

APSprotects

Student, Staff + Facility Safety

Atlanta Public Schools (APS) is constantly working proactively to keep our students and staff healthy and safe, especially in our COVID-19 environment. Here are just a few of our ongoing health and safety efforts:

AIR



- Invested \$68 million to upgrade our heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Serviced and monitored over 20,000 pieces of HVAC equipment in schools and buildings
- Upgrading HVAC system filters to most efficient version the system can handle
- Increasing pre-occupancy and post-occupancy HVAC run times from two hours to three hours

WATER



- Continuous flushing and disinfecting of water sources in buildings (water fountains, sinks, showers, etc.)
- Proactive testing for Legionella pneumophila
- Use of bottled water and bottle filling stations in schools

BUILDINGS + BUSES



- Use of fogging machines for commercial-grade cleaning/sanitizing of schools and buses
- Twice daily wipe downs and overnight cleaning of high touch common areas
- Use of hand sanitizing stations in common areas and classrooms
- Set building capacity levels at 60% for in-person learning to implement social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Limited use of APS facilities by outside organizations

PEOPLE



- Developed a comprehensive COVID-19 testing strategy
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for students and staff and requiring the use of PPE in schools and buildings
- Additional screening measures and temperature checks upon entry into buildings
- Practicing social distancing and other protocols per CDC guidance
- Limiting class sizes and the number of people in buildings