



Safe Return to In Person Learning Summary

In order for Pointe Schools to operate in a safe manner, the following policies will be followed during the COVID-19 pandemic:

1. As of 5/21/2021, masks are encouraged but are optional on all campuses. The Board has directed the school administration to follow all applicable laws regarding masks on campus. Parents are encouraged to discuss their family's decision with their children. All individuals on campus are to be respectful of the decisions of others.
2. School administrators may implement a variety of mitigation strategies as needed depending on the spread of COVID-19 in each school. Each school may implement different measures based on their specific situation. These measures are detailed on the school mitigation plan and include layers of protection ranging from physical distancing to teaching handwashing and more.
3. The ventilation systems have been serviced to provide for healthy facilities. The buildings are continually reviewed to ensure they are providing as healthy an environment as possible.
4. Pointe Schools follows Maricopa County Health Department's guidelines for quarantining and isolating individuals with COVID-19 or those who have been exposed to COVID-19. In addition, school administrators may use temperature checks and health screenings of all individuals on campus.
5. Pointe Schools provides information on vaccinations to the school community and continue to coordinate with State and local health officials.

Pointe Schools has developed extensive plans to ensure continuity of services. Pointe Schools has invested in Chromebooks, teacher training, wi-fi upgrades and more to ensure that teaching can continue at all levels of COVID spread. The district continues to use data to ensure that additional learning opportunities are provided to all students with an emphasis on student populations that are vulnerable. We make every attempt to use the most up-to-date information to provide a continuity of service to all in our community.

We have developed specific chain of command, mitigation strategies, and communication plans to ensure that all members of our school community are informed of what the current needs are, how teaching will be provided, and what strategies are in place to ensure that we can continue providing the education our students need whether we are in person or not.

In the event that a student or group of students needs to quarantine, we have provisions in place to easily and quickly move to distance learning scenarios. We also have detailed plans in place in the event of staff quarantine. We continue to focus on providing high-quality education while being nimble and responsive to the community needs. We have specific protocols for academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs for teachers and students. We review these protocols at least every 6 months.

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