

**Saltillo Independent School District**  
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# **Strong Start Saltillo ISD**

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Saltillo ISD looks forward to welcoming students back to school on August 16, 2021. Despite the challenges with COVID-19, our district will continue to provide an excellent education to our students. As the public health crisis continues, we have been planning for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year with a focus on the health, safety and well-being of our staff, students and community.

The Saltillo ISD plan follows recommendations for a safe school opening and safety measures provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Education Agency, and state and local health officials.

The prevention and mitigation practices outlined in this document are designed to reduce the likelihood that a coronavirus outbreak occurs on campus. Some practices are required for all schools, some are required in areas with high levels of community spread, and some are recommendations. Consistently implementing recommendations to the extent feasible is the best way to reduce the potentially negative impact of infection on students' educational experiences. Additionally, the district will apply recommended practices to adults on campus, even when it might not be feasible to do so for students, to more fully protect adult teachers and staff who are generally at greater risk from COVID-19 than students.

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## **Required Actions if Individuals with Test-Confirmed Cases Have Been in a School**

1. If an individual who has been in a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at a school is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school must submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form. The report must be submitted each Monday for the prior seven days(Monday-Sunday).

### **Health and Hygiene Practices: Masks**

1. Per GA-36, school systems cannot require students or staff to wear a mask. GA-36 addresses government-mandated face coverings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Other authority to require protective equipment, including masks, in an employment setting is not necessarily affected by GA-36.
2. School systems must allow individuals to wear a mask if they choose to do so.

**Additionally, as a reference for practices recommended by the CDC**

## **Protocols for Screening Students**

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to a school campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or has a lab-confirmed positive case of COVID-19. Teachers will perform a visual screen of their students each morning. Any student with severe coughing or respiratory issues will be sent to the clinic for further evaluation.

### **Initial Evaluation**

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID19, students will be asked if they have recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit
- A sore throat
- New uncontrolled Cough that causes difficulty in breathing
- New onset of Severe headache
- Diarrhea, vomiting, and abdominal pain

Students who are ill will be sent home.

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## **Morning Student Arrival Locations and Time**

1. School Arrival 7:30-7:50
  - a. Pre-K- 2<sup>nd</sup> – go to the cafeteria and eat breakfast
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Classroom and will eat at 7:55
  - c. 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Library Hallway
  - d. 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> Back Hallway
  - e. 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> English Hallway
2. The school day will be from 7:50 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.
3. Safety Precautions
  - a. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival.
4. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at each entrance and exit. Students and staff are encouraged to sanitize hands prior to entrance and exit.

## **Fall 2021: Instructional Information for Families**

### **FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING**

Students and teachers will attend class in-person, five days a week, with additional safety measures in alignment with state and federal guidelines and recommendations.

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## **Lunch Times**

Breakfast	Lunch
Pre-K- 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:30 - 7:50	Pre-K 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:55 - 11:25
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 7:55 - 8:15	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> 11:40 – 12:10
6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> 8:45 - 9:00	4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 12:10 - 12:40
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 9:40 to 9:55	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 1:00

The following procedures apply to the meal times in the cafeteria:

- Staff will monitor student during breakfast and lunch.
- Cafeteria tables will be cleaned and disinfected between use by each student cohort.
- Hand sanitizer will be available

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## **Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing**

Frequent disinfection and hand sanitization will ensure health and wellness of students and staff. These practices will continue to be modeled and reinforced throughout the school year. Additionally, visual reminders will be posted throughout the campus.

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria, and in all common areas throughout the campus.
- Paper towels will be provided near all doors to use on high-touch areas.
- Staff and students will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands. Hand washing will be built into the schedule for all students in PK-6 including after recess, before eating and following restroom breaks.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant solutions to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects frequently.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible. The district will provide elementary students with individual art supplies.

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## **Cleaning Protocols**

- Medical-grade, CDC-approved disinfectants will be used for deep cleaning campuses on a regular and ongoing basis.
- If a classroom or facility is closed, in addition to deep cleaning the identified classroom, custodial staff will disinfect classrooms, restrooms, athletics and fine arts areas as well as all additional areas throughout the school facility.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will occur nightly in every classroom, restroom, common areas, and on high-touch surfaces utilizing electrostatic disinfectant sprayers.
- Every classroom and office area will have disinfectant in a spray bottle with appropriate cleaning cloths provided for employees and students to use on high-touch areas throughout the school day.
- Restrooms and cafeterias will undergo extensive cleaning each day using electrostatic disinfectant sprayers.
- Where available, windows should be opened to help with ventilation.

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## **Protocols for Common Areas and Meetings**

Common areas include spaces that are used for meetings and collaboration. This includes computer labs, flexible spaces, conference rooms and other meeting rooms.

- All students and staff are recommended to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting common areas.
- There will be procedures for students to sanitize their spaces before and after usage.
- Limiting the sharing of materials/supplies

## **Bus Transportation**

- Saltillo ISD will provide bus transportation for all students who register for transportation services and meet the eligibility requirements for transportation.
- Students should NOT share food, drinks or personal devices.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided on all buses and are to be used by students when entering and exiting the bus.