



ARCADIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Revised October 2021



As part of the American Rescue Plan, schools across the nation have had to develop a plan of school operations for 2021-22 and moving forward. This is a revision of the District's original plan that was developed and implemented during the summer of 2020. The plan is detailed in some areas, while vague in others in order to provide the Board of Education and administration flexibility and latitude while making decisions as situations and conditions change and warrant.

Arcadia Public Schools will operate on a colored zone system. Changing zone levels will be decided upon consultation with Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD) on the current case count for the school, and then the community at large. If the school should have to close due to COVID cases

Wearing of Masks/Face Coverings

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask/face covering wearing for students and staff is optional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mask/face covering wearing for students and staff is strongly encouraged; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mask/face covering wearing may be required at school and on school transportation for a limited time as determined after consultation with LPBHD; ○ Waivers for non-mask/face covering will/will not be accepted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks/face coverings for students and staff will be required at school and on school transportation.
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Physical Distancing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will not be required to socially distance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be encouraged to maintain social distance at breakfast/lunch, or other gathering times, and as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be required to maintain social distance when possible.
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Personal Hygiene

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer; • Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and common areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be encouraged to frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer; • Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and common areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and staff will be encouraged to frequently wash hands or use hand sanitizer; • Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom and common areas.
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Cleaning Facilities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will have access to appropriate cleaning supplies to use in the classroom and throughout the entire building. • Custodian will maintain regular cleaning practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will use appropriate cleaning supplies to disinfect desks and other high touch areas periodically throughout the day. • Custodians will use appropriate cleaning supplies for high touch areas multiple times each day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff will use appropriate cleaning supplies to disinfect desks and other high touch areas periodically throughout the day. • Custodians will use appropriate cleaning supplies for high touch areas multiple times each day.
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Contact Tracing & Quarantine

Arcadia Public Schools will work in conjunction with the LBPHD to determine contact tracing. Those students who are determined to be a close contact to a positive case, will be required to wear masks, monitor any symptoms, and social distance for the number of days recommended by the LBPHD, or will be allowed to do remote learning for the number of days recommended by the LBPHD.

Day 1 – First Day of Symptoms	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10 – Fever Free without medications	Day 11 – Return to School
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Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Students with a verified disability will have their MDT team determine their appropriate accommodations.

Vaccinations to School Communities

Arcadia Public Schools will work with the LBPHD to provide locations for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as District communication platforms to share information regarding vaccine clinics to the school community. Students and staff will not be required to be vaccinated.

Coordination with State and Local Health Officials

Arcadia Public Schools will work in cooperation with State and local health officials. The Superintendent, or his/her designee, will attend webinars presented by the Governor, Commissioner of Education, or LBPHD to stay informed of current information.

Ensuring Continuity of Services

Arcadia Public Schools will ensure continuity of services by providing in-person instruction. The school calendar will continue to serve as a guide to indicate when school is in session. Students will be expected to attend school in-person on the days when school is in session unless they are at home due to illness. If mask or face cover wearing is required for a short-term (two weeks or less), families will have the option to do remote learning. The remote learning will be for the entire time masks/face coverings are required. For example, a student will not be able to switch from in-person to remote learning, or remote learning to in-person learning, during the required time. Lastly, students who are under quarantine for a positive test or choose to quarantine as a close contact will also be allowed to do remote learning.

Arcadia Public Schools has developed a plan for instructional materials that offer virtual access for students who are required to or choose to do remote learning as described in the previous paragraph. All students will have equitable access to appropriate grade level content.

Students' health needs will be met by offering all students a free breakfast and a free lunch during the 2021-22 school year. In addition, students will receive guidance counseling services that support stress

and anxiety management on a weekly basis by the Guidance Counselor. Students and staff may access mental health services as recommended by the Guidance Counselor, with many of these services being provided by an outside agency.

Public Comments

Constructive public comments about the Return to School plan are always encouraged and accepted. Please refer any of these comments to the school administration for use for future reviews and potential revisions of this plan.