

For Information, Resources, and Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Coronavirus (COVID-19), please see the Anne Arundel County Public Schools website at www.aacps.org/coronavirus.

Considerations regarding mandatory school attendance

Anne Arundel County Public Schools continues to work closely with the [Anne Arundel County Department of Health \(AACDOH\)](#) with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The AACDOH is, in turn, collaborating with the [Maryland Department of Health](#) and receiving guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

Maryland's Compulsory School Attendance

- 1. Regular School Attendance** - Regular School Attendance - Students attend their zoned/home schools, magnet schools, charter or contact schools or private/parochial school.
- 2. Home and Hospital Teaching** - <https://www.aacps.org/homehospital> If a student's doctor has recommended that due to a previously existing medical condition the student cannot attend school, Home and Hospital Teaching may be an appropriate response. Home & Hospital Teaching is a short-term instructional service with specific guidelines for participation and implementation. The Home & Hospital teacher works closely with the school counselors and teachers to ensure continuity in instructional services while the student is out of school. If a student becomes ill and is unable to attend school for four weeks or more, Home & Hospital Teaching can be utilized to enable the student to remain current with classroom content. Home and Hospital Teaching services are provided to Anne Arundel County Public School students who are unable to attend school due to a medical or emotional condition for at least four weeks. Home & Hospital Teaching students are those who: Stay home due to certified physical (medical) or emotional conditions; Are in a therapeutic center/hospital, within Anne Arundel County, convalescing/receiving treatment.
- 3. Home Instruction** - <https://www.aacps.org/homeinstruction> State Requirements for Home Instruction: Parents must notify the local public school system of their decision to home-school each student. Each year, they must notify the school system of their decision to continue or discontinue home schooling. Students must receive regular, thorough instruction from the parent in each of the following subjects: Reading/Language arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education, Health (May be incorporated through science or physical education), Students at the secondary level may substitute alternative electives of choice for art, music, and physical education. Home instruction must be supervised, either by the local public school system or by a private organization approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.