



ACS Covid-19 School Planning Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to describe the objective measurements used to determine whether Alamance Community School will operate in Plan A (in-person instruction at full capacity), Plan B (hybrid in-person and remote learning at reduced capacity), or Plan C (all remote learning) based on the most recent data-driven metrics.

When determining whether to operate under Plan B (hybrid in-person and remote learning at reduced capacity) or Plan C (all remote learning), Alamance Community School will use data collected from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) Covid-19 County Alert System and its own data metric collection to determine under which instructional model to operate. ACS has not operated in Plan A for the 2020-2021 school year due to the lack of social distancing this plan allows. The ACS Board of Directors, School Administration, and the Health and Safety Committee in conjunction with data provided by the CDC, NCDHHS, DPI and Alamance County Health Department will work toward determining the metrics for the Plan A model. Currently, there is not data to support a Plan A best practices..

The NCDHHS Covid-19 County Alert System is a report updated every other week using metrics informed by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and NC's key metrics to categorize counties into three tiers:

1. Yellow: Significant Community Spread
2. Orange: Substantial Community Spread
3. Red: Critical Community Spread

The Covid-19 County Alert System uses a combination of three metrics: case rate, the percent of tests that are positive, and hospital impact within the county.

The metric considers our small ACS community and uses a green, yellow and red color code system. Green is reflective of full capacity in person instruction, yellow is reflective of reduced capacity hybrid instruction, and red is reflective of full remote instruction. When determining the instructional model, ACS will factor in the regional data and the ACS community data.

To move from Plan B to Plan C, the school must meet two of the three criteria:

1. Alamance County Case Rate: >200/100K (the number of new cases per 100,000 people in 14 days)
2. Alamance County Percent Positivity Rate: Greater Than 7%

3. ACS Current Stated Contacts in Quarantine & Current Symptomatic/Positive Cases Excluded: 3% or higher

To move from Plan C to Plan B, the school must meet two of the three criteria:

1. Alamance County Case Rate: $\leq 200/100K$ (the number of new cases per 100,000 people in 14 days)
2. Alamance County Percent Positivity Rate: $\leq 7\%$
3. ACS Current Stated Contacts in Quarantine & Current Symptomatic/Positive Cases Excluded: Less than 3%