



Mohave Accelerated Learning Center & Elementary School Health Mitigation Plan

MALC & MAES has prepared a comprehensive plan to mitigate risk of exposure of COVID-19 in our schools. This page contains detailed information about MALC/MAES safety protocols for the 2020-2021 school year. For areas where the CDC has provided specific guidance for schools, that guidance is included as a reference, so that you may see how MALC/MAES plans are aligned with CDC recommendations.

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Containment/Cohorts

CDC Guidelines

- Ensure that student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff (all day for young children, and as much as possible for older children).
- Limit mixing between groups if possible.

MALC/MAES Plan

- Reducing Class Sized when possible
- Spreading desk maximum distance from another, adding clear barriers, assigned seating



- Recess schedules for less students on playground
- Students remain in the same class throughout the day (will have breaks outside, in the class, etc.)
- Electives will be held in the classrooms as often as possible
- Breakfast will be held in the Training Ground (Gym) with social distancing, cleaned after every breakfast
- Lunch will be in the classroom K-5, 6-8 Training Ground, and 9-12 two shifts in the HS cafeteria (with social distancing).

Intensify Cleaning & Disinfecting

CDC Guidelines

- Coronaviruses on surfaces and objects naturally die within hours to days. Warmer temperatures and exposure to sunlight will reduce the time the virus survives on surfaces and objects
- Normal routine cleaning with soap and water removes germs and dirt from surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading COVID-19 infection.
- Disinfectants kill germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, you can further lower the risk of spreading infection. EPA-approved disinfectants are an important part of reducing the risk of exposure to COVID-19.

MALC/MAES Plan

- Custodial Staff trained to properly clean and disinfect all building & rooms on campuses.
- Daily cleaning regiment with approved supplies.
- Classrooms cleaned daily, bathrooms, frequently throughout the day.
- Facilities are cleaned and sanitized daily
- Will be hiring additional personnel and purchasing additional resources to enhance cleaning of student desks and chairs daily.

Gatherings/Visitors/Field Trips

CDC Guidelines

- Pursue virtual group events, gatherings, or meetings, if possible, and promote social distancing of at least 6 feet between people if events are held. Limit group size to the extent possible.
- Pursue virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, special performances, school-wide parent meetings, and spirit nights, as possible

MALC/MAES Plan



- Large gatherings will be limited to the numbers of students and hosted live virtually. All events will be recorded and posted for view as feasible. Some events may be hosted several times with reduced numbers
- Visitors will not be allowed on campus (past the front office) unless determined essential.
- Awards assemblies will be held in the classroom in an alternative format when possible.
- Virtual field trips will be hosted in place of regular field trips.

Face Coverings

CDC Guidelines

- Use of simple cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected, but does not have symptoms
- Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks, respirators, or other medical personal protective equipment.
- Teach and reinforce use of cloth face coverings
- Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students to wear).
- Face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) as feasible and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.

MALC/MAES Plan

- Staff of MALC/MAES have been trained to wear appropriate face coverings, neck buffs, and clear shield that cover the nose and mouth prior to the start of school.
- Students are trained within the first three days of school. The training includes videos, staff training students, posters hung throughout the school and verbal reminders.
- Students are not required to wear face coverings if able to maintain the 6ft social distancing. Students may be required to wear face coverings if unable to maintain 6th social distancing.
- MALC/MAES requires students to wear face coverings upon arrival, dismissal, hallways, bathroom breaks, and any other time that maintaining 6ft distance is not possible, per Bullhead City's ordinances.
- Parents need to train their students at home on wearing face coverings following the CDC guidelines. The CDC guidelines have been posted on MALC/MAES website for reference
- All staff must wear a face covering when closer than 6ft from students or staff. Staff may not ask each other if it is okay to approach within 6 feet. Staff must also wear a face covering when in the hallways/common areas (copier room, staff lounge, etc.)
- Face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students), as feasible, and are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Individuals should be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently.



- Will provide information and training to staff, students, and students' families on proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings.
- Will provide families with instructions on how to wear, sanitize, and properly maintain face coverings.
- Note: Cloth face coverings should not be placed on:
 - Children younger than two years old
 - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
 - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance
 - Students with certain disabilities or health conditions

Food Service

CDC Guidelines

- Have children bring their own meals as feasible or serve individually plated meals in classrooms instead of in a communal dining hall or cafeteria, while ensuring the safety of children with food allergies.

MALC/MAES Plan

- Will be serving individually plated meals served in the classroom K-5. 6-12 will be divided into limited lunch groups served in two multipurpose areas.
- Meals will continue to be provided for Grab and Go during distance learning times.
- Will be using disposable food service items (utensils, dishes, containers, etc.).
- Since there is a smaller number of students that eat breakfast, social distancing markers will be on all tables and all students will be 6 feet apart.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom grades K-5.
- Lunch staff will be monitoring each classroom and cleaning up.

Hand Washing

MALC/MAES Plan

- Staff of MALC/MAES have been trained in handwashing prior to the start of school. Staff is required to follow the handwashing policies.
- Students are trained within the first three days of school. The training includes videos, staff training students, posters hung throughout the school, and hand sanitizer.
- Parents need to train their students at home on washing hands following the CDC guidelines. The CDC guidelines have been posted on the school's webpage for reference. If students bring their own hand sanitizer, students may not share with any other person and parent understands if the sanitizer does not meet CDC guidelines, MALC/MAES is free from liability.



- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for a least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff. Posters are located in communal spaces, staff, and students are trained.
- If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains a least 60% alcohol can be used (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer).
- Encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Water Systems

MALC/MAES Plan

- Water fountains will not be in use for the start of the school year with the exception of fillable water bottle stations
- Students are encouraged to bring up to two water bottles per day.
- Water fountains will be cleaned and follow recommended guidelines prior to reopening for use

Health Screenings

CDC Guidelines

- If feasible, conduct daily health checks (e.g., temperature screening and/or or symptom checking) of staff and students.
- Health checks should be conducted safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations

MALC/MAES Plan

- First checkpoint for screening starts at home
- Keep child home if displaying any COVID-19 symptoms
- Encourage you to self-report if you have a family member displaying symptoms, has been exposed or tested positive
- Upon arrival to the school, parents or appointed adult, will be required to verbally answer the following questions for each of their child:
 - Please confirm that your child does not have:
 - Fever or chills
 - Cough or
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing

If the staff member upon visual inspection of the child for signs of illness which could include flushed cheeks, rapid breathing or difficulty breathing (without recent physical activity), fatigue, or extreme fussiness. A staff member may take temperature if needed. Student will be asked to return home.



Student Displays Symptoms During the Day Process:

- Students will be sent to the Nurse with form filled out by staff member.
- Student will be isolated in the COVID-19 isolation area
- Student will place face covering on (unless has medical conditions).
- Staff member will conduct screening on the CDC website
- Staff member will contact parent/guardian to pick up student if symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.
- Staff will notify local health officials of any cases of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality

For the 20-21 School Year Specific to COVID-19:

Students will be screened for specific symptoms as recommended by the CDC. If their symptoms appear to mimic COVID-19, students will be isolated, required to wear a face covering and need to be picked up from school.

Students with symptoms such as allergies that can be mistaken for COVID-19 must have medical information verified by a doctor on file at the school. Or if you have a medical release from a doctor verifying the symptoms are not COVID-19 related.

Playground Protocols

CDC Guidelines

- Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Spraying disinfectant on sidewalks and in parks is not an efficient use of disinfectant supplies and has not been proved to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to the public. You should maintain existing cleaning and hygiene practices for outdoor areas.

MALC/MAES Plan

- Playground will be open to a limited amount of student at one time.
- Playground will be “zoned” for each designated class to maintain physical distancing
- Students are not allowed to bring play equipment from home.

Reported Cases

CDC Guidelines

- Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting
- Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing products securely away from children.



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- In accordance with state and local laws and regulations, school administrators should notify local health officials, staff, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Inform those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms and follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

MALC/MAES Plan

If a member of the school test positive for COVID-19 the following will happen:

- MALC/MAES is awaiting continued guidance from Mohave County for further guidance, while waiting MALC/MAES will enact the following:
 - Schools will maintain confidentiality, letters and notifications will refer to any student or staff as a “member of the school”
 - MALC/MAES will notify parents with a specific letter if a member within their child’s class has tested positive
 - MALC/MAES will notify all stakeholders if a member of the school has tested positive, but will not give specific grade or class information
 - MALC/MAES will notify as soon as possible – we are all working together to notify
 - Phone calls will be returned upon earliest availability, if we have a confirmed positive case, and may need to close the class
 - MALC/MAES will require all students in the classroom to wear a face covering at all times, parents will be notified by phone call, classroom may be relocated to another building that is sanitized and prepared for students

Shared Belongings

CDC Guidelines

- Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect.
- Keep each child’s belongings separated from others’ and in individually labeled containers, cubbies, or areas.
- Ensure adequate supplies to minimize sharing of high touch materials to the extent possible (e.g., assigning each student their own art supplies, equipment) or limit use of supplies and equipment by one group of children at a time and clean and disinfect between use.
- Avoid sharing electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids.

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- Students will keep their own individual supplies and will be stored in separate area
- Shared school supplies will be wiped down after each use



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- Students will have own individual computer devices
- Students are not to share supplies/materials

Signs and Messages

CDC Guidelines

- Post signs in highly visible locations (e.g., school entrances, restrooms) that promote everyday protective measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs (such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a face covering).
- Broadcast regular announcements on reducing the spread of COVID-19 on PA systems
- Include messages about behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 when communicating with staff and families (such as on school websites, in emails, and on school social media accounts.)

MALC/MAES Plan

- Physical guides including posters on wall 6ft apart, floor decals indicating 6ft on commonly walked paths and in drop-off and dismissal areas
- Regular school messages to parent with the latest guidelines from the CDC, state, and local health authorities.
- Health and cleaning tips will be sent to parents and staff through email and social media.
- Staff morning meetings will review behaviors to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and germs

Social Physical Distancing

CDC Guidelines

- Space seating/desks at least 6 feet apart when feasible
- Install physical barriers, such as sneeze guards and partitions, particularly in areas where it is difficult for individuals to remain at least 6 feet apart (e.g., reception desks).
- Provide physical guides, such as tape on floors or sidewalks and signs on walls, to ensure that staff and children remain at least 6 feet apart in lines and at other times (e.g., guides for creating “one-way routes” in hallways).
- Add physical barriers, such as plastic flexible screens, between bathrooms sinks especially when they cannot be at least 6 feet apart

MALC/MAES Plan

- Modified classroom layouts allow for student’s desks to be spread out to maximum distancing
- Students will remain in their classrooms throughout the day to limit mixing between groups as much as possible (cohorting)



- Students will have assigned seating
- Clear partition/barriers added in certain areas of the campus for school member's protection.
- Portable partitions for staff needing to be in proximity with students for speech services, students with special needs, etc.
- Physical guides (posters and floor decals measuring 6ft apart)
- Social distancing protocols will be used outside of the classroom along with limited use of common areas when feasible.
- If an emergency arises that requires a staff member to touch a student or another staff member, resume social distancing as soon as safely possible, wash hands, and disinfect any surfaces touched.

Training Employees

MALC/MAES Plan

Prior to the start of the year, staff will be trained on:

- Handwashing
- Social Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Coughing and Sneezing Protocol
- School-wide procedures
- Sanitizing
- Daily Employee Screening

Ventilation

CDC Guidelines

- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible such as by opening windows and doors.
- Do not open windows and doors if they pose a safety or health risk to children using the facility (e.g., allowing pollens in or exacerbating asthma symptoms).

MALC/MAES Plan

- Increase ventilation by opening doors when temperature allows and as available within classrooms (fan/vent on AC units)
- Change air filters on a regular schedule
- Exploring the option of air filters in high needed areas
- Currently cleaning all HVAC systems

Communal Spaces



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MALC/MAES Plan

- Playground structures (playground equipment such as slides, monkey bars, climbing areas, etc.) will be cleaned regularly, and student play will be limited to one class at a time on the playground.
- Offering more independent learning games or easily to social distance such as hop-scotch, tic tack toe, individual basketball hoops, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc.
- Play equipment is not aloud from home
- Open play areas are “zoned” for each designated class
- Breakfast will be in the Training Ground (Gym) if space is available with 6ft distancing
- Lunch will be served in the classrooms K-5, 6-12 both gyms with limited student numbers
- Campus signs and ground marking for standing area in communal spaces
- Assigned campus bathrooms to the different age group/cohorts