



ALABAMA SCHOOL OF
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

COVID-19 Plan

2021 - 2022 School Year

Mask Policy:

Masks are required on campus.

On campus: Effective July 28, 2021, ASMS will require that masks/face coverings be worn by all individuals while they are on the ASMS campus, whether they are inside or outside. The exception to this is when community members are eating, when students are in their own room with their roommate(s), or an employee is alone in their office/classroom.

The current decision to require masks is based on guidance from local health officials and the Center for Disease Control. Last school year, mask wearing played a significant role in protecting our community members from COVID-19 as well as other viruses like the flu. *ASMS will continue to monitor COVID-19 data in hopes that rates decline and health officials provide different guidance such that the mask policy can be adjusted in the future.*

Off campus:

When student are under the supervision of ASMS for runs, walk off, field trips, retreats, sports, etc., **they will be required to wear masks off campus.**

In general, all ASMS community members are strongly encouraged to wear masks while off campus.

3 Modes of School-Wide Learning

The ASMS Leadership Team will meet weekly to assess current COVID-19 conditions on campus as they relate to community member health and workflow productivity. The Mobile County Health Department will be consulted as needed.

Depending on the status of COVID-19 within the ASMS campus community, ASMS will implement one of three modes of learning. Community members must be prepared to adjust at a moment's notice.

Level 1: Regular In-person Learning*

When COVID-19 case levels are not significantly impacting health and/or workflow within the ASMS community.

Students will be on the ASMS campus learning in the classrooms.

Level 2: On-Campus, Online Learning*

When COVID-19 case levels are having an impact on health and/or workflow within the ASMS community.

Students will be on the ASMS campus learning online in residence halls and study spaces, but they will not be convening in classrooms all together to learn.

Level 3: Closed Campus, Remote Learning

When COVID-19 case levels are a significant risk to the health and/or workflow of the ASMS community.

Students will be at home and learning online.

***There will NOT be an option for students to learn from home remotely when ASMS is at Level 1 or 2.**



What happens if I am symptomatic and/or if I am exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19?

Students who are showing any COVID-19 symptoms or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should visit the ASMS Nurse's Office and/or e-mail the school nurse (kkilcrease@asms.net). Depending on the results of their health evaluation, the following is part of ASMS protocol:

- Parents will be contacted.
- The student may be asked if they are vaccinated or unvaccinated (per the "Need to Know" HIPAA exception).
- The student may be taken to Urgent Care or the Mobile County Board of Health.
- The school will follow the physician's recommendation on whether or not to send the student home.
- Parents may be required to come pick up their child.
 - Students may need to be tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days of going home prior to returning to campus - depending on the physician's recommendation.
 - Families should consult with the ASMS nurse regarding protocol for returning to the ASMS campus.
- The student may be required to quarantine on campus for a time depending on severity and campus capacity.
- Vaccinated students may be permitted to remain on campus, but they will need to keep their mask on, monitor for symptoms, and possibly be tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days of exposure.

Employees who are showing any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 should consult with their supervisor. They may need to work remotely for a period of time or use sick leave as needed.

Athletics:

Suspension of fall sports, Intramurals available

ASMS is suspending the participation in fall sports in competition with other schools, except Cross Country. Students will be permitted to participate in these sports against one another on campus through intramurals. Anyone with symptoms should not participate.

Transportation:

Sanitizing supplies available, mask on

Disinfecting spray and sanitary wipes will be made available to all students riding in ASMS vehicles or buses. Driver and passengers are required to wear masks during transport.

Assemblies:

In person, spaced out

Assemblies will be held in person as long as conditions allow. Assemblies will be held in a socially distanced manner in the school auditorium. Seniors will sit in one area, juniors in another, and sophomores in another.

Student Events:

Need approval, must follow safety protocols

Student events will be reviewed and approved by Student Affairs and/or the SGA Advisors. Depending on campus conditions related to COVID-19, some events may not be approved to preserve the health of the community. Students should consider social distancing, sanitizing, and limiting the number of attendees to help reduce the chance of COVID-19 being spread amongst the school community.

What happens if I have to quarantine on campus?

Students will still be responsible for learning remotely (in whatever reasonable manner the instructor is able to provide) and/or keeping up with schoolwork.



What happens if I test positive for COVID-19?

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be immediately sent home for 10-14 days, where they will be responsible for learning remotely (in whatever reasonable manner the instructor is able to provide) and/or keeping up with schoolwork. Families should consult with the ASMS nurse regarding protocol for returning to the ASMS campus.

Employees who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 should consult with their supervisor. They can generally expect to work remotely for a period of time or use sick leave as needed.



What happens if I have to be sent home?

A student or employee who becomes symptomatic, exposed, or ill with COVID-19 will be subject to our standard absence and sick leave policies.

Students will still be responsible for learning remotely (in whatever reasonable manner the instructor is able to provide) and/or keeping up with schoolwork. Families should consult with the ASMS nurse regarding protocol for returning to the ASMS campus.

Employees should consult with their supervisor. They can generally expect to work remotely for a period of time and/or use sick leave as needed.



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2021 - 2022 ADDENDUM

Students with COVID-19 or COVID-19 Symptoms

- Students who present to the Nurse's Office with COVID-19 symptoms will be required to quarantine on-campus until a decision can be made about keeping them on-campus or sending them home.
- Once a student has been flagged in this category, ASMS will attempt to notify their parents regarding the process.
- Students who test positive for COVID-19 or have persistent symptoms will be sent home to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.
- After 10 days, they may return once they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours.
- While quarantined, they should email their teachers for instructions on coursework and homework.
- If a student is sent home, they should take all necessary textbooks and devices with them. They may also check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and/or other needed devices from Mr. Keidrick Wooten.

Roommates of Students with COVID-19

- Students whose roommates have tested positive for COVID-19 will be subject to the same policies listed above.
- Once a student has been flagged in this category, ASMS will attempt to notify their parents regarding the process.
- Such students will be sent home to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days, regardless of vaccination status.
- After 10 days, they may return once they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours.
- We must take this precaution because roommates are frequently in close contact while unmasked, and breakthrough cases are a serious risk.
- If a student is sent home, they should take all necessary textbooks and devices with them. They may also check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and/or other needed devices from Mr. Keidrick Wooten.

Students in Primary Contact with COVID-19 Patient

- Students who have been in direct and prolonged contact with a person (besides their roommate) who has tested positive for COVID-19 or has presented with COVID-19 symptoms will be required to quarantine on-campus until a decision can be made about keeping them on-campus or sending them home.
- Once a student has been flagged in this category, ASMS will attempt to notify their parents regarding the process.
- While quarantined, such students should email their teachers for instructions on coursework and homework.
- Symptom-free students who present proof of vaccination will generally be allowed to return to class and campus activities, but they should abide by the mask policy, maintain social distancing when possible, eat alone to reduce unmasked contact with others, and monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a student is sent home, they should take all necessary textbooks and devices with them. They may also check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and/or other needed devices from Mr. Keidrick Wooten.

Students in Secondary Contact with COVID-19 Patient

- Students who have been in direct and prolonged contact with a person exposed to COVID-19 but without COVID-19 symptoms or a diagnosis may continue to attend class and campus activities unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms.
- They should abide by the mask policy, maintain social distancing when possible, eat alone to reduce unmasked contact with others, and monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms.
- If asked to quarantine, they should email their teachers for instructions on coursework and homework.
- As a general rule, ASMS will not contact parents of students in secondary contact with a COVID-19 patient unless the student is asked to quarantine.
- If a student is sent home, they should take all necessary textbooks and devices with them. They may also check out a Wi-Fi hotspot and/or other needed devices from Mr. Keidrick Wooten.

Statement on COVID-19 Testing

- Although COVID-19 testing is a useful tool, it is less reliable when individuals do not present with COVID-19 symptoms and 3-5 days have not passed since exposure.
- Therefore, if a student presents a negative COVID-19 test to the Nurse's Office, the results will not necessarily lead to the lifting of quarantine or an invitation to return to campus sooner.
- Our goal is to keep our community members healthy and safe so that campus can remain open.
- Masking, quarantining, and sending some students off-campus will help us protect the ASMS community.

Discretion of the Nurse's Office and Student Affairs

Staff members in the Nurse's Office or Student Affairs reserve the right to deviate from the COVID-19 plan to enforce alternative restrictions if they determine that doing so will help protect the ASMS community. Community members are asked to respect the decisions of these employees and understand that they have been made in good faith. We are all doing our best to keep our community healthy and to keep our residential campus open.