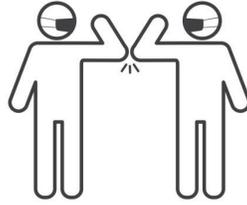


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Partnerships with families: Families and caregivers will serve as the primary screening mechanism for COVID-19 symptoms. The Agawam School District has provided a checklist below of symptoms to help families and students identify symptoms.

Please STAY HOME if you have any of the symptoms listed.

Below is the full list of symptoms for which caregivers should monitor their children, and staff should monitor themselves:

- Fever (100.4° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Headache when in combination with other symptoms
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies) when in combination with other symptoms

A symptomatic individual may return to school 10 days from the start of symptoms, as long as their symptoms have improved and they have been without fever for at least 24 hours prior to their return to school.

Previously released guidance emphasized the importance of maintaining school immunization requirements and obtaining the flu vaccine as students return to in-person school. This is equally important for students who are enrolled in remote or hybrid schooling models. Immunization requirements must be met in all models of learning.

Vaccines: It is important for parents and caregivers to ensure that students are current on all standard vaccinations before they return to in-person school. **In addition, influenza vaccination is now required for every student by December 31st.**

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Masks: Masks are one of the most important tools to prevent transmission of the COVID-19.

- Students in grades K-12 are required to wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while on school grounds, school busses, and at school events. Exceptions for meals, mask breaks, and medical exemptions are permitted. Per CDC guidelines, Pre k students are not mandated to wear masks, but it is strongly recommended.
- Exceptions to mask/face covering requirements will be made for those for whom it is not possible due to medical conditions, disability impact, or other health or safety factors. **If a medical exception is being used, appropriate medical documentation is required.**
- Please provide masks/face coverings for your child. We ask that two masks be sent with every student to school each day. Extra disposable face masks will be made available by the school for students who need them.
- Reusable masks/face coverings provided by families should be washed by families daily.
- Students should bring a spare mask to school each day.
- Students must make sure their masks comply with the school's Dress Code.
- Masks/face coverings are required to be worn by everyone on the bus_during school bus transportation.
- To properly protect the wearer and others, a mask must:
 - cover both your nose and mouth
 - fit snugly against the skin
 - be washed daily
 - be put on and removed using the ear loops, without touching the front of the mask
 - not have a one way valve that allows unfiltered exhaled air

The CDC does not recommend the use of face shields “alone” as protection against COVID. Face shields primary purpose is for eye protection in combination with a mask.

Cloth face masks/ face coverings, are masks made with **2 or more layers** of cloth that have ear loops or ties (preferably loops). **Gaiters are not masks and should not be allowed to be worn in the school settings.**

Mask Policy: The Agawam School Committee has set a mask policy, EBCFA.

Refusal to wear a face covering and/or to wear the face covering correctly for non-medical reasons will result in disciplinary consequences in accordance with the Student Handbook, or progressive discipline in the case of staff, as well as removal from the classroom.

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Handwashing and hand sanitizing stations: Handwashing removes pathogens from the surface of the hands. While handwashing with soap and water is the best option, Alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60 percent ethanol or at least 70 percent isopropanol) may be utilized when hand washing is not available. **Parents may opt their child out of using hand sanitizer by sending a written note to school.**



Transportation - Bussing: Agawam Public Schools has asked families, who are able to transport their own children to and from school, to assist in creating more room on busses, as we adhere to the state's transportation guidelines.

Transportation - Pick-up and drop-off Protocols: Arrival and departure protocols will be modified as needed at each school building to limit crowding upon student drop-off and pick-up.

Technology Devices: To decrease the degree to which technology devices must be sanitized and to provide students with tools that could be used at home if remote learning is necessary, we will be moving to a 1:1 technology model. In other words, every student will be assigned a personal device to use for the school year. These devices will travel with the student to and from school. Students will be responsible for caring for these devices (including charging each night), and families will assume responsibility for a device that is lost or damaged. More details will be provided regarding the signing out of devices from the IT department.

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Logging into your Chromebook

Your child will be given a username and password. Please be sure to try that username and password as soon as possible to ensure that your child is able to log in.

Clever - One Click Sign-on

Clever is our new one click sign on for students, where all of the programs purchased by the district will be housed. Once you sign into your child's chromebook, Clever is what will appear on your screen. Students will only be asked to work within these designated programs in order to complete assignments, however teachers may link learning videos from other websites into their lessons when applicable to the content being taught.



Student Email

Parents and students should be checking their email DAILY for announcements and/or information being sent from teachers.

Google Classroom - Assignments

Teachers will post assignments for students that need to be **done daily**, as if students were attending school.