



ACSD COVID-19 Safety Precautions At-a-Glance

- Social distancing to the greatest extent possible as space allows in classrooms and throughout facilities
- Disinfecting all facilities with electrostatic foggers twice weekly. Disinfecting buses after morning and afternoon routes. All buses will be disinfected with foggers upon completion of afternoon routes
- School supplies and materials will not be shared
- Bus capacity will be reduced to 67%. Drivers, monitors, and students will wear masks or coverings to meet SDE mandates.
- No group assemblies or convening of students in common areas
- Emphasis on hand washing and hand sanitizing
- Emphasis on respiratory etiquette
- Schools will adjust lunch schedules to accommodate social distancing **if** the cafeteria is used by students. Meals will also be delivered to classrooms
- Limited extra-curricular activities (social distancing is required)

Students and staff are **required** to wear masks to meet SDE mandates. Teachers will be provided a clear protective shield and masks. Students will be provided a mask upon request.

- Wellness checks each morning for staff
- Scheduled transitions between classes with social distancing to limit the number of students in hallways
- Daily cleaning of high touch surfaces

- Visual reminders about hygiene and social distancing
- No field trips (determined on a semester-by-semester basis)

Building and Operations

Safety and Cleaning

To maintain safe, clean, and secure spaces, Abbeville County School District will implement heightened cleaning protocols consistent with the most recent guidance from DHEC and/or the CDC. Clear shields and face masks for staff, disposable gloves, spray disinfectant/disinfectant and/or wipes will be available at each school for re-opening. All school buildings and high-traffic touch points (chairs, faucet knobs, handrails, door handles, light switches, countertops, etc.) will be disinfected daily.

All school buildings will receive a deep cleaning with an Electrostatic Fogger at least twice per week.

Selected staff will receive training in appropriate disinfecting/cleaning techniques prior to the return of students.

All staff will be trained in maintaining appropriate social distancing, good hygiene, and school/district COVID-19 protocols.

Exterior and interior signage communicating how to stop the spread and describing symptoms of COVID-19, good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols will be placed throughout our campuses and buildings.

To help control the spread of COVID-19, the district has reviewed its policy on visitors and at this time has determined to limit visitors coming into our schools. While parent conferences are a vital part of the parent-teacher relationship, video conferencing and phone calls should be utilized when at all possible. In the event a visitor does arrive at school, schools and offices should maintain thorough records, including the individual visiting, contact information, the time of the visit, and the locations in the building visited. These records can assist local health authorities in the event they need to conduct contact tracing.

To help control the spread of COVID-19, the district will review its policy regarding use of school facilities by outside groups. During the pandemic, school facilities use will be suspended for anything beyond school operations in order to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 in a building.

The District and schools will review and revise School Safety Plans to account for new risks associated with COVID-19 and close contact drills, in consultation with our School Resource Officers and student services director.

School Site Recommendations

To limit transitions throughout our schools, several steps will be taken. These include staggering transitions between periods in middle and high schools, wearing masks or face coverings, designating traffic patterns, and limiting contact with as many surfaces as possible.

Knowing that physical activity is an important part of a student development, all efforts will be made to allow classes to engage in recess activities. Building principals will communicate expectations to teachers and students for recess activities.

In addition, we will increase the number of entry/exit points to reduce bottlenecks, when safely possible.

While in the classrooms, physical distancing will be maximized by avoiding face-to-face interactions as much as possible. Desks/tables will be aligned to face the front of the class and if tables must be used, physical distancing will be used to the extent possible.

DHEC and CDC COVID-19 signage communicating how to stop the spread and describing symptoms of COVID-19, good hygiene, and school/district specific protocols will be placed throughout all facilities.

Schools will educate students on maintaining appropriate distancing while in class and during transition periods. When appropriate and/or needed social distancing marks should be placed on floors.

The use of playground equipment should be eliminated due to contact with shared surfaces. The district and schools will review this practice once the spread rate is significantly reduced. When playground equipment is opened for use, procedures must be in place to disinfect all shared equipment after each use.

Teachers and students will wear masks or face coverings to comply with SDE mandates.

Entire staff meetings should only take place if appropriate space is available to allow for appropriate social distancing.

Parent meetings (IEP, discipline, etc..) should be conducted virtually or by phone when possible.

If face-to-face are required, they should be conducted in an appropriate location that must allow for appropriate social distancing. Masks will be worn by all attending the meeting.

To help control the spread of COVID-19, all in-person school assemblies and parent nights are suspended until further notice.

ACSD will follow DHEC guidance for Covid-19 contact and cases within schools.

Safety precautions are subject to change due to Covid-19 spread in Abbeville County.

[DHEC Guidance](#)