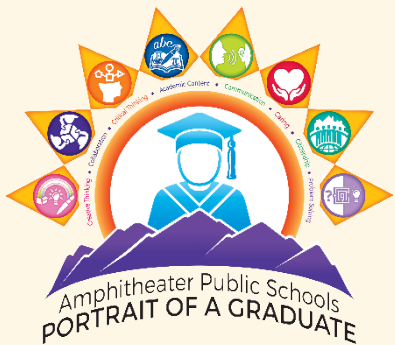




March 23, 2021

Superintendent's Report





From Our Schools



The Amphitheater High School Interact Club spent some of their spring break beautifying their campus with a painting project. Interact Club is a Rotary International program for students aged 12-18 which develops leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.



From Our Schools



Before spring break, Rio Vista Elementary School had a popcorn party, complete with music and dancing, for students who participated in their Read-a-Thon! Those students had already exceeded more than 10,000 minutes of reading since the beginning of March!



From Our Schools



Innovation Academy third graders have been learning about the past through the study of fossils and mining. Students have learned how fossils form, as well as the excavation and identification process.



Information from Public Health



Vaccine Availability

Phase 1		
Need additional phase detail? See all past, current, and future phases.		
1A	1B	1C
Healthcare Worker & Healthcare Support Occupations	Adults 70 and Older	Adults of Any Age with High-Risk Medical Conditions
Emergency Medical Service Workers	Protective Services Occupations	Adults Living in Congregate Settings
Long-Term Care Facility Staff & Residents	Education & Childcare Workers	
In-Home Long-Term Care Recipients (Who qualifies?)	Adults 65 & Older	
	<i>Starting March 12</i> Frontline Essential Workers (Who qualifies?)	
	<i>Starting March 12</i> Adults 55 & Older	
	Adults with High-Risk Conditions in Congregate Settings	

Current eligibility is limited to Phase 1 groups shown in green.

Education workers currently eligible.

Broad expansion tomorrow.

Beginning Wednesday, March 24, registration for vaccination is open to **all Arizona residents, ages 16 and up.**

Register at: podvaccine.azdhs.gov



Pima County Metrics -- As of 3/18

Disease Data

Cases over two consecutive weeks (with complete reporting of cases)

Percent Positivity

COVID-19 like illness

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

Health Care System Availability

Lab Testing Availability and Utilization

Adequate hospital bed capacity to care for 2X the current COVID cases (+ surge) - Statewide

Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

Public Health Tracking and Investigation

Timely case investigation

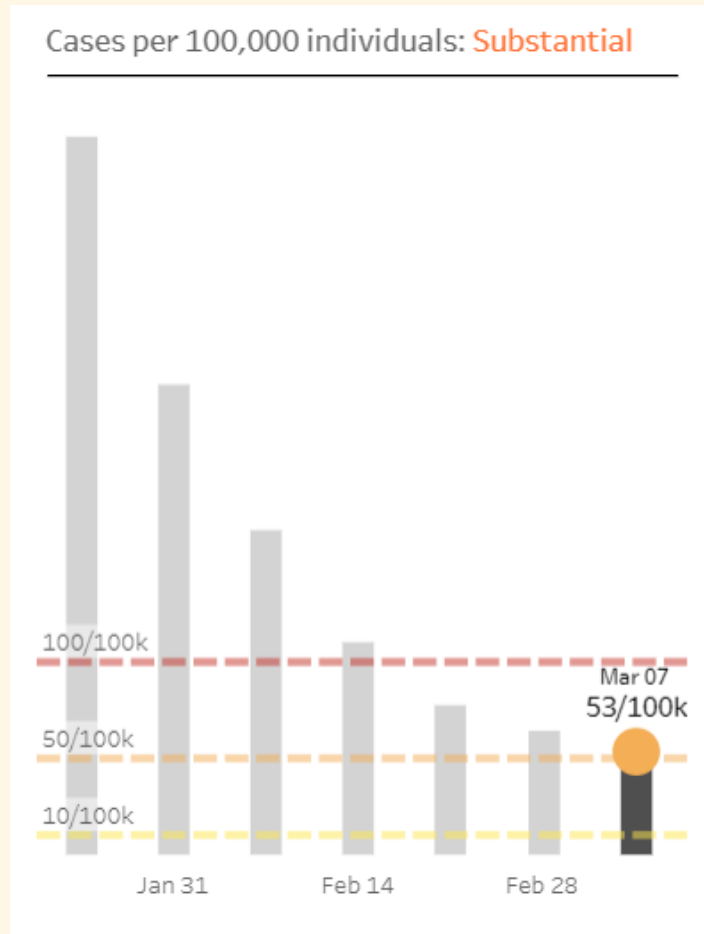
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours

Facilities/support for patients who can't be discharged home - Statewide

Criteria not met	Progress	Criteria met

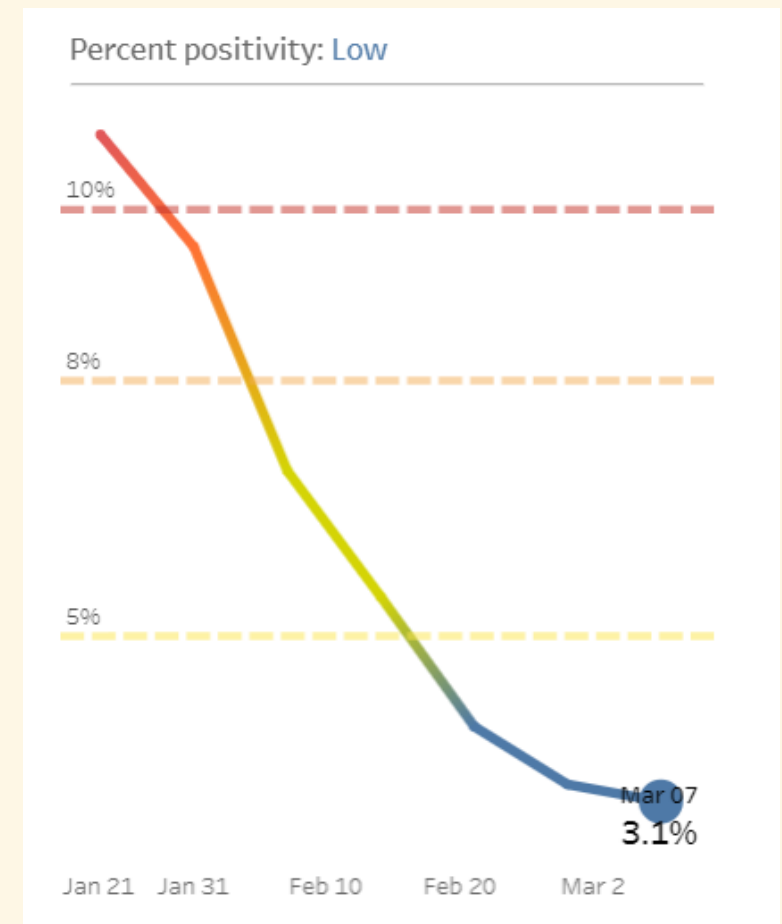


School Guidance – AZDHS For Pima County



For the week of March 7, there was a rate of 53 cases per 100,000 of population in Pima County.

For the week of March 7, there was a COVID test positivity rate of 3.1%





Transmission Category: Substantial Transmission

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days	0 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 99	≥ 100
Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0% - 7.9%	8.0% - 9.9%	≥ 10.0%

↑
Percent of
Positivity
(3.1%)

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Cases per
100 K
(53)



Recommendation – Current Metrics

Recommended Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and K-12 School Learning Modes by Level of Community Transmission

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
<p>Key Mitigation Strategies: Universal and correct use of masks is required; physical distancing of 6 feet or more, to the greatest extent possible¹; handwashing and respiratory etiquette²; cleaning and maintaining health facilities; contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.</p>			
<p>Sports and extracurricular activities: physical distancing of 6 feet or more, to the greatest extent possible³</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities: physical distancing of 6 feet or more</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities: occur only if they can be held outdoors, with physical distancing of 6 feet or more</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities: virtual only</p>
<p>Diagnostic testing⁴: Symptomatic students, teachers, and staff and close contacts referred for diagnostic testing</p>			
<p>K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction</p>		<p>Elementary schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance⁵</p>	
		<p>Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance</p>	<p>Middle and high schools in virtual instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies and have few cases.</p> <p>Schools that are already open for in-person instruction with successfully implemented mitigation strategies can remain open, but only if they continue to strictly implement mitigation strategies and have few cases⁶</p>

Expectation for week of March 29: Moderate Transmission Level (< 50 cases per 100K and <5% positivity on tests)

(Full In-Person Instruction)



New CDC Distancing Guidelines

- Relies on data and studies previously presented at Governing Board meetings
- For elementary schools: at least 3 feet apart in classrooms
 - Assumes universal mask use
 - *Applicable whether community transmission is low, moderate, substantial, or high*
- For middle and high schools: at least 3 feet apart in classrooms
 - Assumes universal mask use
 - *Applicable where transmission is low, moderate, or substantial*



New CDC Distancing Guidelines

- CDC continues to recommend at least 6 feet of distance:
 - Between adults in the school building and between adults and students
 - In common areas, such as school lobbies and auditoriums
 - When masks can't be worn, such as when eating
 - During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band practice, sports, or exercise -- best moved outdoors or to large, well-ventilated spaces whenever possible



Reopening of Our Schools



Reminder Gubernatorial Order 2021-04

- Cites CDC Guidance
- Mandated new transmission metrics (AZDHS)
- Mandated “in-person” learning yesterday in our District (Current “front loaded” hybrid week)
- Low, Moderate, and Substantial Transmission Categories:
 - In-Person Learning mandated for all grades, with option for virtual learning
 - Substantial Transmission: Middle and High Schools may reduce attendance



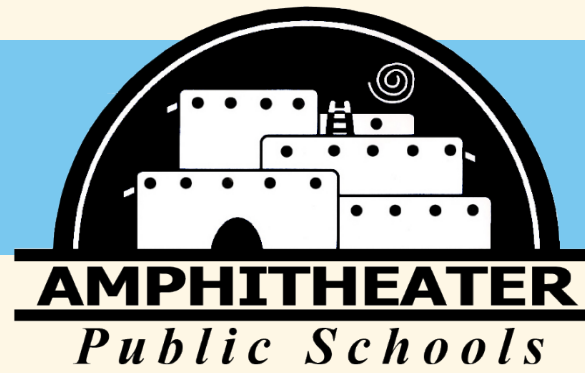
Phased Reopening

- Current Week of March 22: “Front-Loaded” Hybrid Week
 - All students engaged in SeeSaw/Google Classroom learning with teacher guidance on Monday and Tuesday
 - Teachers engaged in additional planning time on Monday and Tuesday
 - In-person classes resume for all students on Wednesday, March 24
- Week of March 29: “Full” In-Person Learning Resumes
 - Layered mitigation protocols to remain in effect until further notice
 - Will coincide with projected moderate transmission status
 - Will coincide with AZDHS recommendation for moderate transmission



Serving All Students – Virtual Alternative

- Distinct from AAO
- Provided to students desiring continued enrollment in home school
- 288 students District wide
- Learning options include: Google Classroom/Seesaw learning platforms; i-Ready; Waterford; Edgenuity; ZOOM Morning/Afternoon Sessions; Concurrent Learning – Full or Partial Day; Listen-In; Paper Learning Support Packets; and Imagine Learning



We are ready for the students we love!

