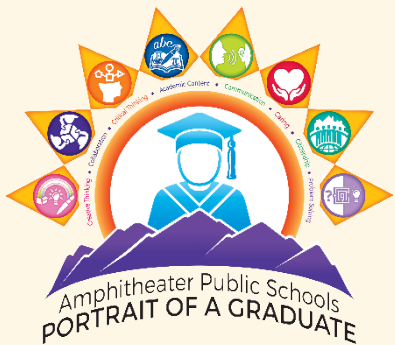




August 10, 2021

Superintendent's Report



First Day of School!



Students across the District had a great first day of the 2021-2022 school year.



First Day of School!



Students at Nash Elementary School were excited to start the school year, along with our new principal there, Dr. Laura Esquibel.



First Day of School!

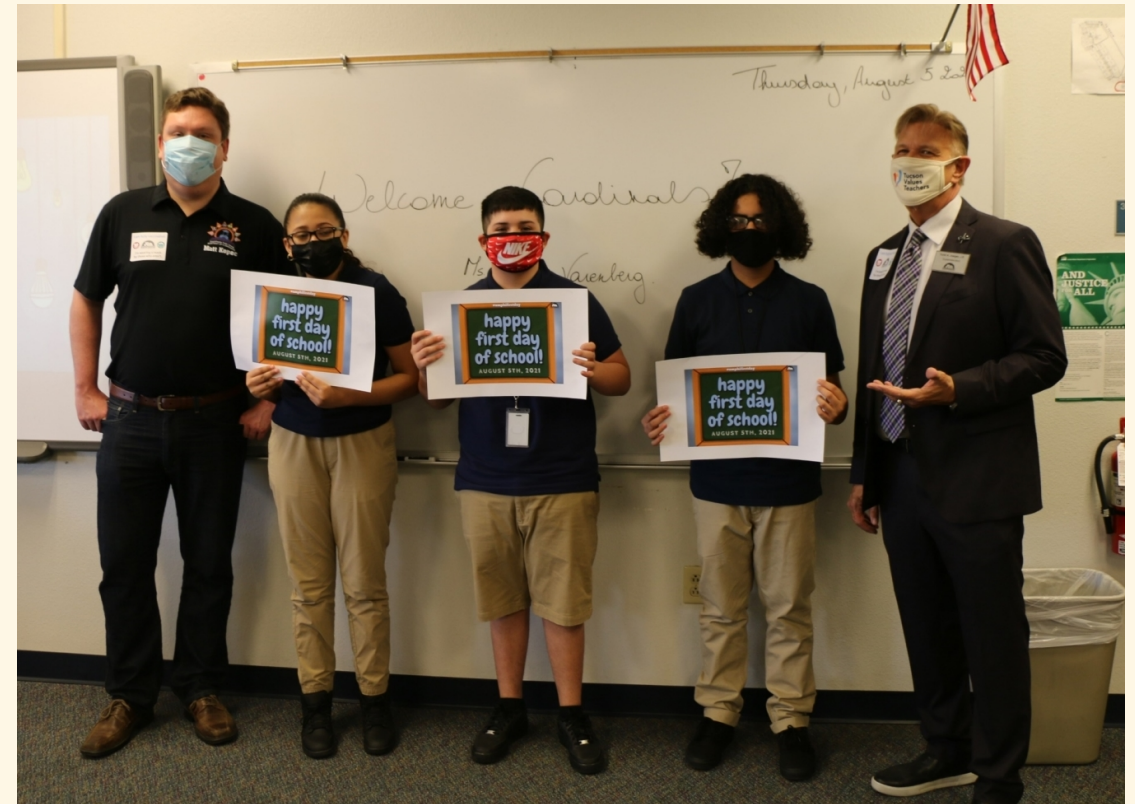


Amphitheater High School students were ready for the new school year, finding their way to their classes and feeling their Panther pride.





First Day of School!



Our visit to La Cima Middle School gave us a chance to visit with new teachers and students.



Start of School Photos



We visited schools on Friday as well. Here are a few pictures from Coronado K-8. We got to see students of all ages at the school and caught up with Principal Elizabeth Jacome.



Start of School Photos



Above, a class at Painted Sky Elementary School gets to know their teacher on the second day of school. Above right, an art class at Copper Creek Elementary School is focused and ready to learn and at right, some of our Copper Creek Hawks enjoy time outside.





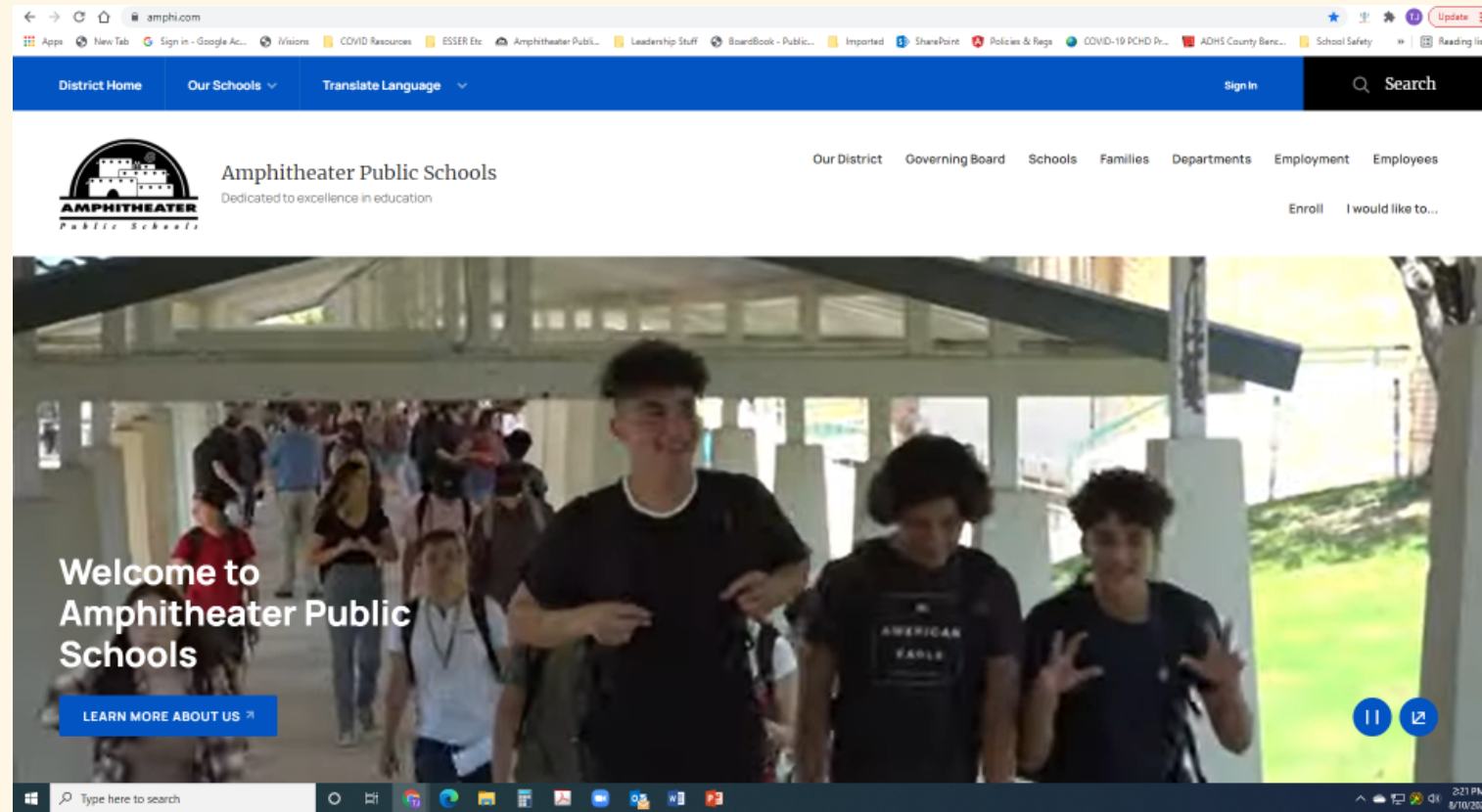
Start of School Photos



Wilson K-8 students celebrate the return to school with their principal, Christy Sullivan, and take part in an activity where they try to put toothpaste back in a tube after it's squirted out. The SEL exercise is meant to show that it's very difficult to take back words once you say them and to emphasize the importance kindness.



Website Video



We also have the following brief video that captures the excitement of our first day.



Learning Rebound Efforts

- 2021 Summer Institute, BOOST Training for New Teachers, and Effective Teaching Conference (Dr. McKinney presentation)
- Professional Development throughout the year has already begun
- Rebound Manual
- Learning Rebound Interventionists – District-wide training, planning and data work next week
- All Team: focus on review of data, leading the rebound and instructional changes, and transgender student rights
- NWEA MAP Testing: begins next week to give us vital, timely benchmarks



Opening of School Data

- Projected Enrollment: 11,898
- Current Enrollment: 12,147
- First week attendance: 11,333 (565 less than projected enrollment) (preliminary)

- COVID Confirmed Case Data as of this morning (8/10) (includes staff and students):
 - Cross 2
 - CDO 8
 - Wilson 2
 - LaCima 2
 - IRHS 1
 - Holaway 3
 - Harelson 2
 - AMS 1
 - Walker 1
 - Coronado 1



Pima County Metrics -- As of 8/6

Disease Data

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

Percent Positivity

COVID-19 like illness

| Criteria not met | Progress | Criteria met |
|------------------|----------|--------------|
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Health Care System Availability

Lab Testing Availability and Utilization

Hospital Bed Capacity

Sufficient Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Emergency Responders

| Criteria not met | Progress | Criteria met |
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Public Health Tracking and Investigation

Timely case investigation

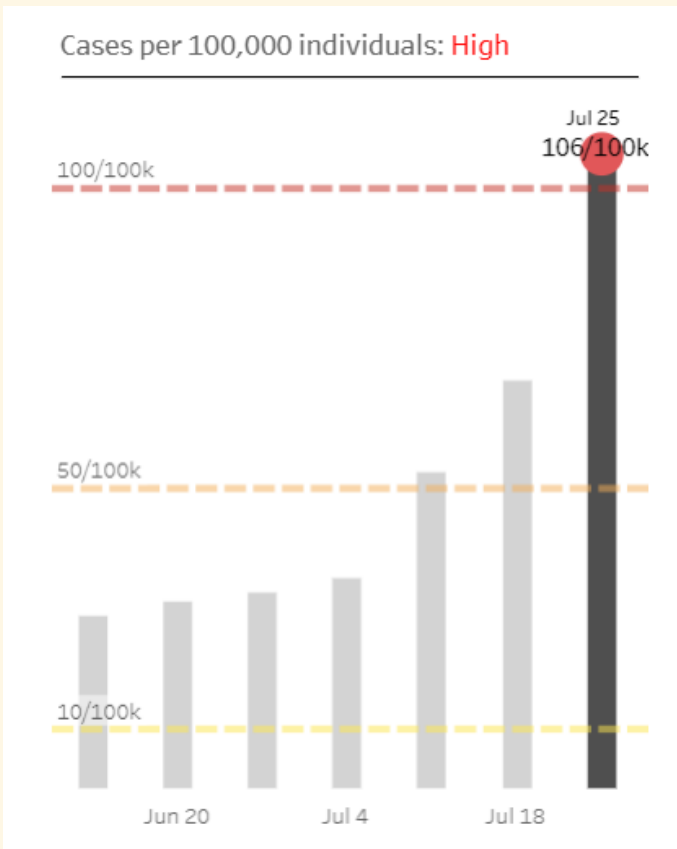
Testing of symptomatic contacts within 48 hours

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

| Criteria not met | Progress | Criteria met |
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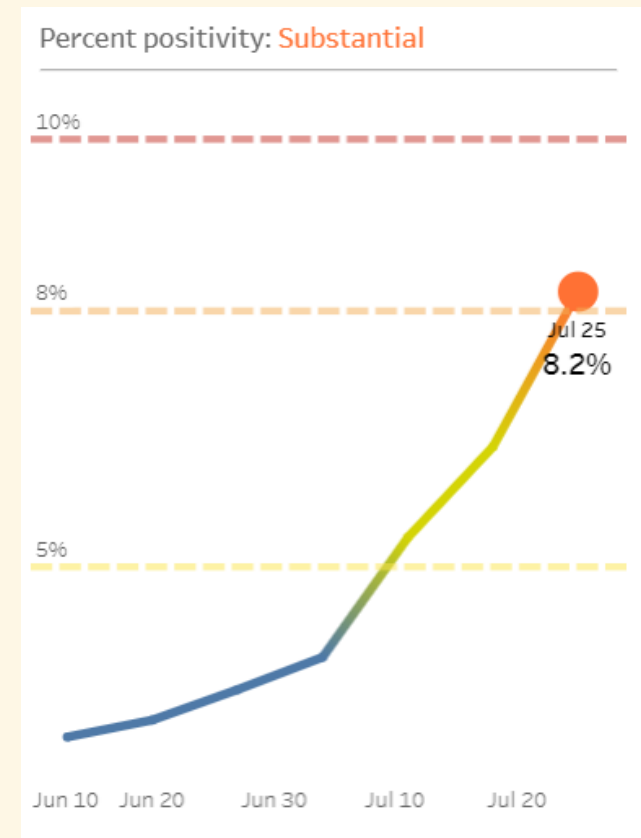


AZDHS Data for Pima County



Week of July 18: 68 cases per 100,000 in Pima County.
 Week of July 11: 53 cases
 Week of July 4: 35 cases

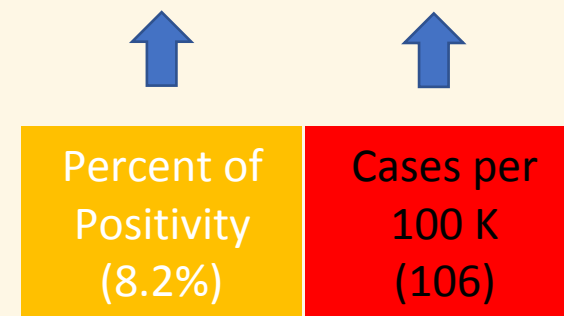
Week of July 18: Test positivity rate = 6.4%.
 Week of July 11: 5.4%
 Week of July 4: 3.9%.





Current Transmission Level: High

| 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% |





Mitigation Measures: Physical Distancing



- Maintain 3 feet of distance between students within classrooms, *combined with indoor mask wearing to reduce transmission*



- *When 3 feet of physical distance can't be maintained, layer other prevention strategies, such as:*



- Staying home when sick with symptoms of infectious illness including COVID-19

- Indoor masking

- Testing



- Grouping students into cohorts

- Improved ventilation



- Handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes

- Regular cleaning to help reduce transmission risk



- A distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students and teachers/staff, and between teachers/staff who are not fully vaccinated

(CDC, 2021)





Mitigation Measures: Masking



- All staff and students 5 years or older should wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regardless of vaccination status. (CDC, July 27, 2021)



- In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.



- It is recommended that people *who are not fully vaccinated* wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.



- SB 1824 (ARS 15-342.05), passed by legislature, created new Arizona law which prohibits school districts from mandated wearing of masks. We will not violate state law.



- ***We do still encourage and ask individuals to wear masks*** when they are in our schools or otherwise indoors and in proximity to those who are unvaccinated.



- We also acknowledge and will respect the legal right of individuals to make their own choices on masking. We will not tolerate bullying or intimidation.





Mitigation Measures: Food and Eating



- There are currently no restrictions on:



- Food preparation (outside of food handling guidelines and safety)
- Cafeteria (hot and cold food)
- Paying for and scanning lunch cards
- Staff eating areas and breakrooms
- Staff pot lucks
- High school lunches



- However, physical distancing – especially when eating – should be observed and is applied in our school cafeterias.



(PCHD, 2021)





Mitigation Measures: COVID-19 Testing



- The use of BINAX rapid result tests in schools has been approved and is available for testing of symptomatic contacts.



- We are examining potential and capacity for implementing pooled testing. This would require active parent consent for participation and would provide greater opportunity for intervention and spread prevention.



- BINAX testing is now an acceptable means of determining negative infection status for return from quarantine after 8 days of exclusion (formerly a period of 14 days) if also without symptoms.



(PCHD, 2021)





Mitigation Measures: Quarantine & Isolation



- Amphitheater is working with PCHD on contact tracing and case investigation for positive cases and close contacts.



- What's a close contact?



- Anyone within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.



- An infected person can spread COVID-19 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or 2 days before the positive specimen collection date) until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation.



- Isolation and quarantine recommendations will be determined by PCHD through contact tracing and case investigation.





Quarantine & Isolation Public Health Order

- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts must remain at home and be excluded from school and extra-curricular activities.
- Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated close contacts who remain asymptomatic may return on or after day seven (7) upon providing documentation of a valid negative COVID-19 test collected on or after day 5 of the quarantine.
- Close contacts who can provide documentation of a completed COVID-19 vaccination series may return to school immediately if asymptomatic.
- Individuals who are vaccinated should test for COVID-19 between day 3 and 5 of their exposure to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, as well as continue to mask.

PIMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SANITARY MEASURE 2021-01



Mitigation Measures: Vaccinations



- Amphitheater is working with PCHD to host and publicize vaccination clinics at our schools – open to the community and eligible students.
- Get vaccinated if you can!
- Per AZDHS:



| People in Pima | |
|---|----------------|
| Total number of people who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine: | 518,693 |
| Percent of people vaccinated: | 49.7% |
| Number of people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19: | 459,341 |



Additional Information on District Website

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Information

[Overview](#)



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[COVID Resources for Parents](#)



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