



PSAE Mitigation Plan

To maintain compliance with the Executive Order given by Governor Doug Ducey, the LEA will continue with Distance Learning until all three benchmarks have been met as outlined by Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS). In preparation for reopening the campus, the LEA and its leadership team have developed a mitigation plan to protect and prevent the spread of Covid-19 (Sars-cov-2).

Scaling Up Operations

- Frequent visits to the AZDHS website will be held to monitor progress and direction given by AZDHS on safely reopening our campus
- The LEA will provide options for virtual learning and work-from-home strategies for students and staff who are at higher risk for obtaining illness
- The LEA has used the CDC guidelines to create the mitigation and will continue to refer to it as needed and directed to remain in compliance

Safety Actions

- In order to promote healthy hygienic practices the LEA will train staff on the proper methods of hand-washing and covering their coughs and sneezes
- The LEA and its staff will provide guidance and support to educate the students to prevent the spread of Covid-19 by teaching students proper hand-washing techniques and how to effectively cover their coughs and sneezes
- The LEA and its staff will be required to wear a face covering when interacting or instructing student's
- Per the CDC guidelines face coverings should be worn by students when social-distancing is not possible
- The LEA will provide information and guidance to its staff and students on the proper use, removal and washing their face coverings

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

- To promote healthy hygiene behaviors the LEA will purchase the necessary supplies including but not limited to approved hand sanitizer, hand soaps, paper towels and no touch trash cans, etc.
- Signs and promotional materials will be visible and available to all students in areas such as classrooms, hallways, bathrooms etc.

Intensify Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation

- Surfaces frequently touched such as door handles, light switches, desks, etc. by students and staff, will be disinfected after every use or at least daily
- Proper use and storage of cleaning supplies will be prioritized. Each classroom will have a designated area out of reach of children to store the disinfectant/sanitization materials.
- Ventilation systems such as air conditioners will be maintained and checked regularly by the campus landlord
- The LEA will take steps following the CDC guidelines to ensure all watering systems and features are safe to use after a prolonged facility shut down to minimize the risk of diseases associated with water

Promote Social Distancing

- To promote social-distancing The LEA has limited each grade level to a single classroom
- The desks in each class are facing one direction and is either distanced six feet or has a plexiglass shield dividing each student
- The teachers will be rotating to provide instruction rather than the students to restrict mixing between groups and to prevent the spread between the student population
- The LEA is going to take measures to limit gatherings, events and extracurricular activities. They will be limited to those who are residing in a higher transmission area
- Non-essential visitors, volunteers, and activities will be limited and/or restricted
- Students will be provided their lunch in their designated classroom and seat
- The teacher will assist students by providing them with clean utensils and other eating materials
- In order to combat the mass gathering during pick-ups and drop-offs students will be strongly recommended to wear a face covering when unable to social-distance

Limit Sharing

- Each student will be provided with a cubby underneath their desk where they will be able to store their belongings and school supplies
- Each student will be provided with the necessary materials to complete projects and assignments. In the event where a student must share supplies they will be safely disinfected between each use
- All food and utensils at a school related event will be prepackaged in order to prevent sharing

- Each student will be assigned a chromebook and headset for the remainder of the school year to prevent sharing electronics

Training All Staff

- The LEA all teachers and staff in the above safety actions, both in-person and virtual training will be provided as needed

Check for signs and symptoms

- The administration and teachers will conduct daily health checks e.g (e.g. temperature screening and/or symptoms checking) of students safely, respectfully, as well as in accordance with any applicable privacy laws or regulations. Confidentiality will be maintained
- Staff will be encouraged to stay home if sick and parents will be encouraged to keep students home if sick

Plan for when a staff member, child, or visitor becomes sick

- In the event where a student, visitor, or staff member is to become sick on campus the individual will be directed to the isolation room until a parent/guardian or emergency contact can pick them up. If the symptoms require immediate attention the health aide will contact the local emergency authorities to provide the individual with immediate care. The administration will utilize the activity log to locate where the student, staff member, or visitor was and will close it off and sanitized after 24hours per the CDC guidelines
- The local health officials, staff, and families will be notified immediately of a possible case while maintaining confidentiality
- The sick staff members and children will be advised not to return until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
- Students, parents and staff will be Informed if they have had close contact to the person diagnosed with COVID-19. They will be advised to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms and to follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop. If a person does not have symptoms they will have to follow the appropriate CDC guidance for home isolation.

Maintain healthy operations

- The LEA has adopted and implemented a flexible sick-leave policy adopted by the governing board
- Staff and families will be encouraged to report any confirmed cases or exposure
- Staff and families will be offered resources to support resilience and coping

Closing

- The LEA will continue to monitor the AZDHS data and whether or not the county is meeting all three benchmarks in order to reopen