

Swink School District

In-Person Instruction Procedures & Plan for August 2021

Effective August 2021

Swink School District is committed to maximizing in-person learning in as safe and healthy a way as possible. As we return to Traditional In-Person Instruction, we will monitor guidance and adjust as necessary. We are taking additional precautions, but nothing can completely prevent COVID-19 or any other illnesses or injuries (Flu, Strep, Injury, etc.). We ask for your cooperation and understanding as we move forward with in person learning in an environment that can change rapidly. **EVERYTHING is subject to change!** Our ability to continue with in person learning in a traditional way requires that EVERYONE do their part to follow current guidelines and practices – Parents, Students, Staff, and Community – to the best of their abilities every day!

We are in this together.

Public Health Info – Swink School District, in cooperation with Otero County Health Department (OCHD), prepared the following Plan for Returning to In-Person Instruction for the 2021-22 school year. This plan is based on the most recent guidance from CDPHE and OCHD. The contents were developed in an effort to provide explanations and guidance. As health orders change, the procedures may also change.

August 2021 CDPHE Requirements

- Health Screening BEFORE coming to school or getting on a bus – see specifics below
 - [Home Screening Guidance](#) Do not need to submit a form.
- Respiratory Etiquette – Hand washing, cleaning, disinfecting, etc.
- Isolation for Individuals with a Positive Test result – <https://covid19.colorado.gov/how-to-isolate>
 - Stay away from others until
 - No fever for at least 24 hours without using medicine that reduces fevers AND
 - All other symptoms have improved AND
 - At least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared
- **Masks when accessing Public Transportation (Federal Guideline)**
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html#faq>
 - Masks required for school busses.

CDC July 2021 Recommendations (Not required)

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

August 2021 CDPHE Recommendations (Not Required)

- Vaccinations for those age 12 and older
- Masks/Face Covering when indoors for anyone age 2 or older
 - *Masks are an option for anyone at any time but are not required by the Swink School District*

Quarantine of large groups for Routine Classroom Exposures

- The state recommends counties, schools, and individuals that meet any of the below metrics shift to a transmission control strategy, with quarantine not required for routine classroom exposures.
 - County-wide at least 70% of people aged 12 and older with at least one COVID-19 vaccination OR
 - At least 70% of staff and students 12 and older with at least one COVID-19 vaccination OR
 - County-wide no more than 35 cases per 100,000 population per 7 days OR

- o At least 70% of unvaccinated staff and students participating in weekly testing OR
- o Fully vaccinated (two weeks after last recommended vaccine dose) OR
- o Previously positive in the past 90 days OR
- o Both parties wearing a mask at the time of exposure
- CDPHE's guidance 'could' treat 'high exertion' activities (Band, Choir, PE, Athletics, etc.) differently!
 - o Quarantines of sports teams could potentially be reinstated for non-vaccinated individuals
- **Full Vaccination is the Only 'Guaranteed' Way for Individuals to Avoid Potential Quarantines**
 - o **Vaccination is NOT required for attendance and/or participation!**

NOTE – In the event of increased cases and/or outbreaks, the requirements could change as per Otero County Health Dept!

Home Health Screenings – ***This is our first line of defense. We need you to help us***

- **PARENTS/FAMILIES MUST PROVIDE PRIMARY SCREENING ON A DAILY BASIS**
 - o **BEFORE** sending your student(s) to school, please ensure **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING**:
 - NO FEVER (100+) WITHOUT MEDICATION for at least 24 hours
 - NO OTHER SYMPTOMS exist – Shortness of Breath, Persistent Cough, etc.
 - No recent, non-reported COVID-19 diagnosis
 - No recent contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19
 - No recent individual or family member travel to a “hot spot”
 - o **Students who do not meet EVERY CRITERIA above, should not attend school**
 - Parents MUST contact the office and provide as much info as possible
 - o Students who do meet every criterion above may attend school as usual
- Staff will conduct CURSORY SECONDARY SCREENING when students arrive at school or get on a bus
 - o Students who appears to be ill, display illness symptoms, or is suspected of having a fever:
 - Student will be isolated & symptom checked by staff member(s)
 - Students will be asked to verify Primary Screening criteria
 - Students with fever or other symptoms will be sent home
 - o Parents will be contacted & Student will remain isolated until picked up/released
 - Students without fever or other illness/symptoms will remain at school
 - ANY STAFF MEMBER may refer student(s) who appear ill for additional screening
 - May also refuse admittance onto a bus or into a building!

Traditional In-Person Instruction – Students attend classes on-campus as scheduled on a daily basis

- *No Individual Remote Instruction Options will be available this year!*
- Health, Hygiene, Social Distancing, etc.
 - o Frequent Hand Washing, cough etiquette, cleanliness, etc., will be ENCOURAGED/EXPECTED
 - o Other protocols will follow current OCHD guidelines.
 - o Distancing between students in classrooms.

- **Remote Learning** – *Only in the event of Health Department orders restricting Traditional In-Person Instruction.*
 - Would be School-wide or Large Group ONLY – NO Individual Remote Learning Options
 - Teachers would provide instruction & Students would be expected to participate remotely
 - Students would be responsible for ALL ASSIGNED WORK, ALL DUE DATES, ETC.
 - Additional details would be released as the situation warranted
 - Transportation, Food Service, Extra-Curricular Activities, etc.

Communications

- The district will continue to utilize its normal methods of communication, including, but not limited to:
 - Text Messages
 - School Web Page
 - Elementary Homeroom Teachers and/or Secondary Teachers
- **IT IS VITAL THAT ALL HOUSEHOLD CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP TO DATE!**
 - To Update Address, Phone Numbers, Email Address, etc.

Swink Elementary (K-6) School Specific Procedures

Before Coming to School or Getting on the Bus – Complete the Morning Health Screening. Do not need to submit any forms for screening. (guidelines & procedures above)

- ***Students who do not meet EVERY CRITERIA above, should not attend school***
 - Contact the office by 8:30am if your student will not be in attendance

Beginning of Day/Before School

- Arrival at School – Please do not send students before 7:30 am doors will not be open before then
 - Bus Arrival – north side of the school students will come in the main doors
 - Parent Drop-Off/Walk – Families pull through the south new gym parking lot dropping off students one at a time. Students will enter through the south doors by the multipurpose room.
- K - 4 students will report to their classrooms upon arrival
- 5th/6th students will report to multipurpose room for breakfast upon arrival

End of Day/After School – Normal Protocols

- Bus students will exit the north side of the school and board their bus
- Parent Pick-Up – Families pull through the south new gym parking lot and students are dismissed from the pick-up area individually.

Swink Junior/Senior High School Specific Procedures

Before Coming to School or Getting on the Bus – Complete the Morning Health Screening (procedures above)

- ***Students who do not meet EVERY CRITERIA, should not attend school***
 - Contact the office by 8:30am if your student will not be in attendance

Beginning of Day – Normal Protocols

- Arrival- Students report to their 1st hour upon arrival. Students May not enter the building before 7:30 unless part of the tutoring program.

End of Day – Normal Protocols

Swink School District Will review the return to school plan to respond to new guidance and changing situations. The reentry plan was developed and will be modified as needed based on guidance from: Colorado Department of Education, Center for Disease Controls, Colorado Dept of Public Health, The American Association of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital Colorado, & Otero County Health Dept.

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