

We expect to start school on campus and on schedule, including all activities, sports, and events, on Wednesday, August 19, and we are SO excited to see you!

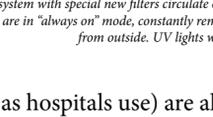
Our detailed plan for returning safely to campus is linked [here](#). Depending upon Utah County's COVID-19 [risk level](#), we will attend in a fully on-campus mode (yellow or green risk level, expected); partially on-campus hybrid-learning mode (if in the orange risk level); or fully online mode (if in the red risk level).

Fully On-Campus (Yellow or Green Risk Level)	Hybrid On-Campus & Online (Orange Risk Level)	Fully Online (Red Risk Level)
<p>PROGRAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -All students on campus, normal or slightly altered daily schedule. -Safety protocols detailed below -K-12 core class sizes capped at 25 (many classes smaller); high school classes/seminars larger than 25 will be held in auditoriums or gyms -All extracurricular programs offered in normal course with safety protocols detailed below -Cameras simulcasting (Swivl) tracking) in classrooms via Zoom for students to follow from home on any day(s) needed/desired -Various AHS Online resources available at home on any day(s) needed/desired. 	<p>PROGRAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Significantly reduced number of students on campus each day, staggered daily schedule to reduce class sizes. -Heightened safety protocols detailed below -School-issued laptops -Students receive highly interactive instruction and teacher coaching whether on-campus or online at home. -Extracurricular programs continue as permitted by local health officials and UHSAA -Cameras simulcasting (Swivl) tracking) in classrooms via Zoom for students at home; -More AHS Online resources available at home on any day(s) needed/desired 	<p>PROGRAM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -American Heritage Online for all FT and PT students (lectures via video with regular online gatherings for classroom instruction, labs, and assignments) -School-issued laptops -Students receive highly interactive online instruction and online coaching by teachers
 <p>25 desks in a typical AHS classroom, spaced 5 feet apart in each direction. The HVAC system with special new filters circulate outside air through multiple ceiling vents that are in "always on" mode, constantly removing inside air and replacing with fresh air from outside. UV lights will also be used in every room.</p>	 <p>12 desks in a typical AHS classroom, spaced 8 feet apart in each direction. This or other similar configurations (less than 20 desks) would be used in an orange risk level. Students would attend in staggered schedules (a.m./p.m. or alternating days). All HVAC and UV light filtering/sanitization protocols continue.</p>	 <p>Desks miles apart, not breathing anyone else's air, but still seeing them online every day!</p>

Hybrid and fully online options are available to all families at any time throughout the year, even in the fully on-campus mode.

We expect the below safety protocols will apply in the **YELLOW risk level with more flexibility in **GREEN** (see detailed [Returning Safely to Campus Plan HERE](#)):**

- In keeping with the Utah Department of Health's July 17 face covering [order](#), which applies to all public and private schools, we currently require face coverings (mask or shield) for all employees, students, and guests. AHS fully complies with all state and local health directives and asks all members of our school community to do the same. There are various exceptions to the July 17 [order](#); you can read more details about specific AHS face-covering requirements and protocols [HERE](#). We intend to create an environment that is safe, comfortable, inviting, and as normal as possible for all of our students, teachers, and guests!

- Classes will be capped at 25 (many classes smaller) and we will seat students 6 or more feet apart whenever possible; otherwise, students will be seated as far apart as reasonably possible;
 
- The school circulates outside air through multiple ceiling vents that will be set to "always on" mode, constantly removing inside air and replacing with fresh air from outside. Special medical grade HEPA filters with a MERV-13 rating (same as hospitals use) are also being installed.
 

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- UV lights will be installed in every room as an added disinfection measure along with increased touch-point cleaning to kill viruses and bacteria on surfaces.
- Seating will be assigned in all classes to support contact tracing if/when necessary;
- Symptom screening and temperature detection will take place at home before students and employees come and also at school when they arrive; touchless thermometers will be made widely available to faculty and staff for regular temperature checking (including verbal symptom screening) during the first hour of the day and prior to extracurricular activity participation (see [UHSAA Return-to-Play Safety Protocols](#), which we will also follow and promote);
- Symptomatic children and employees will be encouraged to stay home from school, and will be sent home as kindly, quietly, and gently as possible (separate health offices for "well" and "sick" children waiting for parents);
 
- Playgrounds and playground equipment will be open for use by students (we will clean them frequently);
- Recess and PE will take place per normal schedule, outside and inside (we may stagger as necessary to reduce group sizes);
 
- Lunch will be together in larger open spaces and facilities, not at desks unless required; it may be outside and inside and staggered to reduce group size;
- Assemblies and gatherings will continue outside and inside with additional safety precautions, also staggered to reduce group sizes if necessary;
- We will increase hand-hygiene and respiratory etiquette and training;
- Shared items will be minimized (including food at lunch);
 
- Hand sanitizer will be made available to faculty and students in each classroom and throughout the building;
- Regular handwashing routines will be instituted (among other safety routines); and
 
- We do not plan to install barriers or shields isolating desks/students from each other.
- We will respond to any reported COVID-19 symptoms or confirmed cases according to the Utah Health Department's "[COVID-19 School Manual](#)," which emphasizes the importance of opening schools for in-person instruction and keeping schools safely open even when confirmed cases exist in the school community."

If Utah County returns to the **ORANGE risk level** are prepared to [carry forward on campus](#) using classes smaller than 20 using variations of our schedule and high quality [flipped-class courses](#), among other innovations, which we are developing and improving this summer in connection with [AHS Essentials](#). Full-time students would receive highly interactive teacher coaching on-campus and online that would create a powerful and inspiring mentored-learning experience.



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Even in the **RED scenario** (all students at home) the experience that you would have with our "American Heritage Online 2.0" will be a whole new level of quality. You'll still receive school-issued laptops that you need, but we recently also received major funding to create new online courses and refine our existing online courses K-12 to provide more self-directed courses ([StudentGO](#)) with live, online coaching relationships between students and teachers, as well as more active learning projects and approaches that will serve students and families much better than what you experienced this spring.



Desks miles apart but still learning, teaching, interacting with each other every day!

Process for developing this plan. American Heritage School's safety and security protocols are guided by its board-level Health & Safety Committee. The committee is comprised of numerous physicians (six medical doctors practicing in various specialties, including pulmonology, internal medicine, and pediatrics), all of whom are parents at the school. The committee also includes law enforcement and emergency response personnel, teachers, administrators, parents, and other experts. The Health & Safety Committee does not make decisions but rather reviews proposals and makes recommendations for the school's Administration and the Board to consider. In developing and refining this plan, we have carefully considered feedback and recommendations from the Health & Safety Committee, reviewed the global and national research on returning safely to schools (American Academy of Pediatrics, Centers for Disease Control, Utah Hospital Association), and considered the Utah State directives for K-12 public schools (Governor's office, USBE, and ASD). Given our faith-oriented mission, we have also carefully reviewed the various communications issued by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

We are sensitive that there are reasonable and differing opinions, even in the medical community, on some of these protocols, and we remain open to feedback and changes based upon information yet to be discovered about COVID-19 and best practices in schools. In the meantime, **our intention is to give our students and employees a sense of safety, normalcy, and comfort, by balancing as carefully as we can the important principles of public health and personal choice.**

We're safer, smarter, and stronger together, with faith in every footstep!