



2022 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN – for Students

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ACCEL Schools

As we work together, we make ACCEL programs as safe as possible for students and staff, and help mitigate the impact COVID-19 will have at school and at home. *While the intention is to keep this plan in effect, please note that ACCEL reserves the right to amend these expectations at any point, as determined by ACCEL.*

Daily Health Checks

All families are encouraged to conduct daily health checks, including taking each family member's temperature and assessing any symptoms before leaving to report to school. Please have your student stay home if they have any of the following symptoms. (Please routinely visit the [CDC's symptoms page](#) for updates.)

- Fever of 100.0°F or higher
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Exposure and Quarantine

1. Exposure

Regardless of [vaccination status](#), any student identified with COVID exposure shall be tested (with parent/guardian permission) and monitored for symptoms for the 5 days post-exposure.

- a. No quarantine period is required.
 - i. A daily check-in with a site supervisor or nurse will be required to assess symptom status 5 days post-exposure.
 1. A COVID-19 viral test will be administered if symptoms are present.
- b. Students can voluntarily quarantine.
- c. If a student is identified as a [close contact](#) to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, their parent will be notified by a site supervisor or nurse.



2. Positive Test

Regardless of [vaccination status](#), a positive COVID-19 viral test will result in a required 5-day quarantine from ACCEL sites.

- a. To return to an ACCEL site:
 - i. A minimum of 5 days must have passed from the first date of symptoms being present/or the positive test, AND
 - ii. The student must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.
- b. Absences resulting from required quarantine are marked as excused.

ACCEL Attendance Lines	
Metro/BLC/Freedom Attendance	<i>Students: (602) 997-2636</i>
East Attendance	<i>Students: (480) 755-9380</i>

If Your Student Tests Positive

If your student tests positive for COVID-19, please have them stay home and send an email to Nurse Janet Cadriel at jcadriel@accel.org along with the date of the COVID-19 test. The nursing department will follow-up with you regarding your student's quarantine period and when your student can return.

1. Students attending ACCEL satellite campus programs may be subject to altered quarantine guidelines based on the partnering district's current policies. ACCEL's nursing supervisor will communicate with the satellite campus nurse to confirm current quarantine policies and will then communicate with the family.

Masks

1. Masks are recommended for students, but ACCEL recognizes that wearing masks is difficult or contraindicated due to medical conditions students may have.
 - a. Masks are required on public transportation, per the federal order, which may include a student's district transportation method. Specific transportation policies are dictated by each individual referring district.

Vaccinations

Individuals ages five and older are now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are not required but recommended by ACCEL. If you choose to vaccinate your student, you can find a vaccine location near you by visiting: [CDC Vaccination Information](#) and [Maricopa County Vaccination Locations](#).



If students complete the initial and/or booster vaccinations, a copy of the vaccination record should be sent to the ACCEL nursing supervisor, Janet Cadriel at jjcadriel@accel.org.

Positive Cases and Close Contacts

When a school is notified of a positive case, it may be reported to Maricopa County Department of Public Health, along with the names of the student's close contacts.

1. The nursing department will contact a student's parent(s) or guardian(s) of positive cases and instructions on quarantine.
2. Close contacts will be notified by a site supervisor or nurse.
3. ACCEL will release COVID-19 notifications via email.