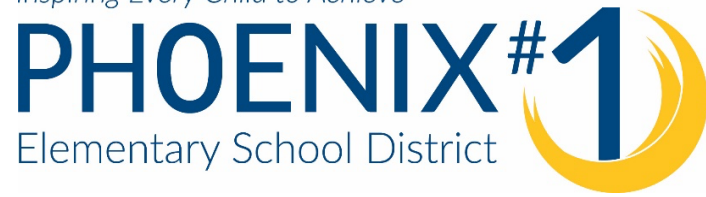


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COVID-19 Plan for Families

2022-2023 School Year
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Dear Phoenix #1 Families:

We are excited to welcome our students back to school! As we prepare to open our doors for the 2022-2023 school year, we want to assure our families that the health and well-being of our students, staff, and families will remain our top priority. The District partnered with HealthyVerify to create the mitigation plan and prevention measures based on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance to ensure students and staff remain healthy this school year.

If you have any questions regarding this plan or the health of your child, please contact your school principal or nurse. Thank you for your continued support of Phoenix #1 and for helping to stop the spread of COVID-19 in school.

We are thrilled that you have selected Phoenix Elementary and we are excited to welcome your children back to school. Please know the health and safety of students and staff is at the forefront of every decision, and we will continue to use the details of this plan to guide our efforts in safely reopening our schools.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ibi Dávila Haghghat
Superintendent

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2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR COVID SAFETY PROTOCOLS



Phoenix #1 is excited to welcome our students back to school. Below is information on COVID-19 prevention measures what families can expect when students return to school.

Health and Well-Being of Students

Student and staff health and well-being will always be our primary focus. To ensure a safe learning environment, Phoenix #1 has implemented the following safety protocols:

Health Screenings

- Phoenix #1 asks families to monitor their child's health and keep their child at home if the child is experiencing illness symptoms or if they have been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Students should stay home if they show any of the following symptoms:
 - Fever of 100.0°F degrees or higher; chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Muscle aches
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Fatigue
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Cough
 - Nausea or Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - New loss of taste or smell

- Parents/guardians should closely monitor your child for illness symptoms or fever every day before sending your child to school to ensure the health and safety of students, faculty, and community, and answer the following questions:
 - *Has your child had a fever of 100.0F or above in the last 24 hours?*
 - *Has your child experienced any new symptoms like cough or shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or any loss of smell or taste?*

If any of the previous apply to your child, keep your child home and communicate your child's absence to the school office.

Guidance for Isolation Procedures Due to Positive COVID-19 Cases

Students who have a fever or other illness symptoms or who have tested positive for COVID-19, can return to school under the following guidelines:

- **If a student is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:** Student must remain home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and other symptoms have improved. Testing for COVID-19 is strongly recommended.
 - **If a student test positive,** they must follow the guidelines below.
 - **If a student test negative,** they must remain home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and other symptoms have improved.
- **If a student tests positive for COVID-19 (PCR or antigen testing) and is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:** Student must remain home for at least 5 calendar days from the date their symptoms began. They may return to school if they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and other symptoms have improved, and it is strongly recommended to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days from the beginning of symptoms.
- **If a student tests positive for COVID-19 (PCR or antigen testing) and is not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:** Student must remain home for at least 5 calendar days from the date of their positive test. They may return to school if they have not had a fever for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) and have remained asymptomatic, and it is strongly recommended to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days from the upon their return to school.
- **Special criteria for students with severe/critical illness or who are severely immunocompromised:** Studies have shown that severely immunocompromised individuals and people who have severe/critical cases of COVID-19 can remain contagious longer than others. Therefore, ADHS released the following guidelines for these special cases:
 - **If a student has symptoms:** Return to school after 20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared, at least 24 hours have passed since last fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicines), and other symptoms have improved.
 - **If a student does not have symptoms and tests positive for COVID-19 (PCR or antigen testing):** Return to school once 20 days have passed since first positive COVID-19 PCR/antigen test was taken, unless symptoms develop, in which case the rule directly above applies.
 - Phoenix #1 teachers shall encourage parents/guardians of ill students to call their health provider for advice on testing for COVID-19.¹ Phoenix #1 will facilitate remote or virtual learning that enables students to stay home when they are sick without negative impact on their learning or school performance.

¹ COVID-19 Testing Sites in Arizona can be found at <https://www.azdhs.gov/COVID19testing>.

Masks/Face Coverings

Phoenix #1 has an optional face mask policy for students and employees. Masks may be disposable or made of cloth. Masks will be strongly recommended for individuals returning from isolation. Phoenix #1 may periodically strongly recommend all employees and students to wear a mask as a heightened risk response measure.

Students with Disabilities or the Medically Vulnerable

- Special accommodations, along with compliance with all applicable state, federal, and local laws, shall be made for Phoenix #1 students with disabilities or those with unique medical needs. Where possible, these students are strongly encouraged to wear masks/face coverings and maintain a 3-6 ft. physical distance. Employees who interact with these students should be informed that wearing masks/coverings in their presence is uniquely important.
- To the extent possible, during periods of heightened risk response, these students should arrive at school at a separate, staggered start time and maintain a staggered schedule that allows for separation from other students.
- Virtual or distancing learning options should be readily available for these students.
- Phoenix #1 will also ensure that it protects the privacy of those students at higher risk for severe illness regarding underlying medical conditions.
- Phoenix #1 will facilitate asynchronous work (printed or electronic based on student need). Every effort will be made to work with families to support their child and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on their child's education.

Students with Vulnerable Individuals in Their Household

Phoenix #1 will make every effort to provide virtual or distance learning options for students living in the same household as adults or other children with disabilities or who are medically vulnerable if these families opt for distance learning.

Schools have contingency plans to support learning for students who may need to miss school because of COVID-19. In the event a student tests positive, please work with the school to access learning plans for students.

Restrooms

Restrooms will be cleaned regularly according to ordinary timeframes.

Playgrounds and Recess

Playgrounds and recess equipment will be used as normal.

Field Trips and School Gatherings

Field trips and school gatherings will occur as normal, although larger events will be held outside whenever possible. These activities may be limited, occur in a modified format, or be canceled as a risk response measure.

PEER, Extracurricular Activities, and Youth Sports

Youth sports and after-school child care and activities will continue to operate. These activities may be limited, occur in a modified format, or be canceled as a risk response measure.

Visitors on Campus

Visitors are permitted on Phoenix #1 campuses. However, Phoenix #1 will discourage persons exhibiting illness symptoms from visiting. As a heightened risk response measure, Phoenix #1 may implement limitations on visitors on its campuses.

Buses and Transportation

Phoenix #1 transportation services will operate as normal. As a heightened risk response measure, Phoenix #1 may strongly recommend students to wear masks on buses.