



# Akron Public Schools

## Sylvester Small Administration Building

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SUMMER 2021  
COVID-19 GUIDANCE DISTRICTWIDE – PHASE 2

As Akron Public Schools closes out the 2020-21 school year, it is time to address the recent changes to general health orders related to recent COVID-19 pandemic.

Akron Public Schools staff members, students, family and community members have worked hard to address the ever changing landscape of the recent Class A reportable COVID disease. On June 2, 2021, the State of Ohio rescinded all health orders and instructed businesses/school districts to determine the next steps to handle COVID-19 issues following current CDC guidelines.

After careful consideration and review, the following instructions will be implemented during all 2021 Summer APS school, work and event activities effective Tuesday June 15, 2021:

- 1) Fully vaccinated staff assigned to APS worksites that **do not have student programming** may discontinue mask use, consistent with current CDC guidance for fully vaccinated people. This is available to all adult staff on the honor system. Employees who have chosen not to get vaccinated are to continue to wear masks following current CDC guidelines. APS staff should continue to maintain appropriate social distancing, frequent hand washing, and use of hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available.
- 2) Employees/students who are working/attending inside a worksite that **offers student programming at any level (Pre K through Grade 12)** must continue to wear masks while at work even if fully vaccinated, in accordance with CDC guidance related to schools and school settings. This method is being put into place due to the number of APS students/staff that are not currently vaccinated or are not eligible to be part of the vaccination program. APS staff and students should continue to maintain appropriate social distancing, frequent hand washing, and use of hand sanitizer when hand washing is not available.
- 3) Outside activity participants (staff/students) are not required to wear masks when physically active as long as hand washing, sanitation and social distancing practices remain in use.
- 4) All transportation services **will require the wearing of masks by all students, staff and chaperones** during bus/van rides to be in compliance with CDC orders that require

masks to be worn by all travelers while on public transportation vehicles, which includes school buses/vans.

- 5) APS is still required to report all positive cases of COVID-19 to the Summit County Public Health Department for all students/staff/vendors and continue to perform direct contact tracing reviews when required. The district will follow CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine standards for these reportable cases. ASP staff members are to report COVID issues to [hrcovidrequests@apslearns.org](mailto:hrcovidrequests@apslearns.org) or Tod Wammes – 330-761-2948. Schools that become aware of student COVID issues are to email Debra Foulk at [dfoulk@apslearns.org](mailto:dfoulk@apslearns.org)
  
- 6) APS will continue to work with area organizations to notify members of the APS community of available vaccination opportunities during the summer season.

The district continues to review additional information as it becomes available to determine further plans to address this important health issue.