



## Ankeny Community Schools: Approved August 1, 2022

The Ankeny Community School District ("ACSD") is committed to fulfilling its mission of equipping all students with the skills to flourish in and contribute to an ever-changing world. As we engage students in learning during and after the pandemic, the district will remain united in our commitment, passion, and vision in order to support students, families, and our staff in pursuit of the mission.

## Summary of Proposed Amendments

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### INTRODUCTION

The following adjustment to ACSD's 2022-2023 Return-to-Learn Plan (the "Return to Learn (8.1.22)") is recommended to clarify ACSD's approach to mitigation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The amendments to ACSD's 2022-2023 Return-to-Learn Plan outlined below shall, if approved by the Board, take effect August 2, 2022 and remain in effect through January 31, 2023, unless, prior to that date the superintendent brings and the Board adopts an updated recommendation and/or the Board takes further action on this matter to remain compliant with applicable law.

### Use of Masks

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ACSD may require masks as needed to ensure compliance with law (e.g. to meet the health needs of students with IEPs) and as directed by public health authorities (e.g. in order to authorize an early return from a COVID-19 self-isolation period) but will otherwise not require face coverings related to the COVID-19 pandemic. *This is not a change in practice.*

### Visitors, Volunteers, and Assemblies

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#### VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Visitors and volunteers will be allowed in district facilities provided they comply with district policies related to visitors and volunteers. *This is not a change in practice.*

#### SCHOOL-WIDE ASSEMBLIES

School-wide assemblies may be held at the discretion of the administration and in alignment with relevant district policies. *This is not a change in practice.*

# Tracking and Notification of Potential COVID-19 Exposure

## **CONTACT TRACING**

ACSD will follow the guidance of the Iowa Department of Public Health and Iowa Department of Education to respond to positive cases of COVID-19 for students and staff and will provide notification to families as directed by those agencies.

## Continuation of Other 2021-22 Return-To-Learn Plan Mitigation Measures

The information below was included in the 2021-2022 Return-to-Learn Plan approved by the ACSD Board of Education in August 2021 and is aligned with the CDC's guidance for K-12 Schools. The ACSD will continue to support the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors by continuing these mitigation practices until further notice.

## **TESTING & VACCINATION**

ACSD will comply with state and federal law related to vaccination and testing, as relevant.

## **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION**

Custodial cleaning practices will focus on cleaning for health, which includes an emphasis on disinfecting surfaces where bacteria or viruses are most likely to be transmitted. *This is not a change in practice.*

## **HYGIENE PRACTICES**

ACSD will encourage students and staff to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently and will increase the availability of hand sanitizer in common areas and classrooms. *This is not a change in practice.*

## **STAY HOME WHEN SICK**

ACSD will follow public health directives related to individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 and/or who are exhibiting symptoms staying home from school. Additionally, ACSD will urge staff and students to stay home if they are sick. *This is not a change in practice.*

## **COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITIES**

ACSD will work with local public health authorities to determine what additional measures may be warranted. *This is not a change in practice.*

The Ankeny Community School District will also ensure continuity of services for academics, social emotional health, mental health, and other needs, including through:

- Multi-Tiered System of Supports for learning
- School Counselors and Social Workers
- School Nurses
- An expanded partnership with Employee and Family Resources