



Salina Safe Return to Learn 2021-2022

If at any time, the district receives orders or mandates by local, state, or federal officials, the district will comply with those orders or mandates. This information is subject to change.

Introduction

The procedures and protocols contained in this plan are designed to support continued in-person learning at Salina Schools while reducing the potential impact of the COVID-19 virus and remaining in compliance with state law. **Regular adjustments will be made to this plan based on updated information provided by state and local health agencies as well as local factors which may arise after the resumption of school operations.**

Close coordination and communication will be essential in maintaining normal school operations and preserving the health and safety of all SPS stakeholders. We value our families and staff and will continue to operate with as much transparency and candor as possible.

The information presented in this document is shared so that our SPS community can begin school with an understanding of our shared responsibility in keeping our students and staff safe and mitigating the transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and community.

Academics

Elementary- All students will be required to attend in-person learning.

Middle & High School- Students will have the option to attend virtual learning, but must meet the requirements based upon an application process. Students who are enrolled in ANY extra-curricular activities must attend in-person learning.

However, we have some options to parents that will still stay in place:

- Distance learning during a classroom/school shutdown. (COVID or inclement weather)
- Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences and In-Person Conferences
- Virtual IEP/504 meetings

Students will be 1:1 technology. Chromebooks/Tablets will be passed out to students. Hotspots can be checked out with the site office. All technology equipment must be returned at the end of the year.

Students with disabilities will be provided with services based upon their IEP or 504 education plan.

Arrival/Dismissal

Parents will be encouraged to transport their children to school to help us decrease the number of students riding the bus each day. Students will be encouraged to physically distance on buses when possible; however, parents should not expect 6 feet of space between riders on school buses.

7:30-7:50-Students may be dropped off at the cafeteria.

7:50- Students may be dropped off at buildings. (Please do not drop off before 7:50)

8:10- All classes will start at 8:10...**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS ON TIME!**

3:10- Elementary students will be dismissed.

3:20- Middle school and high school students dismissed.

Attendance

Students, teachers, and staff are expected to stay home if they do not feel well and are exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19. Those absences will not interfere with the student's ability to access learning and teachers will work with students in this situation to maintain academic progress.

Cleaning Protocols

For the purpose of this reference sheet, this is an overview of the cleaning procedures for our classrooms and schools. Additional details are maintained and supervised by our maintenance crew.

Throughout the school day, high-touch areas will receive additional attention. This includes doorknobs, handles, door pulls, desks, etc. Classrooms will be equipped with sanitary wipes to be used throughout the day, as needed.

Classrooms and learning areas will be cleaned at the end of the school day. This cleaning process includes:

- Disinfecting desks and surfaces
- Sinks in classrooms and offices cleaned and disinfected
- Traditional daily vacuuming and trash removal
- Daily verification of sanitizing supplies

Restrooms:

- Toilets, sinks, etc. in restrooms cleaned and disinfected
- All stall doors cleaned and disinfected
- Mirrors, soap dispensers, towel dispensers, etc. cleaned
- Floors cleaned and mopped

Buses:

- All buses will be disinfected with electrostatic spraying equipment on a daily basis.

Facilities will be disinfected with electrostatic spraying equipment on a daily basis.

Communication Protocols

We encourage families to stay updated on the status of COVID throughout the district via the following:

1. Visit the SPS Website at <https://www.salina.k12.ok.us> to access our Weekly COVID Update in the News Section.
2. Be alert for frequent text messages.

IT IS IMPORTANT that families confirm mobile phone numbers are up-to-date in Wengage via school site secretaries.

3. Please watch social media pages, email, text messages and phone alerts.

Daily Self-Check List

Parents should review the following checklist for each child in their household. This action is necessary every day before a student can attend school. By sending your child to school, you are telling the Salina Public Schools that the answer to each of these questions is "No."

1. Has your child had a fever of 100 degrees or more at any point in the last 24 hours?
2. Has your child had COVID-19 in the past 10 days or do you think your child has COVID-19 now?
3. Has your child tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days?
4. Has your child been directed to be under quarantine by the health department in the last 10 days?
5. Have you taken a COVID-19 test and are awaiting the results?

Distance Learning

Salina Public Schools will be equipped again this school year with the experience and resources to provide distance learning. Should Covid19 cases force a shift to distance learning, we will utilize SeeSaw and Google classroom. Any move made to go to distance learning for a single class, site, or entire district, will be communicated through our district website and school site Facebook pages.

Exposures & Contact Tracing

Should a school be made aware of a possible COVID-19 exposure in a building, the school administrators will contact trace as was practiced during the 2020-21 school year. The end result of that contact tracing will be a notification to the appropriate parents stating that their student had close contact with an individual who has since tested positive for COVID-19. After receiving this notification from the district, students would not be required to quarantine. We ask that parents who receive such a notification monitor their child's health and contact their family physician, should the child develop symptoms.

Close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet for at least 15 cumulative minutes within a 24- hour period, kissing, hugging, or sharing food or drink with a person with COVID-19 within 48 hours prior to his/her onset of COVID-19 symptoms and/or for 10 days following onset of symptoms.

In regard to communication regarding contact tracing:

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a staff member, parents of students at that school building will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected staff member.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected student.

- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 with a student or staff member within an extracurricular activity, parents will be notified **ONLY** in the event their child has had possible close contact with the affected individual.
- Quarantines will be strongly encouraged for family members living with a positive case if they are not able to isolate from the positive case.

Face Coverings and Masks

Students and staff are welcome to wear a face-covering/mask in school buildings and on school buses if they choose to do so. In compliance with Oklahoma Senate Bill 658, face coverings/masks will not be required without consultation from the Mayes County Health Department and an emergency declaration for Mayes County by the governor.

Fever and Symptoms

The district knows that not every person or child running a fever will have COVID-19. However, any student who should begin running a fever after the start of the school day will not be allowed to remain at school, per the district's policies. Regardless of the reason for a fever, a student must be fever-free, without fever-reducing medication, for a minimum of 24 hours before returning to school.

- Any child or staff member who tests positive or has COVID-19 symptoms may return to school:
 - after 24 hours with no fever (no fever-reducing medication) **AND**
 - improved respiratory symptoms **AND**
 - ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared.
- A child or staff member who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after ten (10) days have passed since the test.

If a parent is unsure about their child's health, we recommend the parent consult their child's physician.

Response to Possible Symptoms - While many children with COVID-19 will present with fever initially, many will not. Other symptoms that may develop initially include the following: chills, cough, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. **PLEASE err on the side of caution.** During the school day, teachers will actively monitor students and refer to the site office if symptoms are present.

Handwashing & Hygiene

Handwashing is one of the best means of protection against infection. Students will be reminded to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing their noses, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating. They will also have access to an alcohol-based hand sanitizer throughout the school building and school transportation when hand-washing opportunities are not readily available.

Frequent hand washing and sanitizing will be accommodated and encouraged. Students will be asked to wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after meals and outdoor play. Classrooms will be equipped with hand hygiene products and additional hand sanitizer stations will be placed throughout the buildings.

Meals

Mealtimes are staggered for students to eat in the cafeteria.

The USDA is allowing all student meals to again be served free of charge during the 2021-2022 school year. All parents are still encouraged to complete and submit a free & reduced lunch application as families may qualify to receive additional benefits.

Physical distancing and hand hygiene practices will be in place before and after mealtimes and common surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected between student groups.

Family members and outside guests will only be allowed to dine in our cafeteria through special occasions approved by the building principal.

Outside food will be allowed.

Physical Distancing

Every effort will be made for physical distancing to the extent possible.

While it will be difficult to maintain distance between the students at school, each site will be devising plans to provide for this precaution in the common areas of hallways, classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, and gyms when necessary.

Return to School After COVID-19

Any child or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 may return to school:

- after 24 hours with no fever (no fever-reducing medication) **AND**
- improved respiratory symptoms **AND**
- ten (10) days since symptoms first appeared.

Additionally, a child or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 but has no symptoms can return to school after ten (10) days have passed since the test. Parents are asked to notify the school if any of the above situations exist. As always, parents are asked to contact the school to report their child's absence.

Special Events

Special events, class parties, field trips, etc... will be allowed with proper approval.

Transportation

Parents should not send their child to the bus if their child fails to meet the Covid19 recommended checklist criteria. Windows will be open as often as possible and spacing will occur to the best of the driver's ability. Temperatures will not be required initially. Seating charts will be followed and contact tracing will occur should a bus rider become positive. The district will **ONLY** contact those bus riders who are determined a close contact to the student on the bus per regular in school guidelines.

Vaccinations

SPS has previously provided off-campus opportunities for all interested staff members to become vaccinated. Moving forward, the district will continue to partner with local health care providers and local tribal health care to provide information for parents, students and staff who wish to become vaccinated.

Visitors

To protect our students, teachers, and staff, we ask that all visitors check-in at your site office. When possible, please call the office and make an appointment before coming to the office. Visitors will be allowed on special occasions per approval of the building principal.

Water Fountains

Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle from home. Each school has numerous bottle-filling stations. Students will not be drinking directly from the water fountains. We recognize that staying hydrated, especially on warm days, is important and we will make certain that occurs.

CONCLUSION

As a district, we are committed to doing all we can to continue to provide a consistent and normal educational experience for our students. The SPS administration team will continue to confer to evaluate current conditions in our schools and adapt our plans as needed. In making these decisions, the advice of medical professionals and local health agencies will be followed wherever feasible. We understand the vital need for consistent communication and will strive to work closely with our employees and families to continue to respond in ways that are in the best interests of all.

Questions regarding daily operations or other Covid19 related topics can be asked through phone or e-mail.

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