

Almira School District

2020-21

Reopening Plan

August 17, 2020

Patrons, guardians, parents, and students of the Almira School District,

Thank you for your patience and for your continued support to our district. We understand that after reading this document you may still have additional questions. As we finished the 2019-2020 school year in a distance learning model due to COVID-19 restrictions, we had been hopeful public health models would allow for an in-person start for the 2020-21 school year. Most school districts in Lincoln County, along with Lincoln County Health officials, have been working on how we could offer the best learning opportunities for students, while ensuring a safe environment for students and staff under current COVID-19 conditions. It has become clear over the last several weeks, the only options that satisfies this criteria is to open in a hybrid or a remote learning model as we start the 2020-21 school year. Our School Board adopted a hybrid model with the hope of phasing into a full face to face model when appropriate. On September 1, we will open up a hybrid model K- 5 and a remote learning 2.0 instructional model 6-8 (Warrior Virtual). Last March, as schools across Washington state were closed, school districts, including Almira, had very little time to transition to a remote learning model. However, based on the experience and feedback of students, staff and families over the last three-and-a-half month period, we have made vast improvements in the delivery model. Over the summer, curriculum and instruction, IT and support staff have/will streamline a platform, make online learning options more robust through an online learning provider and fixed technical and access issues. Teaching staff will receive additional training and support during the month of August on these new and improved materials. Schools will provide students and families with much clearer guidance and expectations prior to the start of school on September 1. We will continue to assist students who need access to technology – including providing hotspot devices for stable internet connections-and 1:1 Chromebook distribution. In addition to improving the online learning experience, Almira is committed to ensure students with specialized needs have specific options that best meet their instructional requirements. Staff at school will also directly contact students who do not initially engage, or appear to struggle with, remote learning. In addition, we will continue to provide meals to students who qualify for free and reduced or who will want to pay for such meals. This is not how we anticipated starting the 2020-21 school year. We will continue to provide you with frequent updates. Our goal as a CommUnity is to safely move toward a time we can welcome all students back into our schools.

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Planning Timeline

OSPI Guidance

State guidance for reopening schools for the 2020-21 school year released

Data Collection and Planning

Surveyed families to guide our reopening options for students on and off site

On-Site and Warrior Virtual Planning and Implementation

Outreach and planning for families who expressed an interest in WV program.

June 11

June 30-July 2

July 15-20

August 18

August

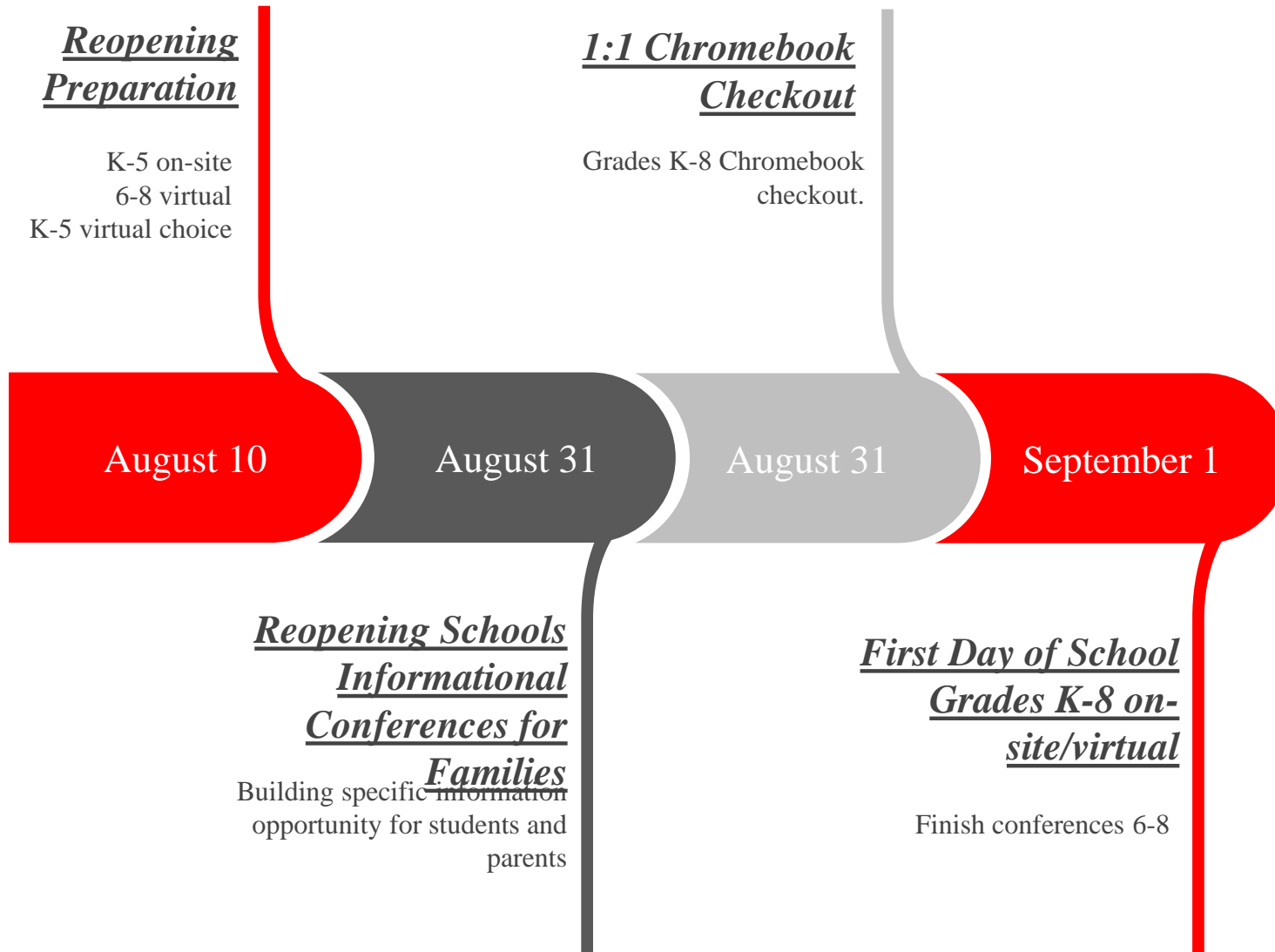
Reopening Schools Committee

Team of staff, parents, and administrator met to begin planning school and communication with CH on cooperative plan.

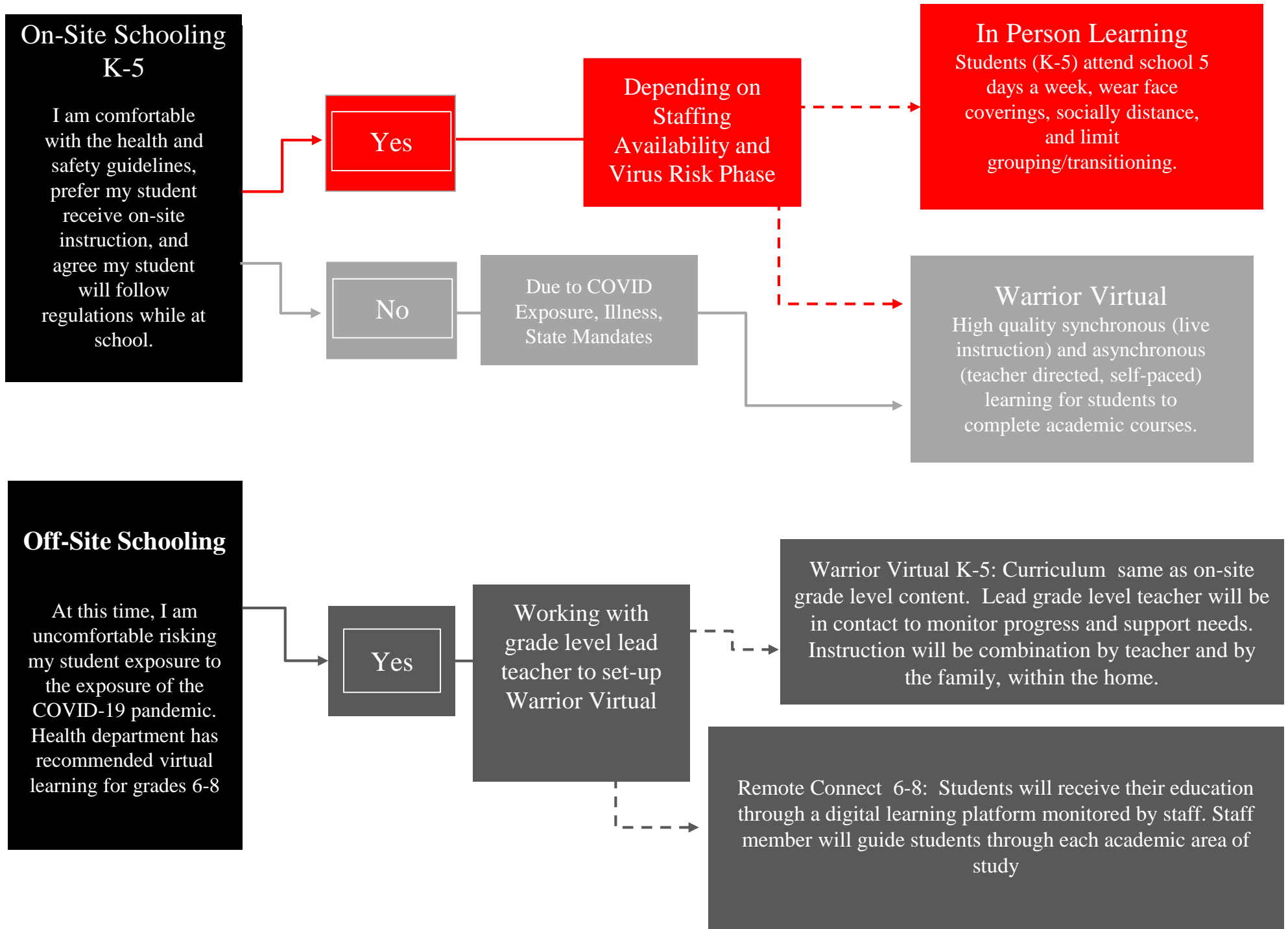
Almira School District Reopening School Plan Posted

A detailed plan shared with students, staff and families

Planning Timeline (Cont.)



Reopening Warrior Flowchart



Health and Safety Requirements



<p>Cloth Face Coverings All staff, students, volunteers, and guests must wear cloth face coverings at school. Some people cannot wear face coverings due to medical conditions, or other needs.</p> <p>*Students will be allowed to wear face shields; staff are permitted to wear face shields during instruction only.</p>	<p>Health Screening All staff, students, and visitors will be checked for signs of illness upon entry each day.</p> <p>People who do not pass the health screening or show symptoms of being ill will be sent home. Parents will have a plan in place to ensure a contact can be reached at any given time should your child need to return home.</p>	<p>Stay Home if Sick or Exposed to COVID-19 Students, staff, vendors, and parents/guardians will be asked to stay home if they are feeling ill ,have symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days.</p>	<p>Physical Distancing As much as possible students and staff will maintain a six foot distance between people.</p> <p>Students will be in cohorts with limited or monitored movement between spaces for students.</p>
<p>Hygiene Practices Students and adults will wash hands when they arrive at school, before meals or snacks, after outside time, after going to the bathroom, after nose blowing or sneezing, and before leaving to go home. If soap and water are not readily available, an alcohol- based hand gel with at least 60 percent alcohol will be used.</p>	<p>Cleaning and Disinfecting There will be increased cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting of all school buildings following CDC guidelines.</p> <p>If groups of students are moving from one area to another in shifts, cleaning will happen before the new group enters the area.</p>	<p>Separate those with Symptoms If someone develops symptoms while at school they will be separated from others, asked to keep a mask on, and sent home.</p> <p>Communication plan in place that includes staff, families, and the local health jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Ventilation and outdoors Ventilation including windows, fans, and HVAC settings will be used to maximize the amount of outside air entering program areas.</p> <p>Outdoor learning and activities will be encouraged as possible.</p>

Returning to School After Having Suspected Signs of COVID-19

A staff member or student who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to school when:

- At least 24 has passed since recovery – defined as no fever without the use of medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms like cough and shortness of breath; AND
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; OR
- It has been at least three days (72 hours) since recovery AND a health care provider has certified that the student does not have suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

If a person believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID-19 but they are not sick, they should watch their health for signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19. They should not go to work, child care, school, or public places for those 14 days.

When Someone Develops COVID-19 Symptoms at School

If a student or staff member develops signs of COVID-19 at school, the local health authority will immediately be notified. Students and most staff may be dismissed for 2-5 days to allow local health officials to help the school determine appropriate next steps including whether an extended dismissal duration is needed to stop or slow further spread of COVID-19. Local health officials' recommendation for the scope and duration of school dismissals will be made on a case by case basis using the most up to date information about COVID-19 and the specific cases in the community.

They will be separated away from others, with supervision at a distance of six feet, until the sick person can leave. While waiting to leave school, the individual with symptoms should wear a cloth face covering or mask, if tolerated. The area where the symptomatic person waited will be aired out, cleaned, and disinfected after they leave.

Each school will have a designated area where sick students can be separated until they can be picked up by an authorized person.

The person with symptoms should follow [DOH guidance](#) for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, their family must notify the school as soon as possible.

On-Site Learning Model

	Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School WHEN ALLOWED	ACH High School WHEN ALLOWED
S C H E D U L E	<p>Students attend five days a week for in-person learning</p> <p>8:25- 2:05</p>	<p>Students attend five days a week in-person learning</p> <p>6th Grade class split in half and classrooms will be self-contained with one or two teachers per day.</p> <p>7th & 8th Grade Students will remain in cohort-based classrooms and teachers will rotate between classrooms.</p>	<p>Check Coulee-Hartline School District Plan</p>
P R O G R A M	<p>Arrival, departure and transition routines established to comply with social distancing</p> <p>Classroom groupings stay in classrooms for meals and specialists</p> <p>Recess in classroom groupings</p> <p>Outdoor P.E. when possible</p>	<p>All spaces within the building will be utilized to meet requirements for physical distancing and grouping students</p> <p>Students will be grouped as much as possible, while some older students may be in grade-level cohorts</p> <p>Subjects will be prioritized based on core academic areas</p>	<p>Check CH Opening Plan</p>

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School When ALLOWED	ACH High School When Allowed
<p>Student Arrival: 1-Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for students to begin the entry process. Staff will be stationed to greet students at north (bus), west, and front doors beginning at 7:55 a.m.</p> <p>2- Students will enter at their grade level. K and 2nd grade students will enter through the west doors. 1st, 3rd, and 4th will enter through the North (bus)Doors. 5th with enter main doors.</p> <p>3-Bus drivers will drop students off on north side beginning 8 a.m. (Patrol will help guide kids to marked areas)</p>	<p>Student Arrival: 1- ACHMS doors will open at 8:00 a.m. for students to begin the entry process</p> <p>2- Students walk toward the exterior entrance near gym in grade level blocks.</p> <p>3- Entryway grounds will be marked with spacers for students to line up 6 feet apart.</p> <p>4- At the entry, students will begin the health screening process (<i>see Health Screens at Entry in the next section</i>)</p> <p><u>Note:</u> Students who are dropped off by parents in a vehicle can enter the front doors in the parking lot.</p>	<p><i>Please review CH reopening plan</i></p>

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p>Parent Arrival: 1-Parents wearing masks can enter the building through the main front doors while maintaining social distancing per floor markings inside and outside the front office doors. Please only come if needed. We will not be using volunteers at this time.</p> <p>2-In order to minimize social crowding, parents will not be invited to enter with children.</p>	<p>Parent Arrival: Parents wearing masks can enter the building through the main front doors while maintaining social distancing per floor markings inside and outside the front office doors. Please only come if needed. We will not be using volunteers at this time.</p>	<p>Parent Arrival: Please review CH opening plan</p>
<p>Staff Arrival: 1-Staff will enter through main door and complete the health screening process each morning.</p>	<p>Staff Arrival: 1- Staff will enter through the main door and complete the health screening process each morning.</p> <p>2- Staff will then report directly to their work area.</p>	<p>Staff Arrival: Please review CH opening plan.</p>

Health Screens at Entry

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School When Allowed	ACH High School
<p>Student Health Screening: 1-Two staff members will be stationed at designated entry points to complete the health screening with every student upon entering. (We hope to use an on-line app for majority of questions/results needed)</p> <p>2-Additional staff members will be present to assist students in transitioning to classrooms.</p> <p>3-If a student is ill and not able to pass health screening at school, they will be escorted to office area setup and parents will be contacted to immediately pick up.</p> <p>4-Students with illness will remain distanced from others. Parents will be given verbal and written directions on when their student may return.</p> <p>5-The school nurse will be consulted when a child is sent home in order to determine if more steps need to be followed (i.e. contact tracing, etc.).</p>	<p>Student Health Screening: 1- At the designated entrances, staff will take temperatures of students entering the building and ask the checking symptoms questions and protocol (We hope to use an app for parents to do before coming to school).</p> <p>2-Entryways will be clearly marked with posters, indicating the checking for symptoms protocol to ensure an efficient entry.</p> <p>3-Two- three trained staff members will be located at designated entrance to perform health screenings.</p> <p>4- If a student is ill and not able to pass health screening at school, they will be escorted to office. Distanced from others and parents will be given directions for return.</p> <p>5-The school nurse will be consulted when a child is sent home in order to determine if more steps need to be followed (i.e. contact tracing, etc.).</p>	<p>Students Health Screening: Please review CH opening plan</p>
<p>Staff Health Screening: Staff will enter the building through a main entrance, take temperature, and sign-in attesting that they are symptom-free, based off of the checking for symptoms protocol. (We hope to have the app for easier access)</p>	<p>Staff Health Screening: Staff will enter the building through main entrance, take temperature, and sign-in attesting that they are symptom-free, based off of the checking for symptoms protocol. (We hope to have app)</p>	<p>Staff Health Screening: Please review CH opening plan</p>
<p>Parent Health Screening: 1-Parents who are wishing to pick up their student, or meet with them for a brief amount of time, are welcome to do so at the front entry.</p> <p>2-Parents who will be accessing for an extended amount of time (i.e. meetings and special events) will need to go through the health screening process. This can be done at the front office, immediately upon entering the building.</p>	<p>Parent Health Screening: 1-Parents who are wishing to pick up their student, or meet with them for a brief amount of time are welcome to do so at the front entry.</p> <p>2-Parents who will be accessing for an extended amount of time (i.e. meetings and special events) will need to go through the health screening process. This can be done at the front office, immediately upon entering the building.</p>	<p>Parent Health Screening: Please review CH opening plan</p>

Grouping of Students

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p>Classrooms: Students will be grouped in homeroom classes with 11 students or less in order to maintain 6 feet of distance between people per the square footage.</p> <p>Hallways/Transitions: Students are taught to walk 6 feet apart while in line. They must wear masks. Extra time will be scheduled in order for this to be taught, practiced, and monitored. All students transition with the guidance of an adult. Transitions will be staggered in order to minimize hallway congestion</p> <p>Specialists: 1-Music- Mrs. O will create learning opportunities which follow social distancing and health guidelines. Mrs. O will go in to each classroom or hold class outside. This will eliminate transitions and keep students in their home space</p> <p>2-P.E.-Mr. V will utilize outdoor spaces for physical education when possible. Mr. V will create learning opportunities which follow social distancing and health guidelines. Activities that would require physical contact (tag, etc.) will not be used</p> <p>Intervention: 1-Reading, Math, and Social Skills intervention will also comply with social distancing and health guidelines</p> <p>2- Staff from these programs will use “push in” models when possible. (continued on next page)</p>	<p>Classrooms: Students will be grouped in classes with 12 students or less in order to maintain 6 feet of distance between people per the square footage.</p> <p>Hallways/Transitions: Students will be socially distanced in all hallways during our limited transitions through small pods.</p> <p>Recess: Grade levels will have designated zones for socially distanced recess activities</p> <p>P.E.: P.E. will be held outside as much as possible to maintain spacing and social distancing within the building</p>	<p>Classrooms: Please review CH opening plan</p> <p>Hallways/Transitions: Please review CH opening plan</p> <p>Scheduling: Please review CH opening plan</p>

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p><i>Intervention (continued):</i> 3-If students are pulled out for instruction, students will be seated 6 feet apart and a very limited number of students will be instructed at the same time.</p> <p><i>Special Education:</i> Services will be pushed into general education homerooms when possible. Inclusion at meals for students who are successful. Social distancing guidelines will be practiced.</p> <p><i>Recess:</i> 1-Students will be offered AM, lunch time and PM recess supervised by adult staff.</p> <p>2-The outdoor play areas will be divided into zones and each homeroom will play in assigned zones to eliminate cross class social contact.</p> <p>3- Students will be taught to practice social distancing on the playground.</p> <p><i>Assemblies/Programs:</i> At this time, assemblies and programs where students would gather closely together, will not be scheduled.</p>	<p><i>Special Education:</i> Services (when all MS can return) will be pushed into general education homerooms when possible. Inclusion at meals for students who are successful. Social distancing guidelines will be practiced. While virtual, students will come in through appt. for services needed and to meet IEP progress and goals. Social distancing guidelines will be practiced.</p>	

Breakfast/Lunch

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School When allowed in person	ACH High School
<p>1-Breakfasts will be delivered to classrooms so as to minimize transitions of students</p> <p>2-Breakfast will be available between 8:05-8:25. Students will eat breakfast in their homeroom classroom</p>	<p>1-Breakfasts will be delivered to classrooms so as to minimize transitions of students</p> <p>2-Breakfast will be available 8:05-8:25.</p>	
<p>1- Students will eat lunch in their homeroom</p> <p>2- Students will sit at their own desk and students may remove masks for eating.</p>	<p>1- Students will eat lunch by grade level in the their classrooms</p> <p>2- Once seated, students may remove masks for eating</p> <p>3- Paraprofessionals supervising lunch will escort students by homeroom class to go outside and play in a designated zone, so as to reduce social contact across classes</p>	

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p><i>Hand Washing & Sanitizing:</i></p> <p>1-Students will wash hands MANY times each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On entering classroom • After using restroom • After each recess • After sneezing, or blowing nose • Before and after eating • Before going home • Before touching classroom materials <p>2-Hand Sanitizer will be supplied to each classroom</p> <p>3-Nurse staff will provide all classrooms with lessons on proper hand washing practices</p> <p>4-Time will be built into student schedules to ensure that these practices are thoroughly followed</p> <p>5--Posters displaying healthy hygienic practices will be displayed in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, gymnasium, locker rooms, classrooms, the library, and office areas</p>	<p><i>Hand Washing & Sanitizing:</i></p> <p>1- Homeroom teachers will have routine hand washing several times throughout each day. Students will wash their hands in classrooms/Bathroom at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On entering classroom • After using restroom • After each recess • After sneezing or blowing nose • Before and after meals • Before going home • Before touching classroom materials • Before leaving school <p>2-Hand sanitizing will be in each classroom</p> <p>3-Nursing staff will provide lessons on proper handwashing practices</p> <p>4--Posters displaying healthy hygienic practices will be displayed in classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, gymnasium, locker rooms, classrooms, the library, and office areas</p>	

Face Coverings

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p>As required by the Department of Health, students, staff, and visitors will wear face coverings at school</p> <p>1-Students and staff will wear face coverings from home while at school. Students and staff will be supplied with a clean cloth, reusable, launderable mask when entering classroom (work area). Additional clean mask will be given to all students after lunch. Students will use mask from home to return home at end of day leaving school masks to be washed daily</p> <p>2-Parents are encouraged to launder masks often</p> <p>3--Adults entering the school will be required to wear face coverings</p> <p>4-Parents may choose to supply their student a face shield to wear during class time</p>	<p>As required by the Department of Health, students, staff, and visitors will wear face coverings at school</p> <p>1-Students and staff will wear face coverings from home while at school. Students and staff will be supplied with a clean cloth, reusable, launderable mask when entering classroom (work area). Additional clean mask will be given to all students after lunch. Students will use mask from home to return home at end of day leaving school masks to be washed daily</p> <p>2-Parents are encouraged to launder masks often</p> <p>3--Adults entering the school will be required to wear face coverings</p> <p>4-Parents may choose to supply their student a face shield to wear during class time</p>	

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p>We will no longer be able to congregate in front of the school. In the past, we have had multiple classes mixing and going to busses. We will be adjusting our systems to eliminate congestion in areas in front of the building</p> <p>1-Students waiting to be picked up will remain 6 feet apart. Students delivered to busses maintain social distance until entering busses</p> <p>2-All adults are requested to follow social distancing and health guidelines (face coverings, standing apart, etc.)</p>	<p>1- Staff will help students maintain physical distancing when departing classrooms at the end of the day</p> <p>2- Classrooms will exit the school in a staggered manner</p>	

What To Do if Someone Develops Signs of COVID-19

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School	ACH High School
<p>1-Students who show signs of having COVID-19 will utilize our waiting room area under staff supervision until a parent/guardian arrives to take their child home</p> <p>2-The area where the student or students are waiting will be disinfected by a staff member when leaving</p> <p>3-Social distancing will be maintained by individuals in waiting area</p>	<p>1-Students who show signs of having COVID-19 will utilize our waiting room area under staff supervision until a parent/guardian arrives to take their child home</p> <p>2-The area where the student or students are waiting will be disinfected by a staff member when leaving</p> <p>3-Social distancing will be maintained by individuals in waiting area</p>	

How Will We Serve Our Students?

Almira Elementary School	ACH Middle School When In-Person is Allowed	ACH High School
<p>1-Parents who do not feel comfortable having students attend on-site may enroll their child in the Warrior Virtual Program K-5. This is a program designed for parents to co-deliver instruction to students at home with the support of the grade level teacher.</p> <p>2- Students who plan to attend onsite, but at certain times may have to quarantine, may not attend class due to illness or exposure to illness. During this time, these students will continue to participate in grade level learning through the Warrior Virtual Program. Teachers will work to maintain robust grade level sites which follow classroom instruction.</p>	<p>1-Parents who do not feel comfortable having students attend on-site may enroll their child in the Warrior Virtual Program. This is a program designed for parents to co-deliver instruction to students at home with the support of grade level/subject area teachers.</p> <p>2-Students who plan to attend onsite, but at certain times may have to quarantine, may not attend class due to illness or exposure to illness. During this time, these students will continue to participate in grade level learning through the Warrior Virtual Program. Teachers will work to maintain robust grade level sites which follow classroom instruction.</p>	<p>Please review CH opening plan</p>

Off-Site Virtual Learning Model

	<p style="text-align: center;">K-5 Warrior Virtual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6-8 Warrior Virtual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Warrior Virtual (if schools close)</p>
<p>P R O G R A M</p>	<p>This option exists for families who do not wish to return to the school for on-site instruction due to COVID-19. Students and families may chose to use provided curriculum or purchase their own. Curriculum used will be is aligned grade level content. The grade level teacher will be in periodic contact with families to monitor progress and support needs. Instruction will be co-delivered by the family within the home</p> <p>Attendance: Student is required to check in by 8:45 a.m. M-F (Truancy/Becca laws will be followed)</p> <p>Pacing Schedules will be provides on grade level pages.</p> <p>Students are required to complete assigned work and attend instruction sessions.</p>	<p>This option exists for families who do not wish to return to the school for on-site instruction due to COVID-19. Students will receive their education through the digital learning platform monitored by a district staff member. An experienced staff member will guide students through each academic area of study, monitoring the mastery of learning standards and remediation when needed.</p> <p>Attendance: Student is required to check in by 8:45 a.m. M-F. (Truancy/Becca laws will be followed)</p> <p>Pacing Schedules will be provides on grade level pages.</p> <p>Students are required to complete assigned work and attend instruction sessions.</p>	<p>This is not an option for parents to choose but is the learning model that will be used for students who are experiencing short-term or long term absences. This will also be the model used if schools close due to COVID-19. Teachers have developed robust grade level pages with assignments, videos, and learning resources to ensure that if students are absent from school they will have every resource available to stay up to date with their onsite peers. In addition, much work has been committed to creating a distance model where students will continue to receive content without disruption if all schools are closed due to COVID-19</p> <p>Attendance: Student is required to check in by 8:45 a.m. M-F. (Truancy/Becca laws will be followed)</p> <p>Pacing Schedules will be provides on grade level pages.</p> <p>Students are required to complete assigned work and attend instruction sessions.</p>

Technology Support

- Contracts are required for loaned Chromebooks.

K-5	6-8	Support
<p>Chromebooks can be assigned, but will not be taken home unless there is a stay-at-home order issued or student is signed up for Warrior Virtual Program.</p> <p>August 31 Check out date</p>	<p>August 31 and September 1st, devices will be checked out. Must attend family conference to receive Chromebook.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech support and repair will be available for all devices • Digital Citizenship will be taught to all students • Network Use policy will be enforced • Filtering on all district device and district accounts will be enforced • Online resources will be provided • Remote wifi devices are available throughout the county for connectivity needs

Athletics

As we approach the 2020-2021 school year, many questions have surfaced around athletics. Recently, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) has been able to provide some clarity regarding athletics for next school year. Although we don't have all the answers yet, this information will hopefully answer some of the questions that you may have.

Athletics in the State of Washington will look vastly different. On July 21st, the WIAA executive board approved a sport-structure that will not begin until December 28th. Below is the list of designated seasons for sports at ACH High School for the 2020-2021 school.

<i>*Season 1 - Alternate Season for Cross Country, Golf and Tennis Our league will not be participating in Alternate Seasons</i>	
Season 2 (Typical Winter Sports) Basketball, Basketball Cheer, Wrestling	
Start Date: December 28, 2020	End Date: February 27, 2021
Season 3 (Typical Fall Sports) Cross Country, Football, Football Cheer, Girls Soccer, Volleyball	
Start Date: March 1, 2021 <i>Football Start Date: February 17, 2021</i>	End Date: May 1, 2021 <i>May 8 for Football</i>
Season 4 (Typical Spring Sports) Baseball, Boys Soccer, Fast-pitch Softball, Golf, Tennis, Track and Field	
Start Date: April 26, 2021	End Date: June 26, 2021

Frequently Asked Questions:

Are these seasons the same for middle school sports?

At this time, there is a committee working on how and when to implement middle school athletics state wide. Middle school dates will be announced shortly by the WIAA.

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