



## Arcohe Union School District

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### School Reopening FAQ

#### **Should I check my child for COVID-19 signs and symptoms daily before school?**

Yes. The California Department of Public Health and our local Sacramento County Public Health Officer have encouraged parents and or guardians to check their child for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 prior to coming to school.

#### **Should I send my child to school if they have one or two mild cold/flu symptoms?**

No. During a normal year, we would encourage you to send your child to school as long as their mild symptoms were not a disruption to them or others. Given the pandemic, however, we do not want children to be sent to school with ANY of the following symptoms:

- Fever > 100.4
- Chills
- Cough
- Sore Throat
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Nausea/Vomiting
- Runny Nose
- Body/Muscle Aches
- Headache
- Congestion
- Loss of taste or smell

#### **Will my child's temperature be taken every morning at school?**

Yes, all students, visitors and staff members will be asked to go through a temperature screening process on the Main Campus in the front of the school or before they enter the school bus each day. Those with a temperature greater than 100.4 will be asked to go home (along with all the family members in the home) for the day.

#### **Will parents and visitors be allowed on campus?**

As much as it pains the school, we are asking all parents and visitors to stay off campus unless they have set up an appointment. We will allow parents to bring their children to school during the first week of instruction to ease the transition, but all families members will be asked to take part in the temperature screening process and required to wear a mask on campus.

#### **How will missing too much school affect my child's attendance?**

Due to the pandemic, all attendance programs are cancelled for this school year. There will be no perfect attendance rewards as we want to encourage students to stay home if they are sick. However, if students are determined not to be sick and truancy is an issue, the school will continue to work with families to get students back on campus using our normal procedures.

**Will my child have to wear a mask all day at school?**

Face coverings are our first line of defense in keeping people safe and keeping the school open. We understand there are difficulties in wearing a mask for long stretches of time as well. To help staff and students, we have several different mask types to offer including both face masks and face shields to help make it manageable. We encourage all students to provide their own face coverings, but we have a supply at school in the event a student needs one. Students will also be allowed to have mask breaks outside and we will not be requiring them in outside locations where six feet of social distancing can be maintained. Students will be asked to wear their masks as per the California Public Health Guidelines. Failure to follow these mandates could result in your child being placed in the Arcohe Virtual Academy for noncompliance.

**What happens if someone in my child's class tests positive for COVID-19?**

A staff member or student who tests positive for, has "close contact" with, or is thought to have COVID-19 will trigger our contact tracing procedures. Our district nurse, Diana Tom, will determine who was exposed and should quarantine.

**What does "close contact" mean?**

Close contact refers to being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more to a person who has tested positive for or is thought to have COVID-19.

**If my child has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 at school, what will happen next?**

Diana Tom or her designee will contact you with a series of questions to determine next steps for a quarantine at home, which are based upon California Department of Public Health guidelines. Below is a link to the Student Symptom Checker we will be using:

[https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/974793/Symptom\\_Decision\\_Tree\\_V1.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/974793/Symptom_Decision_Tree_V1.pdf)

**How long will my child be in quarantine and how will they do their school work?**

In most cases the quarantine will last 14 days, but the nurse will determine the length through the contact tracing procedures based upon the California Department of Public Health and our Local Sacramento County Public Health Officer direction. The student will either be given work by the teacher, if possible, or be enrolled in the Arcohe Virtual Academy for the duration of the quarantine.

**If I have several children attending Arcohe and one tests positive, does that mean they should all stay home?**

Yes. People in a home usually are in close contact with one another. With COVID-19 being contagious it will usually spread from one family member to another.

**My child had "close contact" with someone with COVID-19, but their test was negative, does that mean I can send them to school?**

No. If your child had close contact with someone with COVID-19, they must stay home and quarantine for 14 days.



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### **If someone comes down with COVID-19, does that automatically shut the school down?**

Not necessarily. The determination as to whether to shut the school down involves a lot of different factors. As we contact trace individuals, we will be able to determine who has been exposed and how wide the exposure is. To protect everyone, we are asking families to keep students at home when they are sick, maintain social distancing, use proper hygiene and wear a face covering to slow the spread of the virus.

### **If the school closes down, what will happen?**

If the school has to close down based on an outbreak, students will revert to distance learning like they started the year on. The length of time students will be back on distance learning will be determined by the district in consultation with the Sacramento Public Health Department. This time will allow students to be isolated from each other and allow the district to deep clean all areas of the school for a safe reopening.

### **How do I find out what the school is doing about cleaning and disinfecting classrooms, PPE for staff and students and social distancing?**

Information regarding cleaning, PPE, protocols, procedures and more are written in the Arcohe Reopening plan located at [Arcohe.net](http://Arcohe.net) website under the COVID-19 Resource page.

### **I heard students can eat at school for free this year, is this true?**

Yes, students will still be served both breakfast and lunch daily free of charge. This was made possible through a USDA program to allow all students to eat for free for the entire 2020-2021 school year. Additionally, we will make food available for students at the end the day to take home with them to eat on the following day. Bus riders will automatically receive these meals and car riders can come up to the cafeteria doors to pick up a free meal at the end of the day.

### **What do I do if I do not want my student to return to in-person learning right away?**

Parents have several options in this case. Families can choose to homeschool by filling out a homeschool affidavit with the California Department of Education, enroll the students in an accredited Virtual School, or enroll in the Arcohe Virtual Academy. In all instances, parents can change their decision at any time, but we ask that families do not switch back and forth several times.

### **Will the office be open?**

Yes and no. While the main office will be open Monday – Thursday, the front door will be locked and all business will handled through the Plexiglas windows. On Fridays, there will be limited staff on hand to handle questions.

### **What do I do for my child on the days they are not at school and I have to work?**

For families that do not have access to at home care, we have contracted with Champions Daycare to provide care for students before, after and during the school day. Parents have to sign up for the service and there is a cost involved. For more information, go to:

[https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/974573/Arcohe\\_-\\_Champions\\_SY\\_Flyer.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/974573/Arcohe_-_Champions_SY_Flyer.pdf)

### **What does the schedule look like for the students?**

Students have been placed on either an A or B schedule by the office where A students attend on Monday and Wednesday and B students attend on Tuesday and Thursday. All students will be home on Fridays and teachers will be providing content to students through Google Classroom and Google Meet. The student school day on Mondays – Thursdays will be 8:10 – 2:45 (**please note that Wednesdays are not minimum days this year**).

### **What does the drop-off and pick-up procedures look like this year?**

To control the spread of the virus on campus as much as possible, we are revamping our morning and afternoon procedures. In the morning, the gates on the East Campus and Staff Parking Lots will be locked and parents will be directed to only drop off students in the front of the school starting at 7:45. To ensure social distancing, students will not be allowed to exit cars prior to 7:45 when the temperature stations are open. **Do not drop your child off at the school prior to 7:45.** After the first week of school, we ask that parents do not walk their children to class. Bus riders will also have a different path of travel onto campus to minimize congestion in the front of the school.

If the afternoons, both the middle school and main parking lots will be open like normal, but parents will not be allowed to be on campus waiting outside classroom doors like we have allowed in the past. Teachers will bring students to the front area for pick up at the end the day.

### **Will students be allowed to have recess and can they take their masks off for this?**

We strongly believe in the power of play and the need for social interaction between students. Grade-level cohorts of students will be allowed to play together during recess. We are asking all students to wash their hands prior to and after all recesses for proper hygiene and will encourage the use of hand sanitizer from one of the units we have installed. Students will be allowed the choice to remove their masks at recess as long as they are not congregating in groups for long periods of times. For example, if middle school students are sitting around a table talking, they need to be wearing a mask but if a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader is on the swings, a mask is not necessary. In all cases, however, we strongly encourage the use of masks at times as our first line of defense.

**If you would like a complete list of the procedures, please visit the Arcohe.net website under COVID-19 resources or by going to this link:**

[https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/974736/School\\_Opening\\_Procedures.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/974736/School_Opening_Procedures.pdf)