

AGUILA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #63

Aguila Elementary School Mitigation Plan 2021-2022



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Aguila Elementary School District has prepared a comprehensive plan to mitigate risk of exposure to COVID-19 in our schools. This document contains detailed information about Aguila's safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year. Fourteen different areas are focused upon in the Plan.

This Plan may be revised during the school year to reflect new information, guidance, or requirements from the CDC or other federal or state governmental entities or as deemed necessary by the District to promote the health and safety of the school community.

A. Bus Safety

- Bus capacity will move from 24 to 48 students.
- In order to provide transportation without social distancing, cloth face coverings will be required (federal requirement) of all students riding a bus, unless a student has been exempted by a site administrator due to medical or other good cause reasons.
- All bus drivers will be required to wear a mask
- May require siblings to sit together
- All buses will have clearly visible signage communicating to parents that students should not enter the school bus with any of the identified symptoms.
- Windows may be open for increased air circulation during seasonal times of year
- Hand sanitizer will be available for use by staff and students
- All transportation vehicles will be cleaned after use
- If possible, students should wait in parent vehicle until bus arrival at the bus stop.
- Students are asked to have masks available and ready to wear prior to getting on the bus.

B. Containment/Grouping

K-8

- Students will report directly to classrooms/class lines when they arrive at school .
- To limit exposure to other students and staff, classes will stay together throughout the day, including for breakfast (cart service), lunch, recess and dismissal.
- Restroom use will be limited to amount of stalls (4). Restrooms will be monitored by staff to ensure that students do not congregate.

Middle School

- Staff will move at class change times, students stay at same desks

C. Events/Field Trips

- Field trips, events and large gatherings will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Teachers will use virtual learning opportunities (such as virtual tours of museums) to enhance students' educational experiences.
- School-wide assemblies and Parent Teacher Conference type evenings have yet to be determined.
- Athletics will follow AIA guidelines for high school sports.

D. Face Coverings

- It will be recommended that students & staff wear cloth face coverings.

E. Food Services

- Students will continue to receive meals through Nutrition Services or they may bring meals from home.
- Students will eat in their classrooms for breakfast, and in cohorts in the café for lunch.
- We will follow the CDC's "No Sharing" guidelines with all food, drinks, devices, personal belongings, etc. until different guidance is issued

F. Hand Washing

- Require all students to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:
 - upon arrival at school (use hand sanitizer if there is no sink in the classroom),
 - before and after being outside for physical activity,
 - before and after breakfast and lunch,
 - prior to leaving school for home, and
 - after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.

G. School Health Screenings

- The teacher will visually check each student upon arrival.
- Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should not come back to school until they have been isolated for 10 days and symptom free for 24 hours.
- Any student with visible COVID-19 symptoms will be taken to the health office, where parents may be contacted for pick up, with the following exceptions:
 - If the student has a runny nose and no other observable symptoms, the health aide will contact a parent to determine if other symptoms are present or if there is exposure to COVID-19 in the home. If not, the student will return to class
 - If the student has health information that confirms a diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory condition, the nurse/health aide will contact a parent to confirm that the student has no other symptoms or exposure to COVID-19 at home. If not, the student will return to class

H. Intensified Cleaning & Disinfection

- Classroom touchpoint areas will be disinfected daily
- Bathroom touchpoint areas will be disinfected twice daily

I. Playground Protocols

- No more than one class/cohort at a time will be allowed on playground equipment.
- Approved disinfectant will be used daily on playground equipment
High touchpoint areas include:
 - Swings
 - Climbing structures
 - Sliding structures

J. Reported Cases

- Aguila School District will consult with the guidance from Maricopa County Health Department.
- If an infected person has been in the school building(s), the following steps will be taken:
 - Coordination with health officials
 - Communication with staff, parents and students.
 - Follow local health guidelines, conduct notification of possible exposure;
 - Conduct contact tracing
 - Clean and disinfect areas

K. Shared Belongings

- For younger grades and where possible, student belongings to be kept in individual bins or cubbies labeled with each student's name.
- When feasible, sharing of school supplies among students to be restricted. If a school supply or piece of equipment must be shared by students (for instance, a pencil sharpener, blocks/toys, or Chromebook –assigned to 2 students), staff should wipe down the item with disinfectant after each use.

L. Signs and Messages

- Custom floor stickers for school and office, to promote social distancing
- Handwashing signs in all school bathrooms, to promote proper handwashing by students
- Custom posters for every school and District Office, to promote health and safety protocols

M. Social/Physical Distancing

- Have students remain static with the same groupings and the same staff throughout the day and limit mixing between groups as much as possible
- Organize classroom layout to allow for social distancing as much as possible
- Students will not be physically grouped together (small groups)
- Social distancing protocols will be used outside of the classroom along with limited use of common areas, when feasible

N. Volunteers/Visitors

- Limited visitors will be permitted on school campuses unless they are part of a curriculum or a community leader.
- New volunteers on campus will be postponed until further notice.