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AXL Academy 2021-22

In-Person Safety Precautions

In-Person Overview

AXL Academy will offer in-person learning for the 21-22 school year.

and TriCounty Health to ensure success for all.

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. Additional measures have been taken to increase the cleaning and safety of all in the building. This may change as the guidelines change. AXL Academy is committed to following the guidance from the CDC, CDPHE

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

AXL Academy has a mask policy and liability waiver in response to COVID-19 that all who attend are subject to adhere to. This policy is 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 while indoors. Vaccinated adults may go mask free unless there are scholars present. All scholars, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask. The cafeteria will serve in a reduced capacity with increased cleaning and as socially distanced as possible. All visitors and unvaccinated adults must wear a mask at all times.

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 exhibiting symp-

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

Each grade level will have a separate entrance and will use the same door for dismissal. 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 10-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. AXL has also invested in air purification systems strategically placed in multi-use areas to clean and disinfect the air in real time. 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 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.

School Additions:

There are hand washing stations set up throughout the school within each classroom for regular hand washing.

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 in accordance with the mask policy.

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 employees will receive free rapid COVID testing.



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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, AXL will utilize the CDPHE matrix and/or TriCounty Health epidemiolo-

gists to determine next steps dependent upon symptoms, vaccination status and exposure. 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 contagious two days before they start having symptoms (or two days before they test positive if they don't have symptoms).

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