

Alliance Public Schools
Reopening of Buildings Plan
Revised: September 13, 2021

Alliance Public Schools intends to reopen as close to normal as possible. There will be no masking requirement in the district. Alliance Public Schools will follow all directed health measures and guidance as required. This plan is set in place to reopen buildings and is subject to change at all times based on the current circumstances by the Alliance Board of Education.

Alliance Public Schools at the time of this plan's creation is reported by Panhandle Unified Command to be at low risk of COVID-19 spread. 100% on site attendance is required unless an alternative plan has been established between families and administration.

All Students, Staff and Visitors are asked to stay home if they are ill. Known symptoms of COVID 19 include cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell. This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Alliance Public Schools will critically assess risk before traveling for field trips and extra-curricular activities.

- I. **Universal and correct wearing of masks:** There is no masking requirement but if you choose to wear a mask the correct procedure can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html#:~:text=CDC%20recommends%20universal%20indoor%20masking,labeled%20prevention%20strategies%20in%20place>.
- II. **Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing:** We will maintain spacing as possible without limiting classes.
- III. **Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:** Encourage to wash or sanitize hands upon exit and entry. Encourage to wash or sanitize hands before and after eating. Have sanitizer available.
- IV. **Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including ventilation:** Provide cleaning solution to common areas. Custodial services will follow CDC recommendations. Sanitizer provided in high traffic areas. Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to student/staff return. Additional deep cleaning scheduled on weekends and holidays. Tables and desks disinfecting before food is placed on them. HVAC systems set to enhance fresh air throughout the facility.
- V. **Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaborations with the state, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments:** Alliance Public Schools will cooperate with all case investigations conducted by PPHD. Identified cases will self-isolate. Self-isolation will stay away from others for 10 days and not return until symptom free and no fever for 3 days. Close contacts will be asked to follow guidance and test if symptoms occur. A close contact is defined as a person

less than 6-foot for 15 minutes accumulatively. Contacts of a contact are not required to quarantine but should use precautions.

- VI. **Diagnostic and screening testing:** Testing information for the area can be found at: <http://www.pphd.org/>
- VII. **Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:** Vaccination information for the area can be found at: <http://www.pphd.org/>
- VIII. **Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:** All accommodations of plans (504, IEP, etc.) will be followed. Temperature and symptom checks performed at home by both parties for home visits. Do not attend visit if symptoms exist. Masks and social distancing are encouraged. We will follow all policies in place for supporting, teaching, and learning of protected vulnerable populations.
- IX. **Coordination with State and local health officials. Including the needs for support and technical assistance to implement strategies consistent to the greatest extent practicable, with relevant CDC guidance:** Alliance Public Schools will continually update case numbers and guidelines from PPHD on our website under our COVID Dashboard. We will participate in meetings, as needed, with PPHD to remain current.

All areas of this plan are subject to change. Further measures will be shared and enforced if we move into the more severe risk categories. Our top priority is the safety of students, staff and visitors. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.