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Air purifiers being deployed in all ACPS classrooms to reduce COVID spread

A key element of Alachua County Public Schools’ ongoing fight against the spread of COVID-19 is being deployed in local schools this week.

Beginning today and continuing through Friday, 1700 air purifiers are being delivered to classrooms across the district. The AERAMax Pro 4 units are designed specifically for classroom spaces. They circulate the air 3 to 5 times each hour and remove 99.97% of airborne particulates. That includes COVID and other airborne pathogens and allergens, including dust and pollen.

“These units are an important part of our overall effort to keep students, staff and visitors safe and healthy,” said Superintendent Dr. Carlee Simon. “They will have long-lasting benefits even beyond the COVID pandemic.”

The filters don’t require any special installation; rather they are floor standing machines that just need to be plugged in. All schools are expected to receive their filters by the end of this week.

The district is also exploring other air purifying solutions for larger areas in schools, such as cafeterias and media centers.

The district is spending about \$2.8 million on the purifiers and an additional two years’ worth of carbon and HEPA filters for the units. The funding is coming from federal dollars provided to schools to help address COVID issues.

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Note to media: We are expecting the first deliveries of the classroom purifiers today at 10 a.m. at Wiles Elementary School and Kanapaha Middle School based on what we’ve been told by the delivery company. You are welcome to be outside the school for the delivery and unloading of the units. Due to our no-visitors policy, you will not be able to go inside the school for video/photos. However, we will be happy to provide video/photos of the units being put in place in classrooms upon request.