

Altamont CUSD #10

In Person Learning Plan

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Dear Altamont CUSD #10 Families,

On August 16th, 2021, the Altamont CUSD #10 School Board approved the Plan for Safe Return to InPerson Instruction and Continuity of Services. This plan must be flexible moving forward. Therefore, the District may add or modify mitigation measures to classrooms, school buildings, or the entire District as needed during the 2021-22 school year. The District will monitor any additional information forthcoming from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Health (IDPH), and Effingham County Health Department (ECHD). District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with Effingham County Health Department officials on various logistics and decision-making. In the plan there are many details that school districts across Illinois will need to follow and enforce in the 2021-22 school year. While there may be disagreement in some aspects of these details, it is our hope that we can work together to continue to provide in-person learning to all of our students. However, we ask that you please allow the school district staff to operate our schools within the parameters of the plan so we can provide a conducive learning environment for students. We appreciate your understanding and support. Thank you for your continued feedback. Working together, we will have a positive 2021-22 school year.

Respectfully,

Casey Adam

Superintendent

Maintaining the Health and Safety of Students, Educators, and Other Staff In accordance with the Illinois State Superintendent of Schools July 9, 2021 declaration, all Altamont CUSD #10 schools will be open for full day in-person learning for all student attendance days for the 2021-22 school year. Remote instruction will be made available for students who are under quarantine as directed by the local health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health. These guidelines are summarized below, but can also be read to their entirety at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Mask Use

All teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, are highly recommended to wear a mask while indoors at school, including during sports and other

extracurricular activities. All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, may remove masks during sports and other extracurricular activities conducted outdoors.

Physical Distancing

To the extent possible within school and classroom structures so that it does not exclude students from full day in-person learning, physical distancing of at least 3 feet, and at least 6 feet for those who are not fully vaccinated, is recommended.

School staff will maximize physical distance as much as possible and may implement additional physical distancing measures (e.g., furniture arrangement, single directional traffic flow, staggered arrival and departure, alternate locations for meals, cohorting) during periods of substantial transmission.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

School staff will monitor and reinforce frequent handwashing and respiratory etiquette by: continuing to teach handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; reminding everyone in the facility to wash hands frequently; using hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol (for teachers, staff, and older students who can safely use hand sanitizer) when hand washing is not possible; and continuing to teach respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes).

Facility and Transportation Cleaning, Disinfection and Ventilation

School custodial staff and transportation staff will continue to clean frequently touched surfaces daily, and will clean and disinfect the space of a person who tested positive within the last 24 hours. Maintenance staff will continue to regularly monitor, repair and replace school ventilation system filters and may recommend system replacement to improve air quality and/or ventilation. When possible, staff may open doors and windows, use child-safe fans, and have activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow. When it does not pose a safety risk, transportation staff will keep vehicle windows open at least a few inches to improve air circulation.

Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine

Staff and students should stay home when they are sick with COVID like symptoms or illness.

Additional information on the latest from IDPH and ISBE can be found on their Frequently Asked Questions page at:

https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/covid19/guidance/school/DPH-ISBE%20School%20FAQ_1820.pdf

Promoting Vaccination

Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find out where teachers, staff, students and their families can get vaccinated in our community.

Disabilities or Other Health Care Needs

Parents of students who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to Covid-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions or weakened immune systems should contact their student's case manager to discuss the need(s).

Staff members who need accommodations, modifications, or assistance related to Covid-19 safety protocols, disabilities, underlying medical conditions, weakened immune systems, or a sincerely held religious belief or practice (covered by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964) should contact their school's principal or immediate supervisor to discuss the need(s). Staff members with weakened immune systems are advised to contact their healthcare professional about the need for continued personal protective measures after vaccination.

Visitors

Anyone who has symptoms of infectious illness, such as flu or Covid-19, should stay home and seek testing and care.

Collaboration with Public Health Officials

District officials will continue to collaborate and consult with local county health department officials throughout a pandemic on various logistics and decision-making including, but not limited to, school health and safety protocols, screening testing, contact tracing, vaccine clinics, and emergency closings.

Plan Review

This plan will be reviewed no less frequently than every six months and revised as appropriate. Revisions will address the most recently updated safety recommendations by the CDC and will be made publicly available on the district's website and can be provided in an alternative format accessible as requested.