

Frequently Asked Questions
Reopening of Schools at ACOVSD
8/13/2020

Facility Preparations

1. What more is being done to clean the building?

- Hiring additional cleaning staff that will focus solely on sanitation and touch-point cleaning.
- Added several microfiber, portable cleaning stations that will allow for frequent and efficient cleaning of desks, counter tops, and cafeteria tables.
- Purchased sanitation room misters that will administer Vital Oxide, an odorless, hypoallergenic, cleaning agent that is FDA approved for school use. Vital Oxide is effective in killing 99.99% of viruses and bacteria including Sars-Cov-2 (COVID-19).

2. Any plexiglass partitions installed in the building?

- Installation of glass and plexiglass partitions at various locations throughout each of the school buildings.

3. What upgrades have been made to the HVAC System?

- Upgraded MERV13 Filtration in building HVAC systems which meet and exceed CDC and ODE recommendation for COVID-19.
- Added electrostatic filters to HVAC equipment as an additional layer of air filtration.

4. Any additional hand sanitizer stations?

- Added over 400 hand sanitizer dispensers across the school district.

5. How will students enter the building?

- Refer to your building for guidance.

6. What will signage in the buildings be used for?

- To remind staff and students of social distancing, safety protocols, and hygiene.

7. How will classrooms be arranged?

- To promote social distancing between teacher and students.

8. Have spaces in the building been reviewed for social distancing, special needs, and new medical needs?

- Yes. Classrooms (unnecessary furniture removed), cafeteria (additional tables; adjoining areas of cafeteria for overflow), hallways in elementary schools (teachers using carts to move from room to room) and in high schools (staggered bell times and signage promoting one way traffic).

9. Will students be provided directions to new procedures and protocol in the buildings?

- Staff will be expected to teach the students about social distancing, safety protocols, and hygiene. Time will be spent during the first few days of school reviewing the new procedures.

Signs of Illness and Nurse's Office

1. When should staff stay home based on symptoms?

- Any staff member with a fever over 100°F should stay home.
- Any staff member that has the following symptoms should stay at home & should see his/her primary care provider:
- Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing

OR

- Two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI Issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea)

OR

- Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea) **and** an epidemiological link (confirmed or suspected) case of COVID-19.

- If a staff member is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- Three (3) days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) **And**
- Other symptoms improved **And**
- 10 days since symptoms first appear.

- Staff members that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has had COVID-19 may return to school after they are

fever free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.

2. When should students stay home based on symptoms?

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

- Any student with a fever over 100°F should stay home.
- Any student that has the following symptoms should stay at home & should see his/her primary care provider:
- Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing

OR

- Two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI Issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea)

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- If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
 - Three (3) days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) **And**
 - Other symptoms improved **And**
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared
 - To return to school, the child must be transported to the school by the parent/caregiver and must be checked by the school nurse.
- Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has had COVID-19 may return to school after they are fever free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.
- Any other illnesses should be handled in the routine manner according to district policies.

3. What happens if a staff member becomes ill while at school?

- The staff member will be assessed to determine if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

4. What happens if a student becomes ill while at school?

- The student will be assessed to determine if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. If

COVID-19 symptoms exist, the student will be quarantined until a parent/caregiver picks the student up from school.

Communication

- 1. Questions or concerns regarding COVID-19:** Please contact the Adams County Health Department at 937-544-5547 or 937-544-2314 (after hours is the Adams County Sheriff Department).

- 2. How will changes involving the operation of the school district be communicated?**
 - District website (**ovsd.us**) (live feed, news, Facebook), local newspapers, C103.
 - Email to staff, building level meetings, labor management committee

- 3. When will staff and students receive training with new procedures, processes, and safe ways of conducting school?**
 - For staff, during August 17th and August 18th Staff In-service Days and ongoing. Public School Works training.
 - For students, safety protocol and procedures will be reviewed with the students the first few days of school and ongoing. Signage will be used throughout the building to remind both staff and students.
 - School nurses (hired through the Adams County Health Department) in cooperation with our medical aides will be valuable resources in providing information and services to keep students and staff informed and safe.

- 4. Will the staff and students review other safety drills mandated by law?**
 - Yes. Lock-down drills, tornado drills, and fire drills will be reviewed at the beginning of the school year. Please note the document "School Drills and Fire Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic" :

<https://www.com.ohio.gov/documents/TB20-002SchoolDrillsandFireSafetyDuringCovid-19Pandemic.pdf>