

# Arlington Public Schools

2020-2021



## Pandemic Re-Introduction Plan

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Greetings!

It is with great enthusiasm that we approach the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Rest assured that the amazing team here at Arlington Public Schools has been working for weeks on a plan to bring everyone back to school safely on August 13.

The Public Health Departments across Nebraska have developed a Risk Dial with a color range from Green to Red to describe the risk of community spread of CoVid-19. Our plan to operate during the school year will be relatively stable, but slight changes occur based on the risk dial. We have been assured the dial will not fluctuate quickly or unexpectedly, so we hope to have plenty of time to transition to when necessary. The risk dial is available at: <https://www.threeriverspublichealth.org/Coronavirus-Updates>. We will have a link to this on our [apeagles.org](http://apeagles.org) website.

We expect to be operating in either **Yellow** or **Orange** for the majority of the 2020-2021 School Year.

Our plan is for all students to attend in person every day. Any and all changes, including when the risk dial indicator moves, will be communicated through our Blackboard Connect calling system, via video or email message, and placed on all social media outlets. RED level is the only plan that moves students to an at-home learning environment.

Special considerations will be made for students and staff members who have indicated a condition that places them at greater risk of a serious case of COVID-19 if infection occurs. These plans will be made on a case-by-case basis.

The use of face coverings will be recommended, so please include face coverings as a school supply. Any type of covering is fine (fabric, disposable, etc.). Even if the students don't use them all the time, they need to have them in case it becomes necessary, or if a teacher has a reason to ask for masked students in their classroom. Hand sanitizer has been added to school supply lists for personal use, but the district will also have sanitizer readily available in multiple locations throughout the building.

We will follow guidance from Three Rivers Health Department for the necessity of quarantine in the event of illness or exposure. We have been informed that we will have greater latitude than last spring when determining the impact of COVID-19 on our community, and even within the walls of our school on a class by class basis. We are learning more about contact tracing and what true "exposure" looks like and how to manage those situations. If you need to be tested, the Test Nebraska website can quickly help you find a location.

While we do not have an answer to every scenario, we feel as if this overview document gets families the information they need to know to successfully begin the year.

### Arlington Public Schools Risk Factor Plans

Area of Emphasis	<b>Green</b>	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Red</b>
Health Screening	Normal Operation	Parents Screen symptoms at home--Temp is taken twice at school and self-monitoring posters remind students	Parents Screen for fever and symptoms at home--Temp is taken twice at school and self-monitoring posters remind students	Learn at Home
On Buses for routes and/or activities	Normal Operation	Students may ride bus, one student per seat or with household members Masks recommended; Sanitized after each route or activity; seats assigned; loading patterns minimize contact between students	Students may ride bus, one student per seat or with household members Masks strongly recommended with or without symptoms; sanitized after each route or activity; Additional bus may be added to limit exposure; seats assigned; loading patterns minimize contact between students	Learn at Home
In Classrooms	Normal Operation	Desks are adequately spaced and sanitized between classes Masks are recommended	Desks are adequately spaced and sanitized between classes; Masks are strongly recommended; Limited within classroom movement; Some specials delivered in classroom in elementary; Same-student groups are maintained as much as possible	Learn at Home
Congregate Times (hallway passing, arrival, dismissal, etc)	Normal Operation	Masks are recommended; student contact (hugs, touch, etc.) highly discouraged; social distancing markings placed	Masks are strongly recommended; student contact (hugs, touch, etc.) highly discouraged and monitored carefully; six-foot social distancing efforts enforced strictly; dismissals staggered to limit amount of students congregating	Learn at Home
Lunchroom	Normal Operation; No Touch Check Out Implemented	No Touch Checkout; Social Distancing Markings placed; Ala Carte Available upon asking; Masks recommended in line; No microwaves	No Touch Checkout; Social Distancing Carefully Monitored; Ala Carte Available; Masks strongly recommended in line;	Learn at Home

		(lunches brought from home must be cold); seating spaced adequately	tables spaced throughout building and/or gym used for seating; Eating may occur in same-student groups; lunches brought from home must be cold (no microwaves)	
Recess	Normal Operation	Sanitizing of Playground Equipment; Fewer Groups on Playground at once; social distancing while in lines;	Sanitizing of Equipment after use; Fewer Groups on Playground at once; limited access to equipment; social distancing strongly enforced; masks recommended as advised by Three Rivers	Learn at Home
Restrooms	Normal Operation	Additional Cleaning times added throughout day; Limited persons in restroom at once; no-touch foot door pulls installed; hand washing and/or use of sanitizer mandatory	Additional Cleaning Throughout Day; Limited amount of persons at once; no-touch foot door pulls installed; hand-washing and use of sanitizer mandatory	Learn at Home
Technology	Normal Operation	Students will transition to 1:1 computer so they will always use the same device; Device checked in/out from TA; sharing devices and extensions (headphones, etc.) prohibited; Library Lab limited	Students will transition to 1:1 computer so they will always use the same device; Device checked in/out from TA; sharing devices and extensions (headphones, etc.) prohibited; Library Lab by Appointment	Device provided for families if needed
Activities	Normal Participation	Guidelines set by NSAA reactionary to risk dial will be followed strictly;	Guidelines set by NSAA reactionary to risk dial will be followed strictly	No Activities