2020-21
Returning to School
Health & Safety Protocols
Parent Information

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES SAFE
The health and well-being of our students, staff and families continues to be our highest priority. As we continue to monitor the latest information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and working with our local, state and health agencies, we have put together the following protocols to ensure the health and well-being of our students, staff and families.
ASU Preparatory Academy
Health & Safety Protocols

• Cleaning and disinfecting of the facilities
• Schools will ask the five COVID-19 symptom screening questions when arriving on campus.
• Physical distancing guidelines will be in effect - 6 feet between people
• PPE (personal protective equipment) in the form of cloth face coverings
  o All adults will be required to wear cloth face coverings
  o All students in grade levels Pre K -12th will be required to wear cloth face coverings
• Transportation / School Bus safety protocol will be implemented
• Staggered pickup & drop off
• Staggered schedules
• Modified classroom layouts
• Smaller Class Sizes
• Communal spaces will be closed (library, cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, media centers)
• Lunch will be served in the classroom
• Day-time Activities / Brain breaks will be implemented
• Front offices will remain locked throughout the day
  o Online appointments will need to be made for school registration, parent meetings, etc.
Face Coverings

- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends wearing cloth face coverings in settings where physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Staff, visitors, vendors and students grade Pre-K – 12th grade will be required to wear face coverings upon entering campus and while on campus. This requirement will continue until deemed safe by City, County, State and CDC or until new legislative orders are given stating face covering are no longer needed.
- Exceptions to the face-covering requirement includes, when in a playground setting with social distancing and while eating. Children under the age of two should not wear face coverings.
- ASU Prep will allow breaks, throughout the day, for students to take their face covering off in a safe environment.
Physical Distancing

- Limiting the physical interactions of students is one way to mitigate exposure to infectious disease. Auditoriums, gyms, cafeterias and other congregating areas will remain closed until deemed safe, by City, County, State and CDC or until new legislative orders are given stating social distancing is no longer needed.

- ASU Prep will physically distance students to the extent possible, by using visible floor markers placed 6’ apart, directional markers on walls, stairs, elevators and doors. When it is not feasible to provide sufficient physical distance, ASU Prep will use the cloth face coverings as a mitigation strategy for grade Pre K-12th.
Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills (100.4 or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath of difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore Throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
When to keep you your child home

• If your child is ill
• Your child has a temperature of 100.4 or higher
• Active vomiting and/or diarrhea
• Presenting with COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath)
• If your child has a member of their household that has been diagnosed with COVID-19
What happens if a student is sick:

- If a student becomes symptomatic at school, they will be sent to the nurse’s office to be evaluated. If they have symptoms they will be sent home.
- If a family chooses to get tested and the test results are negative and the student no longer display symptoms they may return to school.
- Without confirmation of a test result, students should be no longer symptomatic and be fever free for 72 hours.
What will be communicated to families about COVID-19 exposure from someone who is sick:

• HIPPA guidelines prevent us from identifying anyone’s medical status.
• Unless there is a positive case of COVID by testing, no information will be shared with those who are sick but unsure if it is COVID. This includes those who refused to be tested.
• Anyone who chooses not to be tested will need to self-quarantine for 14 days and until they are no longer symptomatic and fever free for 72 hours.
• A letter will be prepared for those who are tested positive to parents letting them know that their child was exposed but if they are not symptomatic they can come to school.
Screening

Home

• Temperature check
  o Parent will take check student(s) temperatures
  o If the student(s) has a fever of 100.4 or > they will need to stay home and the student must be called absent
• COVID-19 symptoms or student with a family member having been diagnosed with COVID-19 will need to stay home and parent/legal guardian will need to self-report to the school’s Health Department Office

Transportation

• For selected campuses which used transportation, a plan is being proposed to keep kids safe on the bus.

School

• Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) will not be permitted to exit their vehicles.
• Student will report to their designated check-in point
  o Student(s) with a fever of 100.4 or > will not be permitted to enter the school facility.
  o Parent/Legal Guardian will be contacted and asked to take their student(s) home.
Q. What is ASU Preparatory Academy doing to prepare for COVID-19?
A. ASU Preparatory Academy is working closely with Maricopa County and Pinal County on the status of COVID-19. If there is an outbreak in a school community, we will follow the CDC guidelines.

Q. What are the drop-off and pick-up procedures?
A. The school Principal will email the “Return to School” plan and policies that will include drop off/pick up procedures, and parent/student behavior expectations.

Q. Will parents be able to visit the front office / school?
A. Parents will be asked to schedule any school related business by contacting the front office. When the parent arrives at the school, a front office staff member or security guard will escort them into the building. Physical distancing and Personal Protective Equipment requirements will be followed. Siblings are discouraged from coming to school with their parents.

Q. Will my child be required to wear a face covering?
A. Students grade levels Pre K -12th will be required to wear a face covering.

Q. How will lunch be handled?
A. Students will eat lunch in their classroom following proper hand washing etiquette and physical distancing measures. Hot lunch will not be available for purchase. Students will need to bring lunch and must not require the use of a microwave or refrigerator.