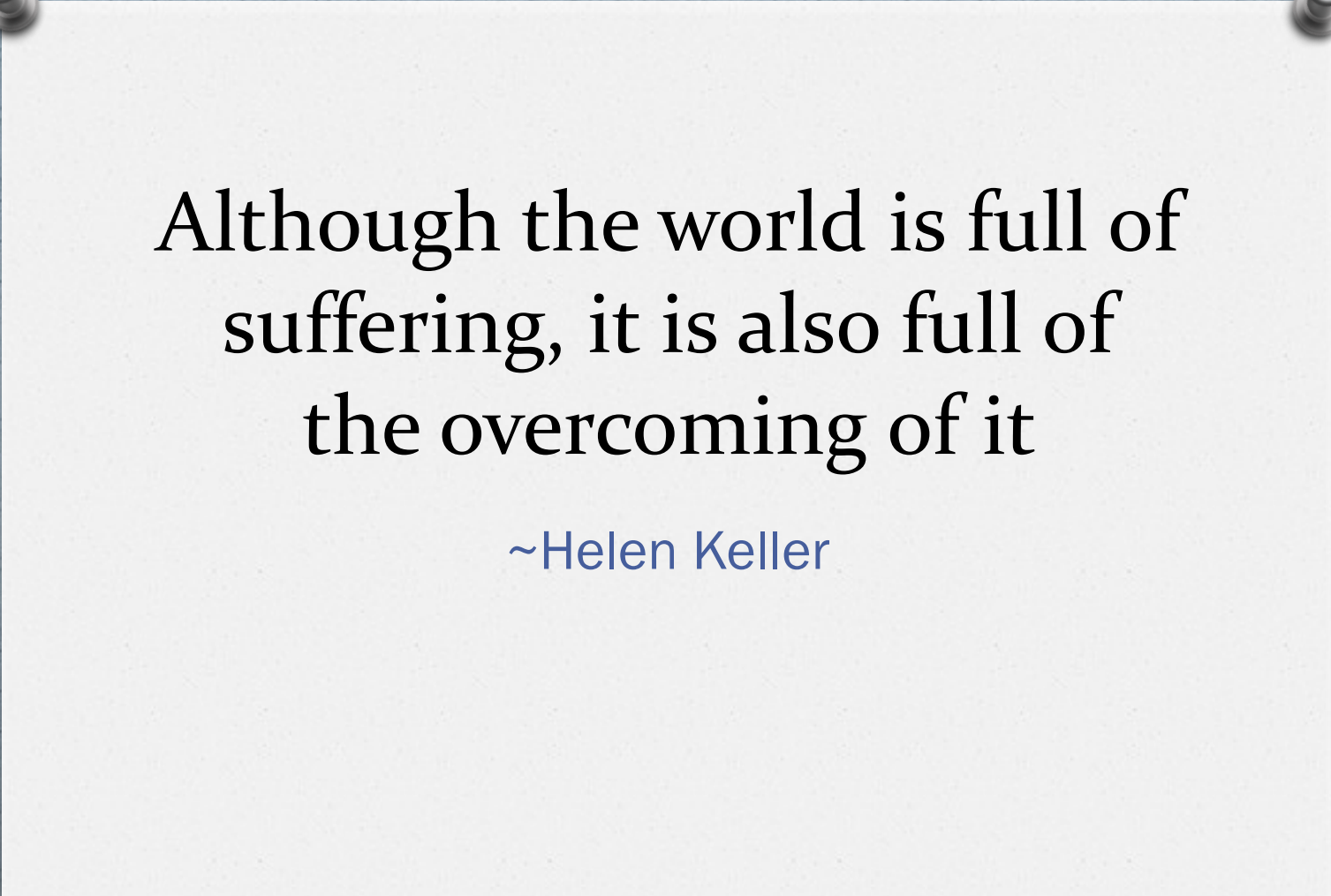




Arkansas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

*2021-2022 Ready for Learning &
Safety Plan for Students and Families*



Although the world is full of
suffering, it is also full of
the overcoming of it

~Helen Keller

We Are All In This Together!

- we can't promise that COVID won't affect your family
- we can promise to do our very best to always put your child's physical, emotional and academic needs first!

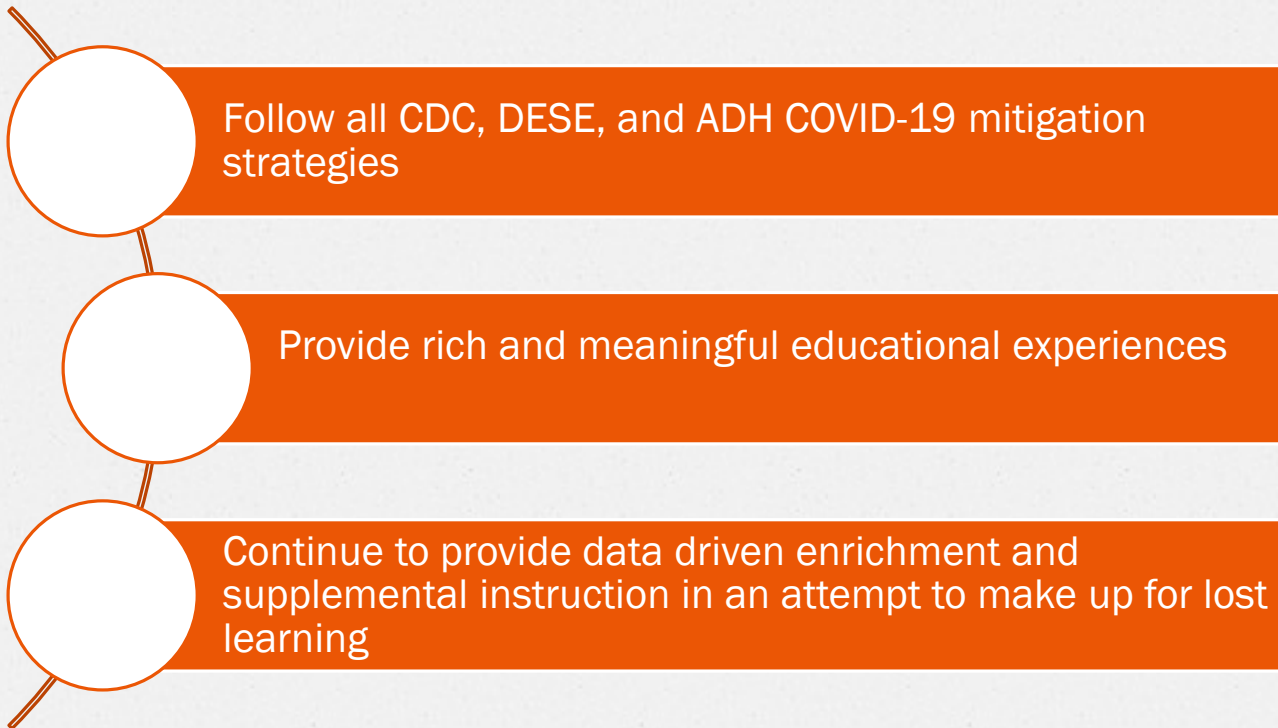
School and Family Partnership is a MUST! We are a team!

- o Communication is key for safety in school!
- o Send children to school who are healthy!
- o Partner with our mental health providers to address all needs of our students!
- o Follow all procedures regarding safe practices at all times!
- o Commitment to excellence in education!

Mask Mandate

- o On behalf of Mr. Caton, Superintendent at the Arkansas School for the Blind. “At tonight’s Board meeting (08/17/2021) the Board approved a mask requirement for the school. This requirement will be effective immediately. The Board will review the mask requirement monthly. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us add another layer of protection in keeping everyone safe on the campus. The school has a supply of masks should someone need one. Thank you.”

Goals for 2021-2022

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- Follow all CDC, DESE, and ADH COVID-19 mitigation strategies
 - Provide rich and meaningful educational experiences
 - Continue to provide data driven enrichment and supplemental instruction in an attempt to make up for lost learning

How we will learn:

Instruction

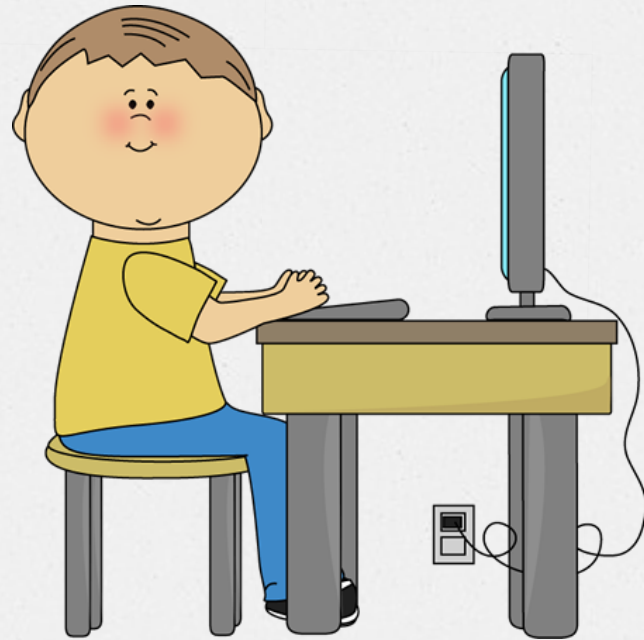
- o Traditional “face to face” teaching on site
- o Traditional approach to providing education
- o Use of technology to support learning
- o Plan to pivot to virtual/distance learning only if mandated by ADE and CDC
- o Student travel patterns are modified
- o Groups of students are entering assigned doors only

Virtual Learning (Only if Mandated)

- o In cases of quarantine, students will remain home to receive instruction. This will only pertain to specific cases.
- o Students and families must be committed to participate at the same rate as their peers
- o Students and families will be given hotspots if needed in order to have access/connection and must be able to navigate zoom, google classroom, etc.
- o Students earn grades and credit the same as the on-campus students
- o All handbook policies apply

A successful learner
is...

- ...self-motivated
- ...an independent learner
- ...very committed to learning
- ...computer literate
- ...strong time management skills
- ...effective communicator



Social Distancing

- All students K-12, staff, and visitors will be mandated to wear masks while indoors. Masks are also mandated on school transportation.
- All K-12 students and staff are mandated to wear masks in class at all times. Students will be distanced at three to six feet within the classroom or as space permits.
- Masks are required outdoors where social distancing cannot be assured.
- All **West Wing** students will enter the North door (across from the shop area) and will go to their assigned area to eat breakfast.
- **Primary building** students will report to the front door of the Primary building and will go to their assigned seat within their home room for breakfast.
- All other students will eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria with distancing between all of the students.

Breakfast

Breakfast areas:

Screenings done in each area:

Upper elementary- Pre-K Café - Mrs. Betty

LC - Leo's Lair- Dexter

7,8,9 – Nikki - Cafeteria south side

10, 11, 12 – Toni - Cafeteria north side

Spillover- Hallway

*Dorm students breakfast time at 7:00. Dorm parents to assist in supervision of breakfast.

Students finished- or students not eating breakfast may go outside to the flag pole or the east side of the cafeteria with Ashley Stenhouse and Clarence Carter until school begins.

Lunch Elementary

**Grab and go for all staff members not assisting students. Encourage eating outside.*

Elementary:

Students will go to their assigned area and tables. Students to go through the lunch line per table. Teachers to ensure social distance.

Pre-K café: West Wing - 11:20

Cafeteria: Primary building and LC 1 - 11:30

Leo's Lair: Upper Elementary - 11:40

Lunch Secondary

Students to go to their assigned area and tables. Students need to go through the lunch line per table. Teachers to ensure social distance.

Leo's Lair - 7th, 8th - Joel C.

Cafeteria South Side:

9th - 1 table - Mrs. Holmes – south side

LC 2 – 2 tables - Christine S.

LC 3 - 2 tables- TJ

Cafeteria North Side:

10th, 11th - 5 tables - Elizabeth and Bobby

Outside/Shults:

12th grade - Sam K.

Spillover - hallways

Safety Precautions

- ❖ Independent travel – use your canes. No sighted guide if at all possible
- ❖ Face coverings & **continual handwashing** throughout the day
- ❖ Environmental Services has a commercial sanitization crew entering the buildings prior to educational staff and student arrival
- ❖ Environmental Services will also be cleaning and sanitizing throughout the day
- ❖ Teachers and paraprofessionals will also be cleaning their immediate areas throughout the day
- ❖ Elementary students will stay in their assigned respective areas for the majority of the day
- ❖ **All day students MUST be picked up prior to 4:00 PM**, day students are not allowed in the dormitories for social distancing and sanitization purposes

Safety Precautions

- ❖ Specific routes will be used for transitions
- ❖ Art, music and therapies will follow guidelines given by administration
- ❖ If therapists must meet with students it will either be in specific locations away from others, in therapy room, or outside when possible
- ❖ Teaching outside will be encouraged if possible
- ❖ During meals students will respect social distancing of at least 6 feet
- ❖ Students and teachers will social distance in classrooms or instructional areas
- ❖ Face coverings will be strongly encouraged – but “mask breaks” will be provided
- ❖ No water fountains, however we have a water re-fill station (or students will be provided bottled water)
- ❖ Restrooms will be monitored and cleaned

Safety Precautions

- ❖ No visitors are allowed in the buildings or dormitories
- ❖ Personal Protective Equipment will be provided for staff and students
- ❖ Everyone will be screened* as they enter the campus
- ❖ Staff will be in constant contact for advisement with our nurses
- ❖ First aid kits will be provided to staff
- ❖ Social distancing will also be enforced as much as possible – even outdoors
- ❖ Extracurricular activities will respect social distancing
- ❖ We are having registration either by appointment or virtually or through a telephone conversation, additionally packets are being mailed out for completion starting July 30, 2021
- ❖ ASBVI will continue to host vaccination clinics for staff, students, and families.

Safety Precautions

- ❖ Arrival time for students is critical – students must report to their assigned location prior to 7:50
- ❖ Any student who is tardy must report to the attendance office window that is connected to the main office
- ❖ Any student who must leave for **any** reason must be checked out through the attendance office.
- ❖ A Parent or their representative must call the main office to enter the building. Parents are required to wear masks at all times. Parents must also be screened. Parents must wait for their student at the attendance office window.
- ❖ The student will then be checked out prior to leaving.

Screening Protocol

- ✓ Staff will screen themselves and will assist screening students
- ✓ Note the following screening stations that will be set up with electronic thermometers and documentation sheets (sheets need to be turned into Nurse Vicki each Friday)
- ✓ Staff must re-screen if you have to leave the campus for any reason
- ✓ Leaving campus is highly discouraged unless medically necessary

Screening at a glance

Procedure

- o Staff will screen themselves immediately upon entry- at the screening station closest to the door they enter
- o Clean the thermometer with the alcohol pads provided; sanitize hands
- o Staff will screen students immediately upon entry
- o Dorm staff must screen their students each morning

Station Locations

- o Front door hallway – main building
- o Learning Center lobby
- o West Wing Kitchen
- o 5th Grade classroom (for 4th, 5th, 6th graders & staff)
- o Teacher's Lounge (for all teachers and staff who work on the second floor of the main building)
- o Primary Building
- o Cafeteria
- o All dormitories

Hand Washing Saves Lives!

- ❖ Everyone will wash hands thoroughly and frequently!
- ❖ It should take at least 20 seconds to wash hands appropriately!
- ❖ Hand sanitizing stations are set up throughout the buildings with alcohol based products!

We can all help to keep each other safe and healthy!



Face Coverings

- ❖ All staff and students are required to wear masks at all times
- ❖ All staff and students Pre-K through 12th grade are required to wear masks as much as possible
- ❖ Masks are required during transitions outside of the classroom
- ❖ Masks are required outside when physical distancing of 6 feet cannot be assured (ex. Recess)

Leo says, “Masks are
COOL”!

We will be protecting each other
and protecting ourselves!



ASBVI COVID 19 Response Action Plan

Limited Response

- Classroom or Grade-Level (Modification is Necessary)
- Superintendent supports P.O.C. (Nurse Vicki) and school staff to communicate with parents of affected students
- Superintendent reports **limited** response modification in *Insights* reporting system
- Superintendent does not have to consult with DESE/ADH; however, the superintendent may wish to talk to the assigned DESE P.O.C.

Moderate Response

- School-Level (Modification is Necessary)
- Superintendent supports P.O.C. (Nurse Vicki) and school staff to communicate with parents of affected students.
- Superintendent determines if AMI plans will be implemented for the school. Superintendent reports **moderate** response modification in *Insights* reporting system.
- Superintendent must consult with DESE/ADH for closures that extend beyond the time needed for contact tracing, securing substitutes, and/or cleaning and disinfecting facilities.

Critical Response

- District-wide (Modification is Necessary)
- Superintendent supports P.O.C. (Nurse Vicki) and school staff to communicate with parents of affected students.
- Superintendent determines if AMI plans/closure will be implemented for the district. Superintendent reports **critical** response modification in *Insights* reporting system.
- Superintendent *must* consult with DESE/ADH for closures that extend beyond the time needed for contact tracing, securing substitutes, and/or cleaning and disinfecting facilities.