



ACSC Return to Learn Guidance 2021-22

Providing a safe environment and a high-quality education are the two most important goals of Attica Consolidated School Corporation. During the past sixteen months, COVID-19 has changed how education has been experienced on many levels. As the upcoming school year approaches, it is our aim to ensure the best educational opportunities for all students while safeguarding the health of all students and staff members.

We have learned since March of 2020 that the nature of a global pandemic such as Covid-19 is constantly evolving and thus requires frequent reflection and assessment of the current policies as well as adjustments to meet the current status of public health. Please understand that all of the guidelines described below are subject to change as we stay current on the recommendations of the Indiana State Department of Health, Indiana Department of Education, CDC, as well as the Fountain Warren County Health Department.

Every person has their own individual viewpoints and beliefs regarding Covid-19 and its impact on public health. With each unique perspective comes a varying level of concern and precaution in protecting the health and safety of loved ones. For this reason, it is imperative that we unite as a Rambler Nation and demonstrate respect, grace, and compassion to continue to get through this pandemic and make us an even stronger community on the other side of it all.




I. ACSC RETURN TO LEARN: THE BIG PICTURE

The overview in the table below provides a quick summary of how our schools will address COVID-19 concerns in order to keep our school community healthy and safe. The page number indicates where to find more specific information regarding that topic.

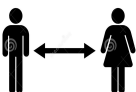



II. ACSC RETURN TO LEARN: THE DETAILS




The questions and answers outlined in this section are aimed to provide a much greater detail of ACSC's Return To Learn Framework. The table of contents is grouped by category and each category is hyperlinked to that specific section.



| I. <u>ACSC RETURN TO LEARN: THE BIG PICTURE</u> | | | |
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|  | 1. Schedule, Attendance, Calendar, Facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to school on Monday August 9, 2021 as scheduled. 2021-2022 ACSC Calendar will be followed as planned. The traditional school day and week will remain intact. If schools are forced into closure again, the Elearning format utilized during the 2020-21 school year will likely be used.. There will be a back to school open house for both the elementary, middle, and high school students and more information will be sent out once those days and times are finalized. There will also be a 6th grade orientation meeting for those students transitioning to the high school building and that information will be sent directly to incoming 6th grade students and their families. | Page 6 |
|  | 2. Distance Learning Option | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACSC will ONLY offer a distance learning option for K-12 students if it is medically necessary and documentation of that need is provided by a physician to the building principal. In the event a student does require distance learning, they will be expected to be engaged in their academics during the traditional 8am-3pm school day. Students K-8 will be committed to a 9-week term. Students 9-12 will be committed to a full semester term. | Page 9 |
|  | 3. Changes to the School Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student arrival and dismissal procedures will continue to be revised to minimize large crowds and gathering of students in shared spaces. Building-specific plans are currently being developed and principals will notify students and parents as to what those plans are prior to school starting. Students are discouraged from gathering during passing periods and should report straight to class. The sharing of materials / supplies will be discouraged. This includes chargers and other school supplies. | Page 10 |



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|  | 4. Social Distancing Measures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms will be organized to allow for the maximum distancing possible for students and desks. • Assigned seating will continue to be implemented for contact tracing. • Daily routines will be developed to increase the social distancing measures possible. • Signage will be visible throughout the schools to encourage / remind Ramblers of social distancing. • Events that include large gatherings (assemblies, concerts, etc) will be reevaluated near the expected date and may be modified depending on the guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health as well as the Fountain Warren County Health Department. | Page 11 |
|  | 5. Facial Coverings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will not be required to wear a mask each day but will have the option to wear it at any time during the day. • Facial coverings will still be required to be worn while riding on the school bus. | Page 12 |
|  | 6. Health, and Safety | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer will be located throughout the school and in each classroom. • Extra handwashing periods are encouraged and allowed. • Traditional water fountains will be turned off and drinking water will come from touchless filling stations. • All staff and students should self-screen each morning before departing for school using the CDC Self Screening Symptoms Poster • For more specific details, please see the IDOH back to school guidance. | Page 14 |
|  | 7. Sanitation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced and increased cleaning procedures of the school, classrooms, and buses, will continue to be instituted. • High-touch objects and commonly-used spaces such as desks, will be cleaned between each student group. • CDC-recommended disinfectants will be used frequently • Deep cleaning will be done during scheduled breaks. | Page 15 |

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|  | <p>8. Transportation</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents who CAN provide transportation to and from school are highly encouraged to do so to alleviate crowding on the buses. • As of now, facial coverings are required at all times while on a bus. • Assigned seating on buses for contact tracing purposes. • Immediate family members will be seated together. • Buses will be cleaned/disinfected after each route. • Hand sanitizer will be available to students on each bus. • Riding a bus not assigned to a student will not be allowed. • A bus registration form will be required to be completed for 2021-22 school year if you would like your child to ride the bus. • A registration form needs to be filled out for each child that you have that will be riding the bus and students will not be assigned a bus until the form is complete. | <p>Page 16</p> |
|  | <p>9. Meal Times & Cafeteria</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned seats will be distanced to the extent possible. • Students will remain in assigned seats during meal times. • Pre-packaged meal choices will replace self-serve foods. • Delivery of restaurant foods for lunch will be restricted. • Tables will be disinfected between lunches. • Microwaves will not be available. • Handwashing is encouraged before and after meals and hand sanitizing stations are available in the cafeteria. • Cafeteria staff will be equipped with PPE. | <p>Page 18</p> |
|  | <p>10. Visitors / Deliveries</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor entrance into the buildings will be restricted to essential business only. • Essential visitors will be screened upon arrival. • Essential deliveries will be left in the foyer so as to avoid unnecessary entrance into the office areas / hallways. • If a parent needs to pick up a student early for an appt, the student will be called down to the office, sign out, then meet the parent outside. • Lunch / food deliveries will not be accepted at school. | <p>Page 19</p> |



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| | 11. Athletics & Extra Curriculars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletes will continue to be kept as socially distant as possible. Athletes are screened before participation each day. Equipment will be disinfected between each group of students when possible. | Page 20 |
| | 12. Visits to The Health Office. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Office will be available for routine student needs A separate room for students with Covid-19 symptoms Parents are encouraged to give routine medications at home in the morning. | Page 21 |
| | 13. Symptom Monitoring and Management | Each day, students/ staff will conduct at-home screening for COVID-19 symptoms. If symptoms are present, students/ staff should stay home from school and athletics/activities and remain home for the duration of time described in this section. | Page 22 |

II. ACSC RETURN TO LEARN: THE DETAILS - Q & A

The questions and answers outlined below, provide another level of detail to ACSC's Return To Learn Framework. The questions and answers have been grouped by category and identified by the icons from the **Section I: RETURN TO LEARN THE BIG PICTURE**.

Specific plans of how each of our schools will function from day to day are presently being developed as new information is provided by federal, state, and local agencies.

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1. Schedule, Calendar, Attendance, & Facility Use

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| Q1. When will the new school year start? | The new school year will start on Monday August 9th. All students will be permitted to return to school on that date. At this time, there have been no changes to the school calendar. The 2021-2022 ACSC Calendar can be accessed on the Attica Consolidated School Corp Website . |
| Q2. When and how will registration for ACSC schools be conducted? | Parents can register their child(ren) for both schools in one of two ways: 1. Online Registration - Parents can complete all registration papers online through their Harmony Family Access Account starting on Thursday, July 29th at 9AM. 2. On-Site Registration - On-site registration for all students K-12 will be held in the AHS cafeteria on Thursday July 29th from 12:00PM - 6:00PM. |
| Q3. Will there be an open house to meet the teachers this year? | There will be a back to school open house for both the elementary, middle, and high school students and more information will be sent out once those days and times are finalized. There will also be a 6th grade orientation meeting for those students transitioning to the high school building and that information will be sent directly to incoming 6th grade students and their families. |



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| Q4. Will all of these procedures be in place all year? | The pandemic shifts rapidly, and we do not know what the rest of the school year may bring. If the situation improves, we may be able to decrease certain safety measures detailed in this plan and return to more traditional operating conditions. |
| Q5. Will schools be open all year? | <p>If the situation worsens, schools may be ordered to close again by our governor or local health department, requiring all students to shift to online E-Learning. In that case, you can expect the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attica teachers will instruct their own students. • Instruction will include live meetings in small or large groups as well as independent work. • Students will be expected to participate in all of their classes during the traditional school day hours of 8-3. |
| Q6. Will there be some flexibility in the attendance policy? | Students may be absent from school on nine (9) occasions per year without a note from a healthcare provider. A 10th unexcused absence triggers an attendance contract. A student who is absent from school due to COVID-19-related symptoms or illness will be recorded as quarantine absence. If a student is not ill, but circumstances require the student to quarantine, the student's attendance will be considered an excused quarantine absence. Absences will be monitored, and before any consequences are imposed, parents will be contacted to discuss the reasons for absences if not already known. |
| Q7. Will there be field trips this year? | Field trips are something that we are hoping to have our students participate in during the 2021-22 school year. A decision about field trips will be made on a case by case basis and will be contingent on the status of COVID-19 at that time. |
| Q8. Will there be after-school childcare? | After school homework club will be unchanged from last year. Homework club will be available from 2:45-5pm to students in grades K-5. All children will need to be registered and families can register their children by contacting the Attica Elementary Secretary, Yvette Gayler, at 765-762-7000 ext 3000 or by email at ygayler@attica.k12.in.us . |
| Q9. Will ACSC facilities be available for community use? | Not at this time. The facilities will continue to be closed to outside community members so we can control the number of people in the building and also keep on top of the necessary cleaning requirements that must be done each day. Periodically this decision will be re-evaluated to determine if there will be a time when we have the capacity to open the school to the public. |



2. Distance Learning Option for Students K-12

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| Q1. What if a parent does not want his/her child to return to school due to the concerns about COVID-19? | This past year we found that it was extremely important for students, both socially and academically, to be with their peers and teachers for a comprehensive education. We know that some families have health concerns related to exposure of Covid-19. Students will only be allowed to enroll in the online distance learning option for the 2021-22 school year if it is medically necessary for them to learn from home. This will require medical documentation as well as a discussion with the building principal to determine what that online distance learning will look like for this school year. Families must declare their intent to enroll student(s) in the distance learning option by July 29th, 2021. |
| Q2. How long is a student committed to the distance learning option? | To help ensure a smooth transition from distance learning to on-site learning, a student will need to be enrolled in the online distance learning option for the duration described below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K-8: 1 quarter (9 weeks) ● 9-12: 1 semester (18 weeks) |
| Q3. Will my child with special needs receive services in the distance education option? | If a student with special needs is enrolled in the distance education option due to a medical need, the student's teacher of record will hold a case conference to discuss with the parent how his/her child's needs can be met during the period of distance learning and the IEP will be updated. |
| Q4. How do I enroll my child in the distance learning option? | Parents will need to communicate this need to the building principal and provide documentation as to the medical need of distance learning for your child prior to July 29, 2021. |
| Q5. What if I enroll my child on site and then wish to change to distance learning. | The distance learning option is only available to those students that have a medical need to learn from home. If you or your child should have a medical need come up during the school year, please reach out to your building principal to develop a plan on the best option for educating your child with the recent health change. |

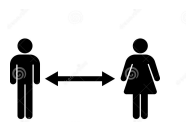


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3. Changes to the School Day

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| Q1. How will teaching/ learning be different in the upcoming school year? | Aside from enhanced health and hygiene practices, the courses and classes that are available to students will be the same as in past years. The entire ACSC staff has been working hard to prioritize what students must know and be able to do in the event of another school closure. At the elementary level, students will stay in their classroom groups, much like they always have, to reduce the number of people with whom they come in contact. At the middle and high school levels, students will move throughout the school at essential times and we will minimize the number of student interactions in the hallways. |
| Q2. I have a child with special needs. Will there be a change in services? | <p>If the student attends school in person, special education services will continue as stated in a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP).</p> <p>If a student with special needs is enrolled in the distance education option due to health concerns, the student's teacher of record will hold a case conference to discuss with the parent how his/her child's needs can be met during the period of distance learning</p> |
| Q3. Will my AES student still have a recess? | Students will have a recess each day. Recess will be more structured and all areas of the playground will be utilized. |
| Q4. Will AM student arrival procedures look different this year? | <p>AES: Students can be dropped off at 7:45. At 7:45, students will be released to classrooms.</p> <p>AHS: Students can be dropped off at AHS at 7:30 AM or later. Any student arriving at school before 7:45 AM can wait in the cafeteria and have breakfast if they wish. The 7:45 bell will release students to report directly to their assigned seat in 1st period. Students arriving at school after 7:45 AM will report directly to their 1st period class. Large gatherings in the mornings will be restricted.</p> |
| Q5. Will PM student dismissal look different this year? | <p>AES: Students will exit the building with staggered release time.</p> <p>AHS: PM dismissal will be staggered. Buses will pick up students in the front of the building by the cafeteria. Car riders will exit through the auditorium doors; the parent pickup line will be in the west parking lot by the athletics/ auditorium entrance.</p> |



4. Social Distancing

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| Q1. How will distancing be promoted? | Signs will be posted around the building and on the floor to remind students of the importance of social distancing. |
| Q2. Will 6 ft of social distancing be achieved in the classrooms? | We will implement 3-6 feet of social distance when possible, but acknowledge that it will not always be feasible. Student desks will be arranged so students can face one direction as much as possible and will be spaced as far apart as possible. |
| Q3. Will 6 feet of social distancing be accomplished on buses. | Students will be required to wear a mask at all times while riding on the bus and the families will need to provide their children with a mask to ride the bus. The fewer students we have riding school buses each day - the more distance we can create between students on the bus. For this reason, we are again encouraging any parent who CAN, to transport students to and from school this year. |
| Q4. How will social distancing be achieved during arrival and dismissal? | Arrival and dismissal procedures will continue to ensure that social distancing is possible. A staggered dismissal at both the elementary and the high school will eliminate all students exiting the building at the same time. |
| Q5. Will students have assigned seating? | Yes, students will be seated in assigned seating for much of the day - in classrooms, cafeteria, and on the bus. Assigned seating will help in the event that the School Nurse, School Administration, and Health Department needs to conduct contact tracing. |
| Q6. Will events that include large gatherings still be held? | Events that include large gatherings will continue to be evaluated on a case by case event and attendance may be modified depending on the state of the pandemic at that time. A more informed decision will be made and communicated closer to the expected date of the event. Such events include assemblies, pep sessions, grandparents day, concerts, etc. To begin the school year, there will not be any attendance restrictions on activities but again that could change throughout the school year and families will be notified if that does happen. |



5. Facial Coverings







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| <p>Q1. When will students NEED to wear a mask?</p> | <p>To help reduce exposure to and transmission of COVID-19, it is recommended that all staff and students not vaccinated wear a mask at all times throughout the day. This is not something that will be mandatory for students and staff for the 2021-22 school year and each family will need to decide what is best for their child while they are in attendance at school.</p> <p>All students will be required to wear a mask when riding on the school bus regardless of vaccination status. Students who are riding the bus will be required to provide their own mask.</p> |
| <p>Q2. When will a student NOT NEED to wear a mask?</p> | <p>Masking is recommended but will not be required. Staff and students who have not received the COVID vaccine are recommended to wear facial coverings when they are not able to social-distance themselves away from other staff and students.</p> |
| <p>Q3. If a parent does not want his/her child to wear a mask at required times, are there other options?</p> | <p>The only time all students are required to wear a mask is while riding on the school bus. Parents are encouraged to provide transportation to and from school if they do not want their child to be required to wear a mask.</p> |
| <p>Q4. If a parent wants his/her child to wear a mask at all times, will that be allowed?</p> | <p>All guidance set forth in this plan are minimum requirements. Staff and students can always take extra steps above and beyond these requirements to further protect themselves and others. If a parent wants his/her child to wear a mask at all times, even when a mask is not required, that is permissible. This request should be communicated with the building principal.</p> |
| <p>Q5. What will happen if a student refuses to wear a mask?</p> | <p>Refusal to wear a mask during the required times on the school bus will result in a loss of bus riding privileges and the family will need to provide alternative transportation to and from school.</p> |



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| Q6. Will teachers and other staff members be wearing a mask? | Masking recommendations and requirements are consistent for both students and staff. Staff members who have not received the COVID vaccine will be recommended to wear a facial covering, but this will not be required. |
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6. Health and Safety

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| Q1. Will hand sanitizer be available throughout the day? | <p>Hand sanitation stations will be installed throughout both schools to encourage frequent hand sanitizing. All students will be permitted to carry hand sanitizer throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. Students are encouraged to wash hands before and after meals as well as frequently throughout the day.</p> |
| Q2. Will water fountains still be available during the school day? | <p>Traditional water fountains will be turned off. Drinking water will be provided by the touchless water bottle filling stations. Students are encouraged to drink water during the day, and they may bring a water bottle to school. It is important for the water bottles to be labeled with the student's name.</p> |
| Q3. When should I keep my child home? | <p>Anytime one of the Covid-19 symptoms (listed below) are present, it should be treated as if the symptomatic individual may be positive for the virus. Staff and students are expected to self-screen each day before departing for school. If one or more of the symptoms are present, the symptomatic individual and unvaccinated students who live in the household should remain at home and are encouraged to be tested and may return if symptomatic individual has a negative PCR test completed.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <h3 style="color: #0056b3;">COVID-19 Screening for Parents</h3> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:</p> <div style="display: grid; grid-template-columns: 1fr 1fr 1fr; gap: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <!-- Symptom 1 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small></p> </div> <!-- Symptom 2 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">SORE THROAT</p> </div> <!-- Symptom 3 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small></p> </div> <!-- Symptom 4 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN</p> </div> <!-- Symptom 5 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small></p> </div> <!-- Symptom 6 --> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 30px; border: 1px solid #ccc;" type="checkbox"/>  <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: 0.7em; margin-top: 10px; color: #0056b3;">*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.</p> </div> |



7. Sanitation

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| Q1. Will hand sanitizer be available throughout the day? | Hand sanitation stations will be installed throughout both schools to encourage frequent hand sanitizing. All students will be permitted to carry hand sanitizer throughout the day. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. Students are encouraged to wash hands before and after meals as well as frequently throughout the day. |
| Q2. Will water fountains still be available during the school day? | Traditional water fountains will be turned off. Drinking water will be provided by the touchless water bottle filling stations. Students are encouraged to drink water during the day, and they may bring a water bottle to school. It is important for the water bottles to be labeled with the student's name. The school will provide ONE water bottle to any student who needs one and the student is responsible for keeping track of it. |
| Q3. How will the classrooms be disinfected throughout the day? | Any time a student group changes classrooms, teachers will spray all desks with a cleaning solution that is safe for students to handle. Students will wipe down their desk before leaving the classroom. |

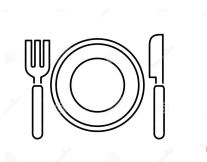


8. Transportation

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| Q1. How can I register my student to ride the bus? | If you can not transport your child(ren) to and from school this year and will be relying on school transportation, please complete a bus registration form so that we can begin the process of assigning a bus to pick up/drop off at your requested location. A registration form will need to be completed for each child that you have riding the bus. If a registration form is not completed, your child will not be assigned a bus and will not be allowed to ride the bus until the form is complete. |
| Q2. Will my student be riding the same bus? | Bus routes will continue to be reconfigured to minimize the number of students riding a bus at any given time. Multiple routes may be necessary. Bus assignment as well as pickup/dropoff times may be altered and will be communicated before school starts. |
| Q3. What safety measures are in place given that 6 feet of social distance is not possible on a school bus? | Many measures are being made to reduce the risk of spread while riding a school bus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students/drivers will wear a mask at all times while on a school bus. • Students will sit in an assigned seat (helpful for contact tracing) • When possible, siblings will be seated together. • Buses will be filled back to front and students will exit front to back. • Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses. |
| Q4. Can I drive my child to/from school this year? | Yes. Any parent that can provide transportation for their child(ren) to and from school are highly encouraged to do so. Fewer students relying on the school buses results in greater social distance that can occur. |
| Q5. Will students be assigned a seat on the bus? | Yes. To help the Fountain Warren County Health Department perform contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 test result, they will need to know which students were in contact for more than 15 minutes and were less than six feet apart. When possible, students will be assigned to sit with a sibling. |
| Q6. Can students ride an alternate bus? | In order to minimize overcrowded buses, students will only be allowed to ride the route that they have been assigned on the bus that they have been |



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| | assigned. Students may not ride alternate buses or be dropped off at alternate locations. |
| Q7. Who is going to make sure students wear a mask while on the bus? | Driving a bus and riding on a bus can be the most dangerous time of the day. We expect bus drivers to keep their eyes on the road, not on the rearview mirror. The school corporation does not have the ability to have an aide on each bus to monitor students' use of masks. As adults, we understand that the purpose of wearing a mask is to help slow the spread of COVID-19. To help keep students safe while on the bus, we need parents' help to remind their children to wear their masks, just like following the other bus rules. In the end, if a student habitually fails to bring or refuses to wear his/her mask, the student will be removed from the bus and the family will be responsible for transportation to and from school. |



9. Meals Times and Cafeteria

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| Q1. Will students be able to eat breakfast and lunch at school? | Breakfast and lunch will continue to be served. Aramark Food Service is collaborating with the Indiana Board of Health to ensure the safe preparation and service of meals. To provide social distancing, smaller groups of students will be using the cafeteria at one time. |
| Q2. What types of food options will be available? | Food options will consist of pre-packaged foods and self-serve food will be minimized. Delivery of restaurant foods will not be allowed. Microwaves will not be available as they are considered “high-touch” objects. |
| Q3. What extra measures will be taken in the cafeteria to keep students safe? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staggered release of classes to and from the lunch room. • Floor adhesives for visuals as reminders of social distancing will be visible. • Food service staff will wear PPE. • Plexiglass will be installed around each of the cashiers. • Students will remain in assigned seats during the entire meal time. • Tables will be thoroughly disinfected between each lunch. • Sharing of food will be prohibited. • Students will be encouraged to wash/sanitize hands before they eat. • Lunch money will be collected during first period to avoid the handling of money around food. |



10. Visitors & Deliveries

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| <p>Q1. Will a parent be able to drop off items at school?</p> | <p>In an attempt to minimize exposure, ACSC is discouraging nonessential visitors in the schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Restaurant lunches will no longer be allowed to be dropped off for students. We recognize that there are times when an item needs to be dropped off for students. Please see below for the school specific policies for the drop off of essential items.</p> <p>Parents can buzz in on the secure entrance camera at the door. Through the intercom, describe the items being dropped off and who it needs to be delivered to. There will be a table in the foyer in which the item labeled with the student name can be left on for the student. Parents do not need to enter the office area. The office staff will ensure that the student receives the item.</p> |
| <p>Q2. Will a parent be able to have a meeting with his/her child's teachers?</p> | <p>It is important for parents and teachers to communicate frequently. Parents are encouraged to first reach out to teachers with questions via phone calls or email. If a face to face meeting is necessary, google meet is a virtual option that all ACSC teachers are well-equipped to utilize. Our teachers can help parents learn how to access and use Google Meet if necessary. If an in-person meeting is necessary, all participants in the meeting, including staff members, must conduct COVID-19 self-screening and be symptom free (for more details see section 12: symptom monitoring and management). All visitors need to wear a face covering while in the school.</p> |
| <p>Q3. My child has an IEP. How will the conferences be held?</p> | <p>We hope to hold IEP meetings in person at the school. However, these meetings may need to be conducted by phone, Google Meet, or another method based on the status of Covid at that time.</p> |
| <p>Q4. Will events with large crowds still be held?</p> | <p>Because of the constantly evolving status of Covid-19, a decision on nonessential large group events and gatherings will be made closer to the event date. The current status of the Covid-19 will be taken into consideration when making this decision.</p> |



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| Q5. What if a student needs to be picked up from school early? | If a parent needs to pick up a student from school early for any reason, the student will be called down to the office, sign out in the foyer, then meet the parent outside. |
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11. Athletics & Extra Curriculars

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| Q1. Is there a separate policy for return to athletics? | Yes. We have created a plan based on the guidance from IDOE, NFHS, IHSA, and Franciscan Health. The full plan is available by clicking here . |
| Q2. If a student is excluded from school, can they participate? | No. The student-athlete will need to follow the return to school guidelines and pass screening prior to returning to participation. |
| Q3. Will spectators be allowed at events? | Yes. Spectators will be asked to socially distance and follow guidelines set by the health department and IHSA. Changes may be made and communicated closer to the expected date of the event. |
| Q5. When will my child have to wear a mask during athletics? | While riding the bus to away games. Any child is able to wear a mask at any time but it will only be required during the bus rides. |
| Q6. Am I able to transport my student-athlete to away events to avoid riding the bus? | Yes. A travel consent form will need to be completed prior to doing so. |



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12. Student Visits to Health Office

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| Q1. Will there be a separate room for individuals with Covid related symptoms? | Yes. The health office remains available for routine well-student needs. There will also be a separate room for those students who show signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Students that are not feeling well and need to visit the COVID-19 room will be provided a mask to wear and will be distanced 6 feet apart in each room. If shortness of breath is a symptom, masking is not required. Each room will have either the RN or their trained school personnel help care for the well or sick student. Appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn by the health care provider to help protect the student and the provider. |
| Q2. My student received daily medications from the nurse - will this change? | If your student takes a routine morning medication, we encourage you to have your student take it at home before coming to school. This will also give the medication time to enter the bloodstream and be ready by the start of class. This will also decrease the number of students in and out of the health office. If your student needs to take medication at school, the student will still come into the health office to take the medication. |
| Q3. How do I bring in medication for my student? | At this time, we are continuing to limit visitors into the school building. When you are ready to bring medication to the school, bring it to the foyer and the nurse can meet you and count the medications there. |
| Q4. What if my student needs a nebulizer treatment at school? | At this time, we are still unable to administer nebulizer treatments because it is aerosolized. Also, it is likely that your child should stay home at the time of needing a nebulizer, because oftentimes when a nebulizer is needed, the student is sick and needs to stay home. However, those students who need routine and as needed inhalers are welcome to keep those with the school nurse and safely use them in the health office. |
| Q5. What happens if my student gets sick at school? | If a student develops symptoms while at school, the school nurse or trained school personnel will screen that student and determine if their symptoms will require them to be sent home and for what period of time. The parent or guardian will be contacted to come pick up the student. Please note that if your student has highly suspicious symptoms, we will send any other unvaccinated students who live in the household home as well. Once a negative COVID PCR test is confirmed, then all students in the household may return. Since we are limiting visitors in our school building, please |



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| | come to the foyer, and the nurse or trained staff will bring your student out to you. Please see the section below titled “Symptoms Monitoring and Management” for information on how long your student should remain home if having symptoms of illness. |
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13. Symptoms Monitoring and Management

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| <p>Q1. Will students and staff be screened for COVID-19 symptoms as they come into school each day?</p> | <p>Students will not be screened at school. Parents will need to check their child(ren) each morning for the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below). If a child has any of the symptoms listed below <u>that are not explained by other causes</u>, such as allergies, the child and other unvaccinated students in the household are to be kept at home. All staff members will be required to perform a self-check as well.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COVID-19 Screening for Parents</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> SORE THROAT </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.</small></p> |
| <p>Q2. When can a symptomatic individual return <u>without</u> being tested for COVID-19?</p> | <p><u>Not Tested with Alternate Explanation:</u> (strep, influenza, allergies, etc. as determined by a provider): Individual may return to school after 24 hours resolution of fever AND note (including email and fax) from provider stating the individual has an alternate diagnosis and the provider believes it's appropriate for the patient to return to school.</p> <p><u>Not Tested without Alternate Explanation:</u> Individual and students in the household must remain home for the duration of time described below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days from the first day symptoms appeared. • Must be at least 48 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medicine. |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have improvement of respiratory symptoms. |
| Q3. When can a symptomatic individual return <u>WITH</u> testing for COVID-19? | <p>TESTED and <u>NEGATIVE</u>: If the individual has been tested for Covid-19 and the results are negative, a return to school can occur after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being 48 hours fever-free without fever-reducing medications • All other major symptoms have resolved. • A negative test will only be accepted to return to school if it is a PCR test that has been done and results received. <p>TESTED and <u>POSITIVE</u>: If the individual has been tested for Covid-19 and the results are positive, the individual must remain at home in isolation and can only return to school after:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days have passed since the first day symptoms appeared. • At least 48 hours of being fever-free without fever-reducing medicine. • Showing improvement of respiratory symptoms. |
| Q4. What will happen if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19? | <p>If a student or staff member tests positive, isolation and exclusion from school as described above must occur. In order to maintain transparent lines of communication with the local health department, it is imperative that staff and parents report to ACSC a positive case of COVID-19 so that we can efficiently enact a response team and begin necessary protocols.</p> |
| Q5. If my child has to be out of school for 10 days, how will education continue? | <p>A student who is absent from school for an extended period of time, will continue to receive his/her education from the classroom teacher(s). The teacher(s) will provide instruction, assignments, and resources for the student to stay current on the learning taking place in the classroom. The teacher will be available for consultation with the student and the student's parents. Rather than waiting until returning to school to begin makeup work, students are encouraged to work on school work from home during this time if feeling well enough to do so.</p> |
| Q6. Will the schools close if a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19? | <p>In the event of a student or staff member who tests positive, ACSC will work closely with the Fountain Warren County Health Department so that necessary contact tracing can be done. This decision will be made with consideration of the number of people affected as well as the local status of COVID-19 at that time. The result of this decision could be the quarantine of a group of students identified in contact tracing or E-learning for the entire school for a period of time.</p> |



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| <p>Q7. What happens if a student or staff member has been exposed to an individual with symptoms of Covid-19? (listed above)</p> | <p>Even without symptoms, if a student or staff member has recently been exposed to a person with COVID-19 consistent symptoms or has someone in their home being tested for COVID-19, the student or staff member should exclude themselves from the school building and observe a self-quarantine period of 10 calendar days at home unless that staff member or student has received the COVID-19 vaccine full dose requirements (two weeks after second dose of Moderna and Pfizer vaccine and single dose of Johnson and Johnson vaccine).</p> <p>Early return may be possible depending on the exposure risk and testing outcome but that decision will be made by our school nurse in conjunction with Fountain Warren County Health Department.</p> |
| <p>Q8. What happens if I have symptoms and I have been vaccinated?</p> | <p>Any individual with symptoms and even those that are vaccinated will need to adhere to the protocols listed above and will need to either have a negative PCR Covid test or will need to be quarantined for a period of 10 days. See question 3 above.</p> |
| <p>Q9. What happens if I have been vaccinated and I am identified as a close contact</p> | <p>Fully vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact as long as they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.</p> |
| <p>Q10. Is it a requirement that my child that is 12 years or older be vaccinated?</p> | <p>No, having your child get the COVID-19 vaccine is a decision that the family needs to make in the best interest of their child. A COVID-19 vaccine is not required to attend school or any other outside activities that are facilitated by or done through the school.</p> |
| <p>Q11. Where may I find information about where to get tested for COVID-19?</p> | <p>Information may be found on the Indiana State Department of Health website.</p> <p>Please call the Fountain Warren County Health Department to obtain information on testing times: (877) 339-9567 OR (765) 762-3035. The optimal time for testing is between 4-6 days after the onset of symptoms or exposure to the symptomatic individual.</p> |