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SUPERINTENDENT

Date: April 6, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Alexander City School Employees, Students, and Parents

FROM: Dr. Keith Lankford, Superintendent 

Reference: COVID-19 Protocols and Guidelines after April 9, 2021

Over the past year, the Alexander City Schools Board of Education has worked diligently to adhere to our *Return to Learn* plan to help mitigate the spread of Covid-19 and promote the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. As we approach what we believe will be the final chapter of the pandemic, we must remain diligent in our efforts to continue our fight against the spread of the virus. While the number of positive cases (student and teacher) has diminished greatly, we are still experiencing positive cases within the schools.

With the anticipated announcement on April 9th from Governor Ivey to lift the state mandate for facial coverings/masks, Alexander City Schools will initiate a “phasing out” approach to our Covid-19 procedures. The following protocols and guidelines will be initiated in all Alexander City Schools and offices effective April 10, 2021:

1. Social distancing of six (6) feet will be reduced to the new CDC recommendation of “physical distancing” of three (3) feet while students are present in the buildings.
2. Facial coverings/masks will be required in all classrooms and ACS buildings until May 1st while we continue to examine data related to positive cases. Not required for ages 6 and under.
3. All indoor activities will increase capacity to 75% and will be evaluated for possible 100% capacity effective May 1st. 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 continue to be required on all buses until May 1st.
5. Outdoor activities will be moved to 100% capacity with optional mask/facial coverings.

While the direction at present is favorably leaning towards a return to normal, we have to remain aware that this process is still evolving and the decisions made today are based on current data. If things change, we will change with them to maintain a safe educational environment for the students, staff and families.

Prior to May 1st, my office will release another memo to update our status and present the final phase of the Covid-19 guidelines for the 2020-2021 school year. 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

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