



2024 - 2025 Safe Return to School Plan

On August 11, 2022, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an update regarding COVID protocol changes for Early Care Education and K-12 Schools. Based on those recommendations, the Albany School District will adhere to the following protocols.

In summary, we will return to a school's pre-pandemic operations and practices.

Upon request, this document can be produced in Spanish

Sanitization

- We will continue with daily sanitizing protocols provided by our custodial staff.
- Staff, students, and visitors are strongly encouraged to utilize best practices for personal hygiene (washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes...).

Masking

- Staff, students, and visitors will NOT be asked or required to wear face coverings

Student Grouping/Cohorts

- Students will no longer be arranged in cohorts
- Students will be allowed to sit and work in close proximity to others

Social Distancing

- Staff and students will not be expected to 'social distance from each other
- Students will return to pre-pandemic practices

Screening/Testing

- Staff and students will not be required to be screened/tested before returning from an illness (including COVID)

Isolation

- Staff and students who test positive for COVID will be required to isolate at home for five (5) days from the onset of symptoms OR the date of a positive test
- Staff and students who would have been considered a 'close contact' will not be required to quarantine

Response to Signs of Illness

- We expect staff and students who do not feel well (fever, nausea, vomiting,...) to remain at home until those symptoms are gone.
- Staff and students experiencing common cold symptoms are not required to stay out of school. Those staff and students are encouraged to use their best judgment and consider the health of others.
- This is a reflection of pre-COVID practices