

Appleton City R-2 August Re-Entry Plan For Students and Families



**Appleton City R-2 August 26, 2020 Re-Entry Plan
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Appleton City R-2 School District is excited to see students return to the buildings on August 26th, 2020.

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ACR2 plans on moving forward with school on August 26th, 2020 unless the federal, state, county, or local health departments require us to close.

Procedures may or can be modified at any time. It is impossible to plan for every scenario and situation. ACR2 works with the St. Clair County Health Department, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Governor's Office, and Center for Disease Control.

*There is a resource page available at the end of this document

Rationale: A one-size-fits-all solution is not possible. Blanket policies and procedures do not take into consideration an individual's needs, concerns, challenges, and situation. This plan attempts to give students and families the best choices for their situation. There must be a balance between what is doable, what is

reasonable, and what is in the best interest of not only students but also staff, the community, families, and the district.

Students will return to school for traditional face-to-face classes. There will be several safety measures in place when students return.

ACR2 will make every effort to minimize contact to COVID-19 and other communicable diseases; however, attending school will inherently introduce a greater risk of exposure. A communicable disease is any pathogen identified by public health authorities as highly contagious and constitutes a threat.

The district will implement the following safety measures. If a health agency such as St. Clair County or the State of Missouri require additional or stricter measures, ACR2 will enforce those plans. Example, ACR2 does not require students or staff to wear masks but St. Clair County does, we would enforce mandatory masks to be worn.

Safety and Protocols for Face-Face School

❖ **Enhanced Safety *Procedures* for all Buildings - (not all encompassing)**

- Training for all custodial staff specific to COVID-19 will be completed
- Scheduled continuous training for custodial staff when available for updated procedures and best practices for cleaning and disinfecting
- Higher emphasis and levels of disinfection on high touch surface areas
- Products that are CDC certified to kill COVID-19 and other communicable diseases ➤ Social distancing will be in place where appropriate.
- Classroom desks will be spread out using as much room as possible.
- Students will be spread out anytime they are in line, in the halls or areas where gathering could be an issue.
- **Masks/face shields will be required for all staff members when social distancing is not possible. This requirement applies to green, yellow, and red levels.**
- **Students in grades 6 through 12 are required to wear masks when social distancing of 6 feet is not possible and other COVID barriers are not available. Masking must meet district appropriate apparel requirements. Exceptions made for masking requirements with a medical physician excused diagnosis.**
- Large gatherings will not occur.
- Students will have assigned seats in any area they are seated.
- Parents/visitors will not be allowed in the building during school hours. If a parent needs to pick up or drop off a child or deliver supplies, they will need to call the appropriate school office and a staff member will meet them at the door.
- **Students will need a water bottle** to fill at the water bottle filling station. Bottles will need to be taken home regularly to be cleaned.

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in every classroom.
- Students will report directly to their classroom each day.
- Students sharing equipment will be limited and eliminated if possible.
- Options for food service may include eating in classrooms, socially distancing in the cafeteria, or a combination of both.

Sanitation/Cleaning for all levels will be done more frequently and with appropriate disinfectants. Hot spots such as water fountains (push button will not be used, only use is the bottle filling station), doorknobs, light switches, lockers, sinks and faucet handles will be cleaned as often as possible. Playground equipment will be sprayed daily.

*We must minimize the use of shared equipment and sanitize these types of equipment often. Buses will be sprayed before bus trips and after bus trips. **Sanitation is everyone's responsibility this school year. Social distancing and the secondary concerns that will result from this are everyone's responsibility.***

In the absence of guidance and directives from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the district may adopt recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, and guidance from local health care professionals and local, state, and national government authorities.

GREEN - No district cases, no large spike in county cases

- *Students will notice very little difference than school in the past.*
- *We will use symptom screening. Student and staff are to stay at home with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater OR two or more COVID-19 symptoms.*
- *We will emphasize additional hand washing, hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting a space, spacing in the classroom will strive to be a minimum of 3 ft. apart and facing forward as much as space allows. .*
- *Breakfast and lunch will be held in the classrooms as needed. Doors will not open until 7:30 and buses will not dismiss students until 7:30. Students will go straight to their class/homeroom.*
- *Students must wash hands frequently for 20 seconds with soap and water.*
- *Students will be asked to bring their own school supplies with a container brought from home to keep them separate from others as much as possible.*
- *Teachers will have a container for used and unused items and students must place used items in the correct container. We will not have shared supplies.*
- *Students will be required to have assigned seating everywhere.*
- *Quarantining of athletes and teams related to sports activities, coaching staff will advise using their own best judgement, game films, or recorded practices.*
- *We will encourage parents to bring their children or to drive/walk to school as weather permits. Buses will be loaded from the back to the front and unloaded from the front to the back. The bus driver may have family units sit together. All buses will have assigned seating.*
- *Outdoor spaces and open windows on the buses will be used whenever possible for learning, eating, bus riding and for PE and recess.*

- Any visitor who needs to go past the office will be screened for illness. We will limit visitor contact with students and staff. Visitors will sign in to offices. Visitors are required to wear masks.
- School buses will keep an open seat on all buses.
- Parents will not be able to walk their child to classrooms or have lunch with them.

➤ **YELLOW--Investigation of a possible case in district/large spike in county with community spread**

- Temperatures will be taken daily of staff and students.
- Some teachers will come to the classroom rather than the class going to the teacher when possible.
- Students who show symptoms at school will be asked to wear a mask until they are picked up.
- Outdoor spaces will be used whenever possible for learning, eating, and for PE and recess

➤ **RED-Cases in district/large community/county spread**

- The school will utilize local, state, and CDC guidance to determine the level of quarantine appropriate.
- Facemasks will be required if working outside of your work area or if working with students.
- We will continue learning through our Alternative Methods of Instruction (AMI) Plan. Teachers will be available to provide assistance at school for face to face by appointment, by phone and on-line. We are very close to having enough devices for every student (K -12). If the teacher believes the course needs to be taught by packets or we cannot provide you with a device (we can send lessons on thumb drives which will be delivered with meals weekly).
- Special needs students will need to have their AMI Plan implemented as decided upon by the IEP team.
- Meals will be provided by Grab and Go to distribution locations or bus delivery.

If school is moved to a virtual or packet format, all student work will be graded and used to determine passing to the next grade K-8 or credit to be given in the high school. Proof of learning will be required for student's grades just like in a face to face setting. Special needs students will have their Alternative Learning Method implemented by the IEP team.

❖ Families and Parents

- Students must stay home if they are feeling ill or showing any symptoms of COVID-19. (from CDC)
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell

- Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose not caused by conditions such as seasonal allergies
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- Supply your student with a small hand sanitizer and a mask; buildings will have sanitizer.
 - Remind students about social distancing practices.
 - At drop off, keep students in your vehicle until the building doors open.
 - Reinforce proper hand washing practices.
 - Discuss coughing/sneezing into sleeves or elbows and not hands and immediate hand washing afterwards.

❖ Screening Process and Protocols for Symptomatic Students and Staff

- Students should be screened at home before coming to school
- Staff should conduct self-screening before leaving home each morning
- Please ask yourself and your student the following questions every morning before school
 - Does you or your student feel sick today?
 - Do you or the student have a temperature/fever over 100.0?
 - Do you or the student have a consistent cough?
 - Do you or the student have shortness of breath?
 - Has your student been considered to be in close contact (15 minutes of contact with less than 6 feet of separation) to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- If the answer to any of these questions is yes, students and staff should be kept home until free of symptoms without assistance of fever-reducing medications for 72 hours. If a student or staff member is considered to have a close contact with a person testing positive for COVID-19, that student/staff member should follow the guidance provided by CDC regarding self-isolation (typically 14 days from last contact).
- If a student is deemed to be symptomatic a family member will be asked to pick up the student within 30 minutes of notification
- Students will be in a safe space to limit contact with other individuals until picked up
- School health professionals will provide guidance if students need to be seen by their medical professional for further examination
- When a family member arrives at school to pick up the student, please do not enter the building
- Staff will walk the student outside to meet the family member picking them up
- Students who experience a fever with one or more of the above listed symptoms will be allowed to return to school after being fever/symptom free for three days if seen and cleared by a medical professional, or 10 days since signs and symptoms appeared,.

❖ If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

- The county health center(s) in which the positive case(s) reside will be notified.

- County health center(s) or their designated individual(s) will conduct contact tracing to identify possible exposure to others.
- The district Communicable Disease Response Team will manage the response according to District Policy EBB which states **“When students or employees with communicable diseases that pose a risk of transmission in school or at school activities (such as, but not limited to, chicken pox, influenza and conjunctivitis) are identified, such students or employees will be managed as required by law and the district will take into consideration guidance and recommendations from local, state, and federal authorities. Such management may include, but is not limited to, exclusion for school or reassignment as needed for health and safety of students and staff. The final management decision will be made by the district’s communicable disease response team, which will consist of the superintendent, the building principals, the district nurse, and a Board member. The Board delegates the authority to make these management decisions to the communicable disease response team and, to that end, will fully support any such decision made by the majority of available members of the communicable disease response team.”**
- A notification will be posted either on our district website, our school Facebook pages, or through school messenger.
- Staff will perform a deep targeted clean and disinfection of exposed areas.
- If a classroom or building must shut down, ACR2 will seek guidance from local & state health departments, as well as recommendations of the CDC to form a reopening and re-entry plan for that classroom and/or building.

❖ **Students returning to school from COVID-19 like symptoms***

- Persons with symptoms
 - At least 3 days without any symptoms, without fever-reducing medication, and clearance from a medical physician **or** at least 10 days since symptoms first appeared or (per DESE), or:
 - No symptoms **and** 1 negative COVID-19 test.
- Persons with a prior positive test but without current symptoms may return:
 - At least 14 days since the onset of symptoms and has had three days with no fever and has improving symptoms, and shall be required to wear a mask for a minimum of 20 days.

***Children with a known close contact with COVID-19 (or an adult with symptoms compatible with COVID-19) should stay home for 14 days from their last contact and until return to school is approved by the local health department in accordance with the CDC guidance.**

If any parent is uncomfortable sending their students to school for in-person learning, please contact your building principal to discuss options.

Parents who choose not to send their students to school will have access to our Alternative Learning System with a doctor's note monthly or if the doctor specifies a specific time frame. The details of this system are still being worked on and will continue to be adjusted due to the specific circumstances that may arise. This will include a blend of virtual learning, zoom, Google Classroom or FB for online lessons and learning packets. Teachers may be available to provide assistance at school for face to face by appointment, by phone and on-line. We are very close to having enough devices for every student (K -12). If the teacher believes the course needs to be taught by packets or we cannot provide you with a device (we can send lessons on thumb drives which will be delivered with meals weekly). If a student/parent chooses to go on-line from home due to COVID, the decision cannot be changed until the end of each semester.

Resources

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education COVID-19 website
<https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services COVID-19 website
<https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Students returning to school after COVID-19 like symptoms from the CDC
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>