



COVID-19 Preparedness Re-Entry Operation Plan 2020-2021

After careful consideration, the following Re-Entry Operation Plan will be established at Amite School Center for the 2020-2021 school year. The health and safety of our students, faculty/staff, and families is our top priority as we look forward to returning to school in August with a traditional schedule.

Objective: To provide and maintain a quality Christian learning environment while employing reasonable safety measures by considering MAIS, CDC, and Mississippi Department of Health guidelines to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

- Each family is asked to sign a Statement of Risk. This document will be included in your beginning of the year paperwork and will be sent home with your child.
- If your child is experiencing ANY symptoms of COVID-19 do NOT send them to school.
- If a student develops symptoms, with or without fever (100.4 or greater) while at school, parents will be notified, and the child will be sent home.
- Parents are asked to contact the school if their student begins to experience symptoms of COVID-19. They will work closely with ASC's COVID-19 Response Coordinator until the student is cleared medically and can return to school.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

Symptoms

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

2-14 days

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

Emergency warning signs

Seek medical attention immediately if experiencing any of these symptoms:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)



www.cdc.gov/HandHygiene

Daily Procedures:

- ✓ Temperature checks for all students, faculty, and staff will occur upon arrival to the school. Individuals with temperature of 100.4 or greater will be sent home.
- ✓ Faculty and staff will wear masks inside when they cannot maintain a 6 ft. distance from other individuals.
- ✓ Students are highly encouraged to wear masks. However, masks are not mandatory for students at this time.
- ✓ Increased handwashing will be encouraged. Hand sanitizing receptacles will be present in each classroom and common area.
- ✓ Desks and frequently touched surfaces will be sanitized between each class period, (High School) and as needed throughout the day (Elementary).
- ✓ Air and surface disinfecting will take place after school each day using Ionogen misters. Information regarding this procedure is available upon request.
- ✓ Grades 4-6th will be required to keep all belongings, books, etc. in their backpacks. All belongings will remain with them when they switch classes each day.
- ✓ Students in 7-12th grade will not be utilizing lockers at this time. Backpacks will be required to transport books and belongings between classes.
- ✓ Releasing from class, break, and lunch will be staggered to limit the number of students in the halls at one time.
- ✓ There will be limited seating in the lunchroom. Additional seating will be available outside or in the gym during inclement weather.
- ✓ K3-6th grade will eat snack and lunch in their classrooms or outside (while maintaining social distancing guidelines).
- ✓ Lunchroom personnel will take all precautions recommended by MAIS, CDC, and local Health Department. Prepackaged meal items and utensils will be utilized whenever possible.
- ✓ There will be changes to the student drop off procedure for Elementary and Junior High/High School. These changes will be discussed in detail at our Orientation.
- ✓ The Athletic Department has adopted all guidelines set forth by MAIS in keeping with the CDC guidelines. Our Athletic Director and coaching staff will continue to work closely with our student athletes and their families to ensure that all safety measures are followed to minimize risk of transmission.



Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What if my child develops symptoms of COVID-19 but does not have fever?

A. The CDC recommends that all individuals that develop symptoms of COVID-19 get tested. If your child's doctor does not recommend testing for COVID-19, a student can return to school with a written doctor's note. The doctor's note **MUST** be presented on the day that your child returns. If testing for COVID-19 is recommended, your child cannot return to school until a negative result is received. Documentation is required. Your child must be free from symptoms **AND** free from fever (without fever reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Q. What if my child was sent home with a fever or other symptoms, but tested negative for COVID-19?

A. Your child will be allowed to return to school if they have been fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** taking any fever reducing medications and all symptoms have resolved. Documentation of a negative test is required.

Q. What if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

A. After a minimum of 14 days **AND** 24 hours fever free (without fever reducing medications) your child will be permitted to return to school.

Q. What if someone in our family tests positive for COVID-19, or my child has another known exposure to a COVID-19 positive individual?

A. This answer will be forthcoming.

Q. If my child is tested for COVID-19, can they return to school if they are not experiencing symptoms while awaiting their results?

A. NO. Any individual (student, faculty, staff) that is tested for COVID-19 must remain at home until they have received a negative result. Documentation is required.

Q. If my child has an extended absence due to COVID-19 will it count against their maximum absences?

A. NO. Students with absences due to COVID-19 will not be penalized. Documentation of a positive test is required. Return to school policy following a positive result will be followed.

Q. What is the process if someone in my child's class tests positive for Coronavirus?

A. This answer will be forthcoming.

Q. Is there a plan in place if it becomes necessary to shut down the school for an extended period of time?

A. YES. Careful and continuous assessment of the number of positive cases among students, faculty, and staff will be ongoing. The decision to exit for a time will not be taken lightly, nor will it occur if it can be avoided. If it becomes necessary, a detailed plan will be communicated. ASC will continue to work with local health officials and follow the guidance of MAIS, CDC, and local Health Department.

- ❖ ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WILL BE ASSESSED FREQUENTLY AND WILL BE ADAPTED AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS MET.