



Altar Valley 2021-2022 Mitigation Plan

July 23, 2021

Dear Altar Valley Families,

The first priority of Altar Valley School District is to protect the safety and wellbeing of students and staff. Our goal for the 2021-2022 school year is to offer greater flexibility with our mitigation strategies and to commit to in-person teacher-led instruction for all of our students. The following protocols will be followed effective July 1, 2021. These protocols are based on guidance from the CDC, AZ Department of Health Services, and Pima County Health Department and are subject to revisions based on changes to guidance and local health metrics.

Altar Valley School District will be fully in-person for the 2021-2022 school year. Face coverings will be optional though still recommended for those not vaccinated.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Dumon
Superintendent

AVSD MITIGATION PLAN

Before Coming to School Parents should screen students for COVID-19 symptoms each morning, should self-report symptoms, and must keep students at home if symptoms are present.

Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell.

Classes All classes will be held in-person unless there is a forced closure of a school.

Classroom Materials and Textbooks AVSD allows shared materials, with hand hygiene mitigation in place.

Classroom Supplies Classrooms have soap and/or hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and other cleaning supplies.

Cleaning and Disinfecting High touch point surfaces are disinfected daily.



Close Contacts	Any person who is in close contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19 may be subject to quarantine. The CDC defines close contact as being within 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes during a 24-hour period.
Closing & Reopening Schools	In the event of a school closure, staff and families will be notified via School Messenger (email), and all communication will be posted on the district websites.
Schools Activities	All activities will resume, including before- and after-school tutoring, enrichment activities, sports, and more.
Events	Student assemblies, special performances, school-wide parent meetings, and other events are permitted, with site approval based on current conditions.
Facilities Rentals	Rentals of school facilities will resume, with approval.
Field Trips	Field trips may be permitted with district approval and based on current conditions.
Food Service	Food service will return to pre-COVID-19 guidelines. Additional hand washing stations have been added.
Hand Hygiene	All classrooms and hallways have hand sanitizer. Students will be encouraged to sanitize hands frequently.
Isolation Rooms	Symptomatic students will be isolated on campus. Symptoms may include: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, and new loss of taste or smell. Parents/legal guardians are expected to pick up symptomatic students immediately.
Masks	Masks are optional though still recommended for those not vaccinated. Masks will be available for those students who forget to bring a mask to school but would like to wear one.
Outdoor Spaces	Where appropriate, the use of outdoor learning spaces may be utilized.
Parent/Legal Guardian Conferences	Remote or in-person parent conferences are available upon request.
Physical Barriers	Plexiglas barriers will remain in place in school offices.



Physical Distancing	Physical distancing will be maintained, where feasible.
Positive COVID-19 Notifications	In the event of a close contact, schools may notify parents/legal guardians and/or staff members of possible exposure and provide guidance on subsequent steps.
Recess	School recess follows pre-COVID-19 procedures.
Self-Reporting	Students or staff who have symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or who were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days should notify their school's administration.
Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off	Schools will follow pre-COVID-19 procedures.
Technology	Devices are available to students while on campus, as needed. Students may bring personal devices to school according to the AVSD Bring Your Own Device policy.
Transportation	On school buses roof vents will be open and students will be seated apart where possible. We will resume school-sponsored transportation for extracurricular activities, when necessary.
Ventilation	AVSD ensures that ventilation systems provide sufficient indoor air quality for the current occupancy level for each space.
Visitors & Volunteers	Visitors and volunteers are allowed on campus, with site approval.
Water Fountains	Drinking fountains will be available for bottle refills. Students and staff are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.