

Anniston City Schools

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



August 20, 2021

Dear Parents,

Anniston City Schools has experienced an increase in the number of students who have either contracted or been exposed to Covid 19 (Delta Variant) in the past few days. Calhoun County is still considered one of the hot spots for heightened levels of the Delta Variant. We are steadfast in our commitment with the safety of our students and staff of Anniston City Schools. This year just as last year has and will present difficult times with the pandemic looming over our heads at a constant. We continuously receive virus updates and information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as constant guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) guidance. We understand that we have parents on both sides of the spectrum who either prefer that we close school and those who want schools to remain open. This is a very difficult process in which no one will be fully satisfied but we will take every precaution necessary to mitigate any issues with Covid in our schools.

We have required that our students and staff wear masks correctly at all times during school and on school buses and we strongly encourage all those ages 12 and older to get vaccinated. However, as we are notified by parents or staff of a positive Covid case or contact, we follow guidelines set forth by the ADPH. We want to be transparent with our community and staff when a child or a staff member has been exposed to the virus, thus sending a letter home and contacting parents and also sending home any students who we deem have been exposed according to CDC and ADPH guidance. We are thankful for the parents and teachers notifying us if they have tested positive so we can be as proactive as possible with the safety of all. Please remember that anywhere a person goes they are exposing themselves to the virus according to the CDC and ADPH.

All students learn better with in- person learning instruction and we are doing our best to meet the academic and emotional needs of our students. We will continue to monitor each and every day and take precautions of how to best serve our students during this pandemic. If you do not receive correspondence or a call from our schools please do not follow hearsay (the school will contact all parents of any changes with attendance due to Covid). Our administrators will notify parents as soon as we receive any information that may affect the safety of our students and staff.

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Parents, please make sure that you are updating the school your child attends if your address, email or phone numbers change. This will also help with getting information to you in a timely manner.

Thanks for your continued support of Anniston City Schools

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hill", written in a cursive style.

Dr. D. Ray Hill
Superintendent