

# Arlington

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



**K-5 HYBRID**



COMING  
BACK  
SAFELY



NAVIGATING  
OUR WAY  
FORWARD

PHYSICAL  
DISTANCING



WHAT YOU  
SHOULD KNOW  
NOW



MARCH 2021

# Mission "Operation Kidz-In!" is Underway

We are thrilled to have our hybrid K-5 elementary school students in-person four days a week beginning March 22. While we may not be able to see their smiling faces, we can certainly see the twinkle in their eyes!

"Operation Kidz In!" supports our mission to educate our students and to support social emotional learning, while doing all we can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. As always, our top priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

The purpose of this guide is to share what we are doing to protect our school community and to remind families about their important role in helping us continue to maintain safe and healthy schools for everyone. Be assured, our classrooms and other school spaces are set up and our staff is prepared to welcome elementary students for more in-person learning days. Check out page three for the latest adjustments that make this possible.

## Scheduling information for March 22, 2021:

- K-5 hybrid students begin four days per week (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)
- K-5 special classes (12:1+1 and 8:1+1 and BOCES) start 5 days a week

While we will continue to monitor all aspects of COVID-19, we anticipate that hybrid elementary students will move to five days a week of in-person instruction on Monday, April 19.

We hope you are as encouraged as we are with our "Operation Kidz In!" initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or building principal with any classroom or building specific questions.



Sincerely,  
Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.  
Interim Superintendent of Schools



## What does the Research Say?

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, schools are crucial to children's educational, social, physical and emotional development. Schools are also a source of special services including nutrition and can help reduce disparities for some students.

Data indicates that schools can reopen safely if they develop and adhere to specific COVID-19 prevention practices such as mask wearing, quarantining after exposures, and other safety practices.

- COVID-19 Cases and Transmission in 17 K-12 Schools — Wood County, Wisconsin, August 31–November 29, 2020
- Study: In-school transmission of SARS-CoV-2 — Rare in schools implementing safety measures



## Contact Tracing & Quarantining

Based on guidance from the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health, contact tracing and quarantine protocols have been updated to reflect the impact of vaccines.

### Arlington Central School District's Contact Tracing

**Cafeteria:** Students and staff in the cafeteria with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (*within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes without a barrier*).

**Bus/Vehicle:** Students and staff on the bus with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they fall under the definition of a close contact (within 6 feet for bus rides over 10 minutes). Six feet is measured by anyone sitting directly in front, behind or next to the positive case.

### Classrooms:

For grades K-5: Close and proximate contacts will be quarantined.

Students and staff with a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they are a close contact. Students and staff exposed to a positive case within the 48-hour look back window are quarantined if they have spent the duration of the school day with a positive case. If the contact with a positive case was shorter than the school day, the amount of time and context will be evaluated. Quarantine will not be necessary if proximate exposure was shorter than a classroom period.

The 48-hour 'look back window' is the 48 hours prior to symptom onset for the positive person. If the positive person was asymptomatic, it would be 48 hours before the date of the positive test result.

## What Happens if My Child Has to Isolate or Quarantine?

If an entire class has to quarantine, your school or teacher will provide further details. If an individual or group of elementary students needs to isolate after testing positive for COVID-19 or needs to quarantine after exposure to an individual with COVID-19, arrangements will be made for continued instruction. If a child is going to be absent from in-person learning, a parent or guardian must call the main office by 8:00 am.

### New Guidance

At this time, the current guidance related to quarantining for those who are fully vaccinated or were previously positive is:

- If the individual exposed (close contact) has had a positive lab confirmed case of COVID-19 within the last three months, then the individual does not have to quarantine.
- If an individual, who is fully vaccinated for at least 14 days and within the last three months, is exposed (close contact), they do not need to quarantine.
- If an individual, who is fully vaccinated or was previously positive, travels outside of the contiguous states within 90 days of being fully vaccinated or testing positive, they do not need to quarantine.

# HELP US KEEP OUR

## Updates in our Classrooms, Buses, and Cafeterias

The New York State Department of Health guidance indicates that while appropriate physical distancing means six feet of space in all directions between individuals, it is permissible to use appropriate physical barriers between individuals. The barriers must not adversely affect air flow, heating, cooling, or ventilation, or otherwise present a health or safety risk.

### In our Classrooms:

- Our classrooms will be set up with two-sided, clear desk barriers on each student's desk wherever 6 foot spacing cannot be maintained.
- Desks will be arranged in either small groups or rows.
- Air purifiers will be provided for every classroom.
- We will continue our practice of wearing a face covering/mask at all times, except when eating and during designated breaks. Your building principal or classroom teacher will provide more information about mask breaks and snacktime.



### On our Buses:

- The seat behind the driver will remain empty at all times.
- Students will sit one per seat when possible. If it is not possible to have one student per seat:
  - Household members will share a seat
  - Students will sit two per seat
  - Seats will be assigned to ensure efficient and expeditious contact tracing.

Whenever weather permits, bus windows and the roof vents will be partially opened to create a continual flow of fresh air.



We have comprehensive plans and procedures in place to keep everyone safe. Please continue to follow these important safety protocols. They are working!

# SCHOOL

### In our Cafeterias

Since students cannot wear masks when they are eating, we will continue to take special care in our school cafeterias to keep the environment as safe as possible.

- Custodial staff will wipe down all cafeteria tables (in many schools they have been substituted with desks and chairs) and then sanitize the tables and high touch areas on the chairs after each lunch period.
- The majority of elementary students will be spaced 6 feet apart in the cafeterias. If this is not possible, 2-sided barriers will be placed between the seats or desks.
- Markers have been placed in the lunch lines to help students remain physically distanced while waiting to purchase their lunch.



### Remember...

- **Complete the Health Screening before you send your child to school. [Student Daily Health Screening Form](#)** Parents must first log into their child's Arlington Google account to complete the form.
- Please do not send your child to school **if they are sick**. Check this link for symptoms of COVID-19: [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- **Remind your child about the proper use of face coverings.** Check out our resources on the proper use: [Face Coverings/Masks on the Arlington COVID-19 Hub](#)
- **Remind your child to wash their hands frequently.** When hand washing is not possible, hand sanitizer is available and may be used.
- Have alternative child care plans in place in case your child and/or the class has to quarantine.



# Summary of the Ongoing Efforts to Keep Our Schools Safe

## Daytime Cleaning/Disinfecting Common Areas



Before students arrive, playgrounds are sanitized with backpack electrostatic sprayers. During the day, high touch areas are disinfected several times a day by custodial staff. This includes handrails, light

switches, doorknobs, handles, entrance push bars and water fountains.

## Bathrooms

High touch areas in the bathrooms are disinfected several times a day. There are scheduled shut-downs and re-openings to ensure there is time to disinfect toilets/urinals, faucets/sinks, soap/paper towel dispensers, and partition handles.

## Cafeteria



Custodial staff will wipe down all cafeteria tables (In many schools they have been substituted with desks and chairs) and then sanitize the tables and high

touch areas on the chairs after each lunch period. After the last lunch period, floors are swept and mopped and every cafeteria table, desk, and chair is disinfected.

## Nurse's Office

Cleaning and disinfecting the nurse's office is done as requested during the day. A full cleaning and disinfecting takes place every night. Isolation areas are disinfected as soon as it is practical after use.

Staff equipped with proper protection (gloves, mask, eye protection) clean the entire area and then spray down the entire isolation area with an electrostatic sprayer.

## Nighttime Cleaning/Disinfecting

Great care is taken by the custodial staff to clean/disinfect the entire school.

In addition to routine cleaning and care, all classroom/office desks, chairs, faucets, sinks, and pencil sharpeners are cleaned and disinfected. Bathrooms are entirely cleaned and disinfected and handrails in hallways and stairways are cleaned and disinfected.

Additional electrostatic sprayers have been purchased to allow us to incorporate aggressive disinfecting. Each elementary school now has two backpack sprayers and one hand-held sprayer.



# Looking ahead



## Elementary Target Dates

**March 22** Grades K-5 full-time, four days a week

**April 19** Grades K-5 full-time, five days a week

As we all have learned during the past year, new information causes the need to adapt and change. While we have presented our best plans, as we now know them, please keep up-to-date by referring to our website [www.arlingtonschools.org](http://www.arlingtonschools.org) for the latest changes and developments.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 landscape in our community, new or changing guidelines from the CDC, and all new recommendations from the local health department. Thank you for your flexibility and commitment to the education of all students in the Arlington Central School District.



## Where do I go if I have questions?

- For help with your District-issued Chromebook, please visit our [Parent Technology Help Desk](#).
- For questions about your child's schedule or classroom activities, please contact your child's teacher.
- For questions about contact tracing, quarantining, illness, or COVID-19 exposure, please contact your school health office.
- For questions about your school's procedures for COVID-19 mitigation (e.g. mask breaks, cleaning, physical distancing), please contact the building principal.
- For general questions, please email [keycommunicator@acsdny.org](mailto:keycommunicator@acsdny.org).

## Live Links

To help you navigate the wealth of information available, we have included this list of links:

[Arlington COVID-19 Hub](#)

[Arlington Family Health and Safety Guide](#)

[List of Arlington School Health Offices](#)

[CDC Guidance: Schools and Child Care Programs](#)

[NYSED Guidance for P-12 Schools](#)

[NYS DOH: Pre-K to Gr 12 COVID-19 Toolkit](#)





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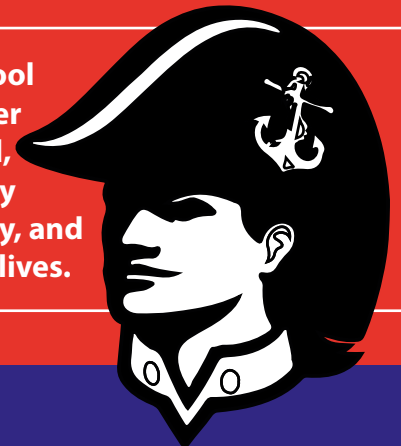
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**The Arlington Central School  
District mission is to empower  
all students to be self-directed,  
lifelong learners, who willingly  
contribute to their community, and  
lead passionate, purposeful lives.**



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