



ASBVI

End of Year Covid-19 Plan

2021

April 15th, 2021

Dear ASBVI Family,

We want to provide you the opportunity to review our End of School Year Plan related to COVID-19. This has certainly been a challenging year for all of us. However, we believe overall that we have navigated the challenges successfully. We also believe that this is largely due to the safety procedures and restrictions we have had in place.

For this reason, we will keep our current safety procedures in place for the remainder of the school year. This will include mask requirements, social distancing, and proper handwashing. Screening of staff, students and visitors will also continue. We believe keeping our plan in place will allow us to continue to focus on student learning and success as we approach the end of the school year.

Out of continued precaution, many of our traditional year end and summer activities will not be held this year. However, we are planning an in-person graduation ceremony for our graduates and their families. Limited attendance, mask requirements and social distancing will be in place for the ceremony.

We are encouraged by the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines. Many of our staff have already been fully vaccinated. In addition, students age 16 and up have become eligible for the vaccine and we have already vaccinated those whose parents have requested it. We are hopeful that the vaccine will open up to other student age groups as well.

If you have any questions or comments on our End of Year Plan you may send them to Beverly.Roy@asb.k12.ar.us . In addition, you are welcome to call the school office.

Best Regards,

James Caton, Superintendent
ASBVI



”It’s All About the Kids!”

End-of-year On-Campus Activities and Continuity of Instruction

The Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired has successfully navigated the tumultuous waters of the Covid-19 Pandemic with success. It is the plan of the Ready For Learning (RFL) Committee to continue with current mitigation strategies for the remainder of the school year to promote successful in person learning and safe “end-of-the year” activities.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES:

- **PHYSICAL DISTANCING**
- **MASK WEARING**
- **HAND WASHING**
- **CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES**
- **IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSE CONTACTS**

PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

Maintain a distance of 6 feet:

- **Between adults or adults and students**
- **When masks cannot be worn**
- **During activities with increased exhalation**
- **In common areas such as lobbies and auditoriums**

REQUIRED MASK WEARING:

- **All staff and students CAN wear masks at all times**
- **All staff and students Kindergarten through 12th grade WILL wear masks as much as possible**
- **Masks will be worn during transitions outside of the classroom**
- **Masks will also be worn outside when physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be assured (ex. Recess)**

HAND WASHING:

- **Staff and students will wash hands thoroughly and frequently**
- **It should take at least 20 seconds to wash hands – students will continue to be monitored**
- **Hand sanitization stations will continue to be set up throughout the buildings with alcohol-based products**
- **Screening stations will continue to be set up at all entrances with Covid-19 vetting forms; thermometers; cleaning supplies and hand-sanitizer**

CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES:

- Environmental Services Staff will continue to clean and sanitize large and heavily traversed areas of the campus as outlined in the RFL Plan
- Educational and Educational Support staff will continue to clean and sanitize classrooms and teaching/learning environments
- To the maximum extent possible – increased indoor ventilation will be attempted (open windows and doors; teaching in outdoor environments)
- Teachers and students will primarily remain in their assigned areas for the majority of the day to avoid cross contamination of environments and each other

IDENTIFICATION OF CLOSE CONTACTS:

- ASBVI will continue with contact tracing and reporting to ADH as indicated in the RFL plan
- New considerations regarding quarantine will be given per the CDC's updated guidance – individuals *may not have to quarantine*:
 1. *If both the confirmed and exposed individual are properly masked; or*
 2. *If fully vaccinated and not exhibiting symptoms; or*
 3. *If fully recovered from COVID-19 and are within 3 months of original diagnosis*

END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR ACTIVITIES:

- All graduation and promotion activities will be held with the following precautions:
 1. All events will be held in Woolly Auditorium- attendees will sit 6 feet apart
 2. Masks will be required for attendance
 3. Limited attendees (4 per student – must sit as a family)
 4. Ancillary staff and students will observe ceremonies through live streaming
- Academic awards ceremony will be conducted via zoom.
 1. Teachers and students will participate in individual classrooms
 2. Awards will be delivered to specific award winners
- Prom will not be held this year
- Athletic banquet will not be held this year
- End of school picnic will be held remotely in individual classrooms or small groups