, Alvord I.S.D. staff will wear face coverings during the school day or during school sponsored events and activities.

## Student Expectations

- If parents/guardians choose, students in PK through 3rd grade or under 10 years of age may wear face coverings during instances where other individuals are within 6 feet.
  - If required by local or state order, students 10 years and older including all students in 4th - 12th grades will wear face coverings during instances where other individuals are within 6 feet.
  - Parents are encouraged to provide face coverings for students. The district will provide face coverings for students if they do not have one.
- Students' individual needs can be addressed on a case-by-case basis with an administrator. A physician note will be required if students' parent/guardian states they have a medical condition.

## On-Campus Cleaning Expectations

### Sanitizing/Disinfecting

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus. Students will be given sanitizer when entering the classroom, before & after recess, before & after eating, and after restroom breaks.
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high-touch, working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible. All students will maintain possession of their own school supplies (i.e. no "community" supplies).

## Daily Cleaning Procedures

- Each classroom and all restrooms will be disinfected daily.
- All high-touch areas will be disinfected daily.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected after breakfast, break, and all lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize working surfaces and instructional materials regularly.

## On-Campus Instruction, Practices, and Procedures

### Arrival

- Students can begin arriving at 7:15 AM at AHS, 7:20 AM at AMS, 7:30 at AES.
- If riding the bus, parents are expected to screen their child for COVID-19 symptoms prior to getting on the bus.
- All staff will be utilized for duty to maintain a line of sight in hallways and ensure proper distancing.
- AES: Students will go to their designated hallway areas.
- AMS: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will report to their athletic/PE area upon arrival. 6<sup>th</sup> grade will report to the front hallway and will adhere to social distancing guidelines while being monitored until 8:00am.
- AHS: Bus riders can enter the building at 7:15 am and sit in unmarked seats in the cafeteria. Students who are not eating breakfast at 7:45 am will go to their 1st period classroom. Students who drive their own vehicles will stay in them until the 8:00 am bell.
- Parents will not be allowed to walk students to classrooms. We will have protocols for the first day of school to allow more flexibility in this area while still following public health guidelines for elementary grade levels.
- Students will have assigned seating on the bus. Family units/siblings will sit together on bus rides. Parents are encouraged to bring students to school if possible.

## Breakfast/Lunch

- No dropped off lunches for students. Students can either bring a lunch with them to school or eat in the cafeteria.
- Students that need breakfast will be able to purchase a meal to eat in designated areas to maintain physical distancing.
- Cafeteria capacity will be based on public health guidelines.
- Staff will monitor in the cafeteria and hallways to ensure proper sanitizing/hand washing as well as social distancing as much as possible.
- Microwaves will not be provided in the cafeteria due to the potential of cross-contamination of high-touch surfaces.
- Breakfast and lunch visitors will not be allowed.
- Lunch times will be spread out to accommodate students in the cafeteria 1-2 grade levels at a time to honor social distancing guidelines.
- Breakfast/lunch times will be staggered to allow time for cleaning and sanitizing in between groups.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at the entrances and exits of the cafeteria.

## Classroom Procedures

- Desks, tables, or work stations will be socially distanced as much as instructionally possible.
- The passing of assignments, papers, and materials will be limited.
- Group work will be implemented while maintaining social distancing.
- When possible, technology will be utilized to help maintain physical distance.
- Learning manipulatives and other instructional materials will be placed in individual student bags.
- The use of outdoor space for learning will be considered when possible.
- Other student needs will be addressed on a case-by-case basis with a campus administrator.

## Libraries, Computer Labs, Gymnasiums, and Other Common Areas

- Campuses will develop schedules for the use of libraries and computer labs to limit occupancy.

- Common areas will be sanitized daily.
- Procedures will be implemented in locker rooms to maintain social distancing.
- Equipment will be disinfected after each use.
- Informational graphics and visual reminders will be posted to help remind students and staff of physical distancing and proper handwashing/sanitization.

## Restrooms

- Proper handwashing technique will be taught to all students and consistently reinforced.
- After a restroom break, students will be expected to use hand sanitizer before re-entering the classroom.
- Disinfecting of restrooms will occur throughout the day.

## Transitions

- Students will have staggered transition periods based on classes and/or grade level when necessary. This primarily impacts grades 6-12. Students in grades PK-2nd will stay in their homeroom class for the majority of the day. 3rd-5th will change classes adhering to the social distancing guidelines.

## Recess (PK-5)

- Staggered schedules will be utilized when needed.
- All students and staff will be required to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before entering the playground and upon exiting the playground.
- Brain breaks will continue to be implemented as needed at the discretion of the teacher. All AISD health and safety guidelines will be followed during these breaks and are dependent on the type of activity.

## Specials

- P.E. classes will be held outdoors when possible.
- Students will use their own art supplies (i.e. no “community” supplies).
- Music and P.E. equipment will be sanitized after each student or class use.

## Dismissal

- Grade levels will have staggered dismissal times for bus riders.
- Students will have assigned seating on the bus. Family units/siblings will sit together on bus rides. Parents are encouraged to bring students to school if possible.
- AMS ONLY: will be having a flex time during our elective only period from 2:55-3:40 to accommodate student’s dismissal with social distancing. Parents that wish to pick their students up at 2:55 pm may do so in the parent pick up line. The student will be expected to pick up his/her work from their flex period teacher prior to this time and it must be completed and returned the following school day. Students that remain at school will attend 8th period as scheduled.

## Campus Visitors

Campuses will limit visitors to those attending required meetings only. All visitors who enter the building will be required to wear a face covering if entering the building beyond the office as well as complete a COVID-19 screener using a screening form. If the visitor(s) shows any signs/symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be allowed on campus.

## Campus Events

- At this time, no in-person assemblies will be held in the fall.
- Students leaving campus will be limited when possible.

## Extra-Curricular Activities (UIL sponsored)

- Athletic practices and contests will be conducted following the guidance of TEA and UIL.
- Bus travel will follow transportation guidelines provided to districts.
- Spectator attendance will be limited to 50% capacity per TEA and UIL guidance.
- Concession stands may be limited during on-campus events if allowed.
- Alvord I.S.D. will follow TEA and UIL guidance regarding co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

PLEASE NOTE: The details in this document may be revised or adapted depending on the level of viral transmission in the school and/or community and based on requirements from state and/or local public health authorities.

***Resources:***

