



Updated March 12, 2020:

School Schedule Altered on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 & 17, 2020

Due to the emerging concerns associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Education and District Administration have adjusted the school schedule for Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17. The schedule for these two days will be a minimal day schedule as outlined below. The purpose of this schedule adjustment is to train teachers for a potential need to provide online learning for students in the event of school closures.

Monday Schedule **A DAY**/ Tuesday Schedule **B Day**

*No Preschool or Kindergarten

**Exceptions to the schedule below will be communicated by individual schools.

School	Start	Normal End	Minimal Day End
High School (incl. Canyon View, Oak Canyon)	7:45	2:15	11:15
Early Elementary	8:00	2:15	11:30
Jr High/Middle	8:15	2:45	12:00
Traditional Elementary (incl. Dan Peterson, Horizon)	9:05	3:30	12:35
Late Elementary	9:15	3:30	12:45
ATEC (East and West)	8:00	2:00	11:30

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to provide student learning under challenging circumstances. We will keep you informed as the situation evolves and conditions change. As always, parents may excuse their child from school for any reason. If you are concerned about your student's safety, please exercise your parental discretion.

Out-of-State Travel

In light of new developments and federal, state and local actions associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Board of Education and District Administration have cancelled all student and employee out-of-state travel for the rest of the school year effective immediately. Currently, in-state travel is still allowed. We will continue to monitor and adjust all travel restrictions as conditions evolve.

Updated March 2, 2020:

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION & GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Through collaboration and coordination with the Utah County Health Department, we are disseminating information about the viral illness, COVID-19 (Coronavirus), that has recently been talked about in the media.

What we have learned is that most of the cases are expected to be mild. Children have not been hit hard by this strain, although they may be carriers of the viral illness. The most vulnerable people are those with compromised immune systems, or who are elderly and not in good health.

We communicate and coordinate our response to COVID-19 based upon the input of the medical experts at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH), Utah County Health Department (UCHD) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) virus, and we are learning more about it every day. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. At this point, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes it. Stopping the spread of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy.

ROLE OF ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS IN RESPONDING TO COVID-19

Alpine School District Schools, working together with local health departments, have an important role in slowing the spread of illnesses to help ensure students and staff have safe and healthy learning environments. Our schools serve students, staff, and visitors throughout fourteen municipalities. All of these people may have close contact in the school setting, on school buses, often sharing spaces, equipment, and supplies.

Alpine School District may:

- Provide alternatives to face-to-face lessons
- Provide devices to be checked out on a case-by-case basis for students who do not have access to a computer at home
- Establish open learning lab sites where needed
- Temporarily cancel extracurricular activities, field trips and large events

COMMUNICATION PLAN

The District website will include information and guidance shared from UDOH, UCHD, and CDC.

- [What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019](#)
- [What to do if you are sick with coronavirus 2019](#)
- [Stop the spread of germs - help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses like COVID-19](#)

School and district-wide absenteeism (among students and staff) will be monitored and reviewed daily.

- Absenteeism above 10% is alerted to Utah County Health Department and put on watch.
- If there is a health concern connected to absenteeism above 15%, an alert from school will be made to our Student Services Department who will contact the Utah County Health Department.
- Large increases of respiratory illness (like the common cold or the “flu” which have symptoms similar to COVID-19) will be evaluated for further action or direction from the Utah County Health Department.

Schools ARE NOT expected to screen students or staff to identify cases of COVID-19. The majority of respiratory illnesses are not COVID-19. If a community (or specifically, a school) has cases of COVID-19, your individual healthcare provider will identify individual cases. UCHD will follow up on next steps including written communications.

Schools will collaborate with UCHD to distribute a parent hot-line phone number for questions and answers.

GUIDANCE TO SCHOOLS

Schools should continue to share information and letters provided by local health officials to communicate timely information to parents.

Schools should post reference signs and posters to help remind the school community, students and employees, strategies for handwashing, personal hygiene and wellness practices.

Schools keep their facility clean by adhering to industry standards for preventing the spread of illness. These standards are kept by employing touchpoint techniques for high traffic areas such as restrooms, door knobs, drinking fountains and computer keyboards.

Schools deep clean to combat specific illnesses by using specialized chemicals and tools, such as electrostatic sprayers, which cover an entire area with a virus and bacteria fighting disinfectant.

Schools may discourage the use of perfect attendance awards and incentives.

Schools encourage parents to take extra precaution and seek a medical evaluation from their healthcare provider if returning from travel to areas where community spread of COVID-19 has been identified.

School administration will immediately report to Student Services if their absenteeism is over 10%.

In cases where a quarantine has been issued, clearance for return to school must be given by the Utah County Health Department Epidemiology staff.

Student Services will confirm clearance to the school administrator and supervisor.

Schools will counsel with District leadership to determine the need to postpone or cancel trips that could expose students and staff to potential community spread of COVID-19.

GUIDANCE TO PARENTS

Take extra precaution and seek a medical evaluation from your healthcare provider if returning from areas where community spread COVID-19 has been identified.

Parents should follow guidance they have received from health officials.

Parents can help by reminding and teaching their children the importance of good personal hygiene and wellness practices.

- The best way to stop the spread of disease is frequent and thorough hand washing (especially after using the restroom and prior to eating meals).

UCHD recommends students stay home when:

- They are not well enough or seem too run down to participate in class.
- Their cold symptoms are accompanied by a fever of 100.5 or higher.
- They have a contagious illness, such as the flu, pinkeye/conjunctivitis (redness, itching, and/or “crusty” drainage from the eye)
- They have vomited within the past 24 hours
- They have experienced diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- They have body rash with itching or fever
- They have active head lice
- They have been diagnosed with a bacterial infection, such as bronchitis or strep throat. In such cases, keep a child home for 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Household cleaners are effective in killing the COVID-19 (CDC)

Additional information and resources are available at [Utah Department of Health](#).

UTAH COUNTY CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION LINE: 800-456-7707

