

ACPA

The Arts & College Preparatory Academy

ACPA Safe Return to In-Person Instruction &
Continuity of Services Plan



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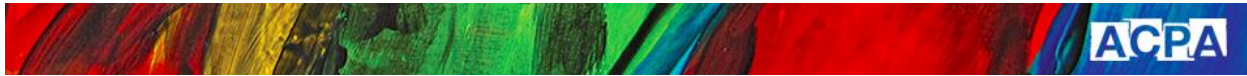
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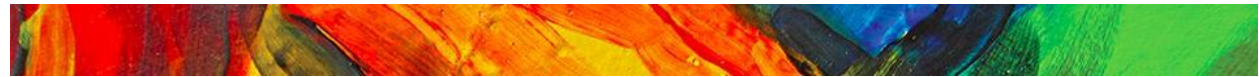
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

ACPA will return to **full time in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year**. Our goal is to keep students in school and in person 5 days a week. We will follow the most current Ohio Department of Health, Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health safety guidelines for schools.

This plan addresses masks, distancing, hand washing / sanitizing, cleaning, and other safety protocols. We are confident that these precautions, along with numerous building upgrades, will protect community members from airborne illnesses.

As we move back to full time in-person learning, we have made the decision to remove the option for all-virtual learning for the 2021-2022 academic year. Now that vaccinations for COVID-19 are approved for students 12 and older, we would like to encourage parents and guardians to send a copy of completed vaccines to the Main Office to be included in your student's health record.

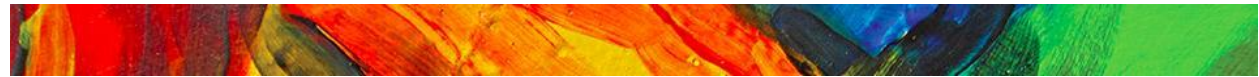
ACPA is implementing key prevention and mitigation policies to ensure the safest school environment for all. Safety protocols will be in place, taught to all members of our community, and continually revisited and practiced as new information and guidance emerges. ACPA's basic safety protocols are reviewed in the following pages. These guidelines were developed with guidance from the Columbus Department of Health, [Ohio Department of Education](#), the [Ohio Department of Public Health](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control's Considerations for School](#).

ACPA provided multiple vaccination resources and paid time for staff to get vaccinated when the vaccine first became available to Ohio educators.

Additionally, ACPA hosted 4 vaccination clinics for our community members in partnership with Rite Aid in May and June. Over 120 individuals were vaccinated during these clinics and we plan to offer another round of vaccination clinics.

ACPA will periodically review this plan at least every 6 months through September 2023 and revise the plan as appropriate. Additionally, ACPA will seek public input and incorporate revisions as necessary.





SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Daily Health Assessment

Each day, families will be asked to assess their students health for the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Difficulty Breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- Congestion or runny nose
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Diarrhea
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting

Students should stay home if they are experiencing any symptoms listed above, or if they have a temperature of 99.9° or higher. **Parents and guardians should continue to contact the Main Office before 8:55 am to report absences.**

ACPA will take temperatures as students enter the building each day. Students will enter school via multiple entry points, and will not be allowed to enter the building until their temperature and no fever is verified.





SAFETY PROTOCOLS (CONT.)

Enhanced Safety Precautions

ACPA will continue to use layered prevention strategies that research has shown to be particularly effective in mitigating risk for COVID-19 transmission. This approach allows more students to remain in the classroom and at school activities safely.

1. Students, staff, and visitors are required to wear masks indoors at all times
2. Temperature check upon entry for students
3. Physical distancing of at least 3 feet at all times
4. Increased time for handwashing
5. Hand sanitizer stations (greater than 60% alcohol) throughout the building
6. Rigorous and routine classroom and common space sanitation
7. Students and staff are asked to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing. Sanitize hands afterwards if hands were used to cover the mouth. Also cough or sneeze away from other people when possible.
8. Enhanced disinfection of high touch surfaces using disinfectant labeled for use against SARS-CoV-2
9. Signs and messaging present throughout the building
10. Specific safety procedures established for each classroom



SAFETY PROTOCOLS (CONT.)

FACE COVERING EXPECTATIONS

Students 7-12

Students are expected to follow mask requirements of the school district when riding the bus. Students are required to continue to wear masks in order to protect the school community and in accordance with state guidance.

Staff

Staff members are required to wear masks in order to protect the school community and in accordance with state guidance.

Visitors

Visitors are required to wear masks in order to protect the school community and in accordance with state guidance.

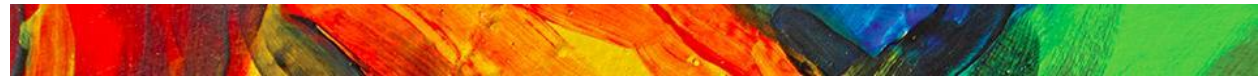
Masks

Extra masks will be kept at the school and provided in the case a student, staff member, or visitor forgets a mask.

Medical Exemptions

Exemptions for masks will be considered with written documentation from a physician.





SAFETY PROTOCOLS (CONT.)

Coordination with Columbus Public Health Department

ACPA will report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to the Columbus Public Health Department and conduct contact tracing in accordance with guidance from the Columbus Public Health Department and Ohio Health Department.

COVID-19 Vaccination Records

Parents and guardians are asked to provide ACPA with student COVID-19 vaccination records so the school may make determinations regarding student quarantine in instances of close proximity exposure.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Unvaccinated individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be instructed to obtain a COVID-19 test and provided with suggested locations. Negative COVID-19 test results will be required for the student or staff member to return to school. If ACPA obtains COVID-19 tests, tests may be distributed to parents/guardians or administered by school personnel.

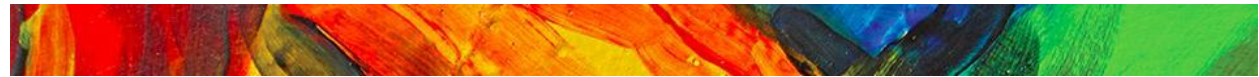
Exhibiting Symptoms at ACPA

If a student or staff member at ACPA begins to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 while present in the building, they will be immediately isolated until they are able to leave the building. Students and staff exhibiting symptoms will be isolated in the upstairs clinic area and adults will be provided with PPE when encountering these individuals. This area will be immediately and thoroughly sanitized. Parents and guardians are expected to pick up their symptomatic student from school promptly upon notification.

Notification of Exposure to COVID-19 at School

ACPA will notify families if their student was in close proximity to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. This means that their student was less than 3 feet away and unmasked for greater than 15 minutes from the individual who tested positive.





SAFETY PROTOCOLS (CONT.)

Quarantine for Individuals Diagnosed with COVID-19:

Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines, families, caregivers and staff are to notify ACPA immediately if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or if they, or any members of their households, have been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19. They also should notify the school if they are quarantined. ACPA staff will communicate with caregivers regarding quarantine periods and reentry dates.

Quarantine for Unvaccinated Individuals Exposed to COVID-19 Outside of School:

Unvaccinated staff and students with known exposure to someone with diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 must self-quarantine at home for 14 days. Staff or students who travel to a location with known community spread may choose to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

School Absence during Quarantine

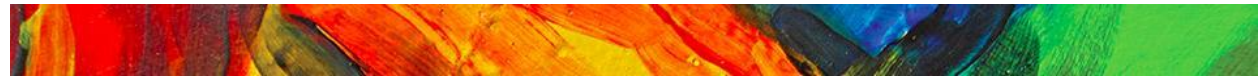
School absence policies will reflect these procedures and not penalize students and personnel for required quarantine period(s).

Remote learning plans will be provided for all students who are absent during quarantine to ensure they may continue engaging in learning. These plans will include resources and assignments that can be completed independently.

ACPA will work with the Franklin County Public Health Department (FCPH) on COVID-19 surveillance activities by tracking attendance and notifying FCPH of significant increases in absenteeism.

Unvaccinated staff and students with confirmed or presumed COVID-19 must meet conditions prescribed by the Ohio Department of Health and their local health departments prior to returning to school. These conditions may change frequently, and ACPA will maintain frequent communication with FCPH regarding these guidelines.





POSITIVE COVID-19 RESPONSE

School Re Entry for Individuals with COVID-19:

Individuals with a positive or presumed COVID-19 diagnosis must be isolated for **10 Days** from the onset of symptoms before returning to school. Individuals must also be fever free without medication for **72 hours**, and 100% symptom free before returning to school.

School Re Entry for Individuals Exposed to COVID-19:

Family members, staff, and students exposed to COVID-19 must be **symptom free** in order to return to school. Additionally, any unvaccinated individuals considered in close proximity to someone with COVID-19 will be **quarantined** for **14 days** before returning to school.





HEALTHY FACILITIES

Air Purification

ACPA obtained air purifiers for learning spaces during the 2020-2021 academic year and will continue their use in the 2021 - 2022 academic year.

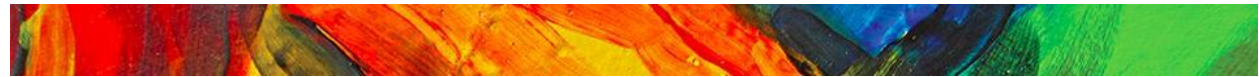
Ventilation System

During the summer of 2021, ACPA updated the HVAC system to further improve air circulation and ventilation throughout the building.

Enhanced Cleaning Procedures

ACPA will continue to disinfect high touch surfaces and regularly clean learning spaces, surfaces, and items.



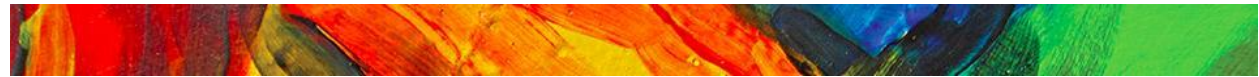


RESOURCES

INTERVENTION & SPECIALIZED SERVICES FOR STUDENTS DURING QUARANTINE

- ACPA will continue to provide services to meet state and district guidelines.
- ACPA will provide specific and general support for students.
- Related Services (Speech, Occupational Therapy, etc.) may be postponed until the student returns to the school building.
- Accommodations will continue to be provided. (examples: extra time to complete assignments, modification of tasks)
- Testing accommodations will continue to be provided (extra time, retakes, etc.)
- Intervention specialists and 504 Coordinator will collaborate with school counselors to modify and adjust assignments and workload as needed during the duration of quarantine.
- Intervention specialists and 504 Coordinator will collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure delivery of services and that accommodations are being provided appropriately.
- Parents and Guardians will have access to the Intervention Team for concerns/questions via direct phone and email.





INTERVENTION & SPECIALIZED SERVICES DURING QUARANTINE (CONT.)

Students with IEPs

1. Weekly check-in with students via video conferencing
2. Monitoring of progress towards specific goals.
3. Intervention specialists will collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure delivery of services and that accommodations are being provided appropriately.
4. Parents and Guardians will have access to the Intervention Team for concerns/questions via direct phone and email.

Students with 504 Plans

1. 504 Coordinator will collaborate with classroom teachers to ensure delivery of services and that accommodations are being provided appropriately.
2. Parents and Guardians will have access to the Intervention Team for concerns/questions via direct phone and email.

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Intervention Support During Quarantine for Parents and Guardians

- Parents and Guardians are encouraged to contact their student's case manager via phone or email if there are any questions or concerns.
- Help your student develop a specific routine that includes organizing materials, attending class, checking assignments and projects daily, and regularly checking-in with teachers and Intervention Staff for assistance and updates.
- Encourage your student to reach out to their teachers and Intervention Team if they have questions about content or challenges in completing work tasks.
- Encourage your student to seek out assistance and make use of their accommodations if they are having difficulties with their work.
- If your student is expressing challenges please make Intervention Staff aware as soon as possible.



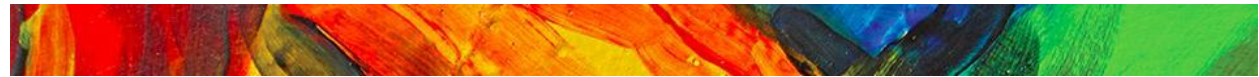


Support Services

ACPA invites you to contact staff members with questions or concerns. Please know that staff’s primary method of communication is email, but you may also reach out by calling the school phone number or individual staff members Google Voice phone numbers during the school day.

Attendance	Phone: 614 986 9974 attendance@artcollegeprep.org
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Food and Resource Security

Whole Child Nutrition

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Whole-Child-Nutrition>

Mid-Ohio Foodbank

<https://www.midohiofoodbank.org/>

The Children's Advocacy Project

<https://cap4kids.org/columbus/food/now/>

Hands On Central Ohio Foodline Details Page

<https://www.foodpantries.org/li/handson-central-ohio-foodline>

Nationwide Children's Hospital

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/behavioral-health>

Counseling Services Huckleberry House

<http://huckhouse.org/programs/counseling-services/>

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-800-273-8255





Frequently Asked Questions

When is the first day of school?

The first day of school is **August 24, 2021**

What will school look like in the 2021 - 2022 academic year?

ACPA will be in session Monday through Friday from 8:55 am to 4:05 pm in the school building. Students will attend school 5 days a week for the entire school day. There are no hybrid or all virtual options.

If an individual is fully vaccinated for COVID-19 do they still need a mask?

Yes, masks are required for all students, staff, and visitors.

Will every student use an ACPA laptop this year?

Yes! ACPA now has a One 2 One Technology policy. Each student will be expected to complete all schoolwork on their assigned ACPA device.

How will we be notified if our student has been exposed to COVID-19?

The school will notify parents and guardians immediately after learning of a possible COVID-19 exposure in close proximity (3 ft or less for more than 15 minutes).

What happens if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 during the school year?

Individuals must be isolated for 10 Days before returning to school. Individuals must also be fever free without medication for 72 hours, and 100% symptom free before returning to school.