

**Albany High School  
Onsite Science Lab Spring 2021  
Information for Families**

**What?**

Hands-On Science Labs

**Where?**

Albany High School

**Who?**

Students signed up on a survey  
(from science teachers)

**When?**

As scheduled, about once this Semester;  
Science teachers will notify students

**If the student WILL NOT attend onsite science labs:**



There will be no loss of points or penalty.

Offsite students will be provided with a *virtual asynchronous* (not live) *learning activity* that addresses the same content as the lab.

**If the student WILL attend onsite science labs:**

*Labs will be scheduled individually, not offered every day:*

**Come in ONLY on your scheduled lab experience day.**

*The health and safety of our AHS community starts at home:*

**Be sure to complete your Student Health Screener before arriving at school.**

*We will all practice health and safety procedures while in the building ([CDC recommendations](#)).*



*Remember to:*

**Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times.**

**Maintain social distancing - always stay 6 feet away!**

**Wash hands frequently and avoid touching your face.**

**Sign in & out of every visited space for contact tracing.**

**For more information...**

- 1) Ask about the survey given by your student's science teacher.
- 2) Carefully review the attached information (letter and FAQs).
- 3) Reach out to your student's science teacher for more information.
- 4) If needed, reach out to your student's Academy Principal.



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: I'm not comfortable sending my student to the school building; does my student have to attend an onsite science lab?**

A: Students are not required to attend any onsite science labs. An alternative, asynchronous (not live) learning experience will be provided by the teacher. Students who do not attend onsite science labs will not lose points or be penalized in any way.

**Q: Should my student start going to Albany High School for science classes this semester (February through June 2021)?**

A: All science classes will still be held online as usual during this 2020-21 school year; students will attend via Google Meet and access work through Google Classroom. Small groups of students who indicated that they would like to attend in-person labs will be informed by their teacher when an onsite lab is scheduled.

**Q: Will all students get the opportunity to do an onsite science lab?**

A: For February through June 2021 (Semester 2 of the 2020-21 academic year), there is limited time, space, and resources to provide onsite science labs. To maintain health and safety, only very small groups of students will be permitted at AHS for science lab. We will offer in-person labs to as many students as possible; the onsite lab plan prioritizes students who are planning to take a standardized assessment such as a Regents, AP, or IB exam this Spring.

**Q: This is great; where do I sign my student up for onsite labs?**

A: Science teachers are distributing a Google Form survey to their students. Please talk with your student about your family's decision for onsite science lab attendance. The survey collects student responses regarding:

- Current science class information
- Interest in participating in onsite science labs (Yes/Now; Maybe later; Not this semester)
- Check for understanding of health and safety protocols
- Need for workspace (before lab, after lab, or whole-day)

**Q: I'd like my student to attend onsite science labs, but I am concerned about Covid; what health and safety measures are in place?**

A: Our AHS Onsite Lab Plan follows all CDC guidelines for maintaining the health and safety of school faculty, staff, and students, including:

- Pre-entry screener (all onsite students and staff must verify their daily health info pertaining to Covid)
- Temperature check (all onsite students and staff will be screened for elevated temperature)
- Social distancing (small groups of students will maintain 6-foot separation)
- Contact tracing (all participating students and staff will sign into and out of all visited spaces)
- Masks required (all students and staff will wear an appropriate mask that covers the mouth and nose)
- Personal hygiene (frequent hand-washing, hand sanitizer availability)
- Cleaning (all spaces, surfaces, and materials will be thoroughly cleaned between uses)

**Q: How will transportation work?**

A: Students should travel to and from the building during Pod, lunch, Office Hours, or before/after the school day to avoid missing any of their other non-science classes. Students who use a bus pass to get to school and who indicate that they will participate in onsite labs will have their bus access activated prior to the first day of in-person instruction - no action needed. Students with transportation issues should reach out to their Academy Principal at least one week before their onsite lab is scheduled.