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AXL Academy 2020-21

In-Person Safety Precautions

In-Person Overview

AXL will be returning to in-person learning starting on February 16, 2021. More information for times are available on our website.

Student and staff safety are of utmost importance. To reduce the potential risk and exposure, AXL will be using a cohort model which will keep each crew with the same crew daily. Both remote and in-person scholars will have instruction 5 days a week. The selections made for Trimester 3 (T3) will be held for the remainder of the school year. Remote learning will be an option for the whole year.

To view our academic calendar, please visit <https://www.axlacademy.org/calendar>

By appearing in-person for yourself or sending your scholar to attend in-person for the 2020-21 school year, you indicate you have read and understood the policies and expectations listed in the 2020-21 Memorandum of Understanding found on our website.





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Scholar Safety

All scholars will be asked to self identify any symptoms in the morning and have a fever check as they arrive to school. Additionally, all scholars will have routine hand washing in the classroom in reference to CDC guidelines. Masks will be required for all scholars and staff except for when eating. All meals will be served in the classroom and as socially distanced as possible. All scholars must wear a mask after consuming each meal.

Each crew will stay within their crew and will not join other crews for electives, recess or reading buddies. All scholars will need to bring a water bottle to school for water consumption. Students will have scheduled bathroom breaks/water bottle fill up breaks on a cleaning schedule so the areas can be properly cleaned after each use.

Each crew will be expected to use intentional social distancing strategies to maintain as much distance as possible. Scholars exhibit-

ing symptoms will be quarantined away from other scholars using the AXL isolation room.

Each grade level will have a staggered start and/or a separate entrance. Each grade level will have a staggered dismissal and/or a separate exit. CDPHE Matrix will be used to assess symptoms and action if needed.

Consideration for Siblings: The siblings of people with COVID-19 will likely be considered close contacts because they often live in the same house as the person who has COVID-19. They will stay home for a 14-day quarantine. Public health may recommend siblings get tested for COVID-19 about 7 days after they were in contact with the sick sibling. The siblings of people who are home for quarantine because they were exposed to COVID-19 do not need to stay home or be tested unless the sibling in quarantine develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Parents should closely monitor all of their children for symptoms.



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School Safety

Cleaning:

AXL uses EPA approved cleaning products and UV wands to disinfect against COVID. AXL also uses an electrostatic sprayer daily which removes all germs from each room at the end of the day. All HVAC systems have been updated to MERV 13 filtration to ensure max filtration of particles.

Additionally, there will be a schedule for bathroom breaks/water bottle fill up for all classes so the areas can be sanitized after use.

Scholar Experience:

The cohort model will keep the entire crew with the same crew throughout the day to reduce possible exposure.

To encourage more social distancing, grade levels have separate entrances and exits with staggered start times for arrival. In the event of needing the nurse, AXL has a supervised isolation room for those exhibiting any COVID-like symptoms. The nurse's office will be used for non-COVID matters.

Breakfasts and lunches will be held in the classroom.

School Additions:

There are hand washing stations set up throughout the school within each classroom for regular hand washing. Hallways have been split for single direction zones to maximize distancing.

AXL has installed a security vestibule for all tardy students and visitors who will receive a temperature check prior to entering the building.



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Staff Safety

AXL has provided KN95 certified masks and face shields for all staff. Masks will be required for all staff and scholars.

While the district plan does not include fever checks for students nor staff, AXL has made the commitment that every student and staff member will not only self report symptoms (mirroring the district), but will have a fever checks for all at the start of the day.

All AXL employees have received hazard pay.

In the event any AXL employee needs to be quarantined or contracts COVID, they will be able to receive paid time off at 100% salary for the two week period. This will NOT impact the PTO days each staff member receives.

ALL employees will receive free rapid COVID testing every two weeks. AXL will continue to cover the cost of these tests.



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Quarantine, Exposure & Outbreak

Every family is required to self-report using the link found on our website (www.axlacademy.org/daily-covid-report). If your student or another member of your family learns that they are positive for COVID-19, please contact the AXL nurse and para to let them know by sending an email to lucero@axlacademy.org. She will advise you on next steps for quarantining and returning to school.

If a scholar or employee has a confirmed case of COVID-19, AXL Academy will work closely with Tri-County Health to determine appropriate action.

The school has a designated space to isolate anyone who becomes ill or presents with symptoms during the day. Contact tracing will take place to help identify those who may have come in contact with the ill or infected person. Those who are ill or with a known exposure must self-quar-

antine for 10 days before returning to campus. Parents will be notified if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 on campus when their scholar has had close contact with the person who is infected, while confidentiality is maintained. AXL Academy will provide resources and next steps based on guidance from the Tri-County Health Department.

Parents/Guardians will be notified via paper letters, dojo, email, text and phone. Please ensure your information is accurate within Infinite Campus.

AXL Academy will defer to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Education regarding quarantines for cohorts, suspected and/or confirmed outbreaks.

Due to confidentiality, scholar and/or staff names will not be released who have had a confirmed or suspected case.



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Defining Outbreaks

Confirmed case: A case in a person who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus using certain laboratory tests (usually PCR).

Probable case: A case in a person who has COVID-like symptoms without another diagnosis. Public health will help assign the case a definition using the Colorado COVID-19 case and outbreak definitions.

School outbreak-associated case: a confirmed or probable case among students/teachers/staff that meet the outbreak definition should be classified as outbreak-associated. Family members or others outside the school who get sick should not be classified as outbreak-associated.

COVID-like symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, fever, loss of taste/smell, fatigue, headache, sore throat, muscle or body aches, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea. A person can be conta-

gious two days before they start having symptoms (or two days before they test positive if they don't have symptoms).

Isolation: staying home from work, school, and/or activities when a person is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19. Isolation lasts for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, 24 hours fever-free without fever reducing medication, and an improvement of symptoms. For people who have not had symptoms, isolation lasts 10 days from the day they had their first positive test. In rare instances, (for example, if a person was very sick or has certain medical problems), isolation may last 20 days. Repeat testing is not recommended to decide when to end the period of isolation.

Source: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment COVID-19 Guidance Cases & Outbreaks in Schools 7/30/20



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Defining Outbreaks Continued

Close contact: a person who:

- was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 (even if they did not have symptoms) for at least 15 minutes total.
- provided care for someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- had direct physical contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- shared eating or drinking utensils with someone who is sick with COVID-19.
- got respiratory droplets from someone who is sick with COVID-19 on them (through sneezing, coughing, shouting, etc.).
- was in the same class/cohort as a person with COVID-19.

Cohorting: the practice of keeping the same individuals in the same group at all times during the school day. Changes in cohorts are timed to align with school

breaks. Cohorting helps limit the number of contacts each individual has. As a result, quarantines, dismissals, or school closures in the event of a student or staff member with COVID-19 affect fewer people. Students may be in multiple cohorts (for example, bus ride to school, after-school sports, classroom).

Social distancing: Maintaining at least 6 feet between each student, teacher, and staff member for as much of the school day as possible. During contact tracing, classroom contacts are considered exposed (and required to quarantine for 14 days), even if social distancing was practiced in the classroom. While 3 feet is an option within school cohorts/classrooms, 3 feet is not considered social distancing.

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