**Art and Science Academy 2021-22 Covid Plan – 3/25**

This document is to help outline the plan that ASA is implementing for students to continue to receive educational instruction during this period due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This plan will be modified or discontinued as is appropriate to the conditions at the time. Please continue to check in for additional guidance.

# Goal

To minimize the disruption to learning caused by the need to go to a distance learning schedule due to covid while balancing the health and safety concerns to the extent as outlined by MDE and MDH.

# Background on COVID-19

Informational updates on COVID-19 can be found on the MDE site at:

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>

# COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Art and Science Academy

Art and Science Academy is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our employees, students, and community. To ensure we have as safe and healthy workplace, ASA has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Admins and staff are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of covid in our workplaces and communities, and that requires full cooperation with all staff. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in our workplaces. The Covid Preparedness Plan is administered by the Executive Director, who maintains the overall authority and responsibility for the plan. However, admin and staff are equally responsible for supporting, implementing, complying with, and providing recommendations to further improve all aspects of this covid plan. ASA’s admins have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this plan. ASA is serious about safety and health and protecting anyone in the buildings. Staff involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful covid preparedness plan.

This plan follows the guidance via the Governor’s Executive Order 21-21, page 10, item 8 – Enhanced Local Measures Permitted. ASA will keep in place a covid plan after July 30th as outlined in the remainder of this document. This will cover the 2021-22 school year unless further guidance requires a change to this plan.

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been certified by the ASA administration, and the Plan was posted online and made readily available to employees on 3/25/22. It will be updated as necessary by the ED.

Certified by: Kevin Fitton - Executive Director

# How to Contact Staff

Building Hours (as of 10/8):

To minimize person to person contact and follow MDH guidelines, ASA building hours are:

*Elementary:*

Scenario 0 In-Person: 7:45am to 4:00pm

\*Due to social distancing, we request that parents, guardians, and guests please call the front office before coming in so that front office staff can confirm we are not crowded in the lobby.

Scenario 1 Distance: By appointment only, 7:45am to 4:00pm

\*Due to limited staff in the building during distance learning, calling ahead is required. If at all possible, email contact is suggested.

*Middle School:*

Scenario 0 In-Person: 7:45am to 4:00pm

\*Due to social distancing, we request that parents, guardians, and guests please call the front office before coming in so that front office staff can confirm we are not crowded in the lobby.

Scenario 1 Distance: By appointment only, 7:45am to 4:00pm

\*Due to limited staff in the building during distance learning, calling ahead is required. If at all possible, email contact is suggested.

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| **For Questions About:** | **Contact:** |
| Classroom/Subject/Assignments/Grades | The relevant classroom teacher, all addresses are firstname.lastname@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
| Meals | Elementary: cassie.poser@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us  MS:  amy.donegan@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
| ESY | ESY Contact:  jon.moberg@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
| Special  Education/Accommodations/Services | The relevant SpEd case manager, all addresses are firstname.lastname@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
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| Technology Issues (reset passwords) | david.holboy@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us  or kevin.fitton@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
| Technology Issues (chromebook repair) | david.holboy@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |
| All Other Issues | Elementary: lisa.brady@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us  MS:  jon.moberg@artandscienceacademy.k12.mn.us |

# District Information

District coordinator - Kevin Fitton, Executive Director - 763-444-0342

Elementary coordinator - Lisa Brady, Principal - 763-444-0342

Middle School coordinator - Jon Moberg, Principal - 763-444-0039

For any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the covid plan, please contact the appropriate person listed above.

## Mental Health Resources

Isanti county family services has a range of mental health resources - <https://www.co.isanti.mn.us/210/Childrens-Mental-Health>

Change to Chill is a free program for teen stress reduction - [https://www.changetochill.org](https://www.changetochill.org/)​ [/](https://www.changetochill.org/)

**School Plans**

With the covid response changing as time goes on, ASA will be adopting a flexible plan to take into account a sliding scale of responses depending on the current situation. These will be updated as further guidance is provided by MDE/MDH.

# Scenario 0 – Modified Normal Operation

# In the event that the pandemic emergency is cancelled at the state level ASA will return to a pre-covid method of operation. The only remaining components will be a continuation of enhanced cleaning in the buildings, shields remaining in place, and use of the covid decision tree for anyone showing symptoms.

Update 7/28: The CDC and MDH are now recommending masking for all individuals in schools regardless of vaccination status while indoors for the fall. ASA highly recommends this of all persons in the building but will not be requiring it at this time. Additional guidance can be found on the MDH website: [Schools and Child Care COVID-19 Best Practice Recommendations - Minnesota Dept. of Health (state.mn.us)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/plan.html)

Update 3/25: For close contact and quarantine situations, please refer to the most current CDC guidance as this is what ASA has adopted for district policy.

# Scenario 1 – Temporary Quarantine Required

The scenario is designed to accommodate students and staff in a manner that includes MDH guidelines for safety during the covid pandemic. This includes all students in a class/grade/building being at home in order to reduce the spread of covid. This section will outline the plan for the school day under these conditions.

## Arrival/Drop-off and Transportation

In a scenario 1 situation, additional information will go out to families at that time.

**Social Distancing and Minimizing Exposure**

**Masks/Face Shields/Desk Shields**

The CDC and MDH are now recommending masking for all individuals in schools regardless of vaccination status while indoors. ASA highly recommends this of all persons in the building but will not be requiring it at this time.

**Hygiene Practices**

Typical enhanced cleaning procedures will be in place as appropriate.

**Cleaning and Materials Handling**

Same procedures as the other scenarios.

**Monitoring, Screening, Isolation, and Reporting**

Same procedures for staffing as the other scenarios.

## Attendance, Homebound, and Alternatives

All students will be on distance learning, attendance requires a check in online daily.

## Before/Aftercare and Emergency Daycare

Emergency daycare will not be available unless the guidance from MDE changes, at which point this section will be updated.