

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan



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Dear Wildcat Families and Community Members:

The procedures and protocols outlined within this document are intended to provide Slater School District administration, staff, students and parents with information concerning the continued safe operations to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff as we begin the 2021-2022 school year.

Our school district, like many, have weathered the fall out brought on by the COVID 19 virus during the 2020-2021 school year. It is not without the diligent work and insight by our faculty, staff, and Board of Education that we were able to create and sustain a safe, positive learning environment for our students, staff, and families.

Slater School District believes:

1. The safety and well-being of our students and staff is foremost.
2. A quality education for all students will continue to be provided.
3. It is important to continue our partnership and support of our families.
4. Every decision centered on what is best for our students and staff.

Procedures and protocols outlined within this document are based upon recommendations from federal and state resources and collaboration with the Saline County Health Department, the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and Slater School Board, staff and administration. This guideline is a framework, to be assessed, evaluated and appropriately changed.

The Slater School District will continue to work together with our families and community to update you as we move forward. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your building principal or myself.

Wildcat Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Debbie Gonzalez
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Cleaning/Maintaining Healthy Facilities

*Custodial staff will perform frequent cleaning and disinfecting most touched surfaces including restrooms, drinking fountains, doorknobs, handrails, and common areas. Working with Maintenance to create a disinfecting plan for the buildings.

*Hand sanitizer, hand wipes, and disinfecting solution with paper towels will be in each classroom, each common area, offices, and on each school bus.

*Classrooms cleaned and sanitized daily with cleaning materials used on desks, tables and materials throughout the day by teachers and by students.

*Hand sanitizing stations will be throughout the buildings in hallways

* Classrooms will have scheduled hand washings

*Water Bottles will be available for those students that wish to use them.

Safety and Health

*Masks will be optional for any student/staff member.

*When the student population reaches 10% or higher of positive or quarantined cases, masks will be required by all students for a 2-week period. When numbers drop below 4% after the 2-week period, masks will become optional. Staff members with Vaccination and/or Doctors notes on file at Central Office will have the option to mask.

*Classes will implement assigned seating, keeping records of seating charts to assist with identifying close contacts in the event a member of the school community is diagnosed with COVID-19.

*Students sitting on either side, in front and in back of a positive case as well as anyone who has been in close vicinity during recess, carpet time, etc. will be deemed a close contact.

*Health Education for all students will include:

Hand hygiene; use of hand sanitizer and hand washing routinely throughout the day.

Appropriate cough and sneeze etiquette

Signs and symptoms of COVID-19/respiratory illness including instructions to stay home if exhibiting any such symptoms.

*The addition of ventilation units in lower grade classroom, cafeteria spaces, and community areas to improve air quality.

*Staff will consider outdoor classes where circumstances allow.

*Lunch and recess times to be rescheduled to accommodate a smaller number of students. Staggered lunch in the ECC for P-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students, Cafeteria - 2nd -5th at; Junior High; High School. Sanitization of tables after each shift.

*We will continue to monitor the Saline County COVID 19 Dashboard - <https://allthingsmissouri.org/county-covid-19-dashboards/?l=05000US29195>

*The Slater School District will incorporate the option of Test to Stay for all students/staff - the school nurse will administer and record this data within the Central Office.

*It is the employee's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of medical information regarding staff and students. If employees send students to the office, regarding COVID19 related symptoms or any medically related symptoms, this is not information that the employee should share with individuals. The same is to be said about employees. The district does not promote gossip or discourteous treatment of staff, as stated in staff conduct policy, GBCB. We recognize that tensions will be high, and all positive cases will be communicated and/or addressed at the recommendations of both the CDC and our local health officials. We must remember that during a regular school year, many similar symptoms are related to the standard flu, cold, and allergy seasons that coincide with the COVID-19 pandemic. We should not assume that someone has COVID-19 and discuss symptoms with others. We will leave any diagnosis to our local health authorities and will not establish ourselves as such in the school buildings.

Transportation

The District will implement strategies to reduce risk of transmission on buses:

*Mask use is required on all buses (including school transportation and extracurricular events), per federal guidelines. https://www.Cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/Mask-Order-CDC_GMTF_01-29-21-p.pdf

*Whenever possible, drivers and students should open bus windows to increase circulation of outdoor air, but not it doing so might pose a safety or health risk.

*Buses will have spare masks on board to ensure all students wear masks on school buses.

Accommodations for children with disabilities pertaining to the health and safety policies

*The Slater School District will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies.

The District will provide appropriate accommodation to children with disabilities to maximize the student's health and safety while being cognizant of disability and medical needs.

Technology

*Staff are provided laptops that can be used to continue teaching students in case of a school closing.

*District has increased the amount of Chromebooks allowing each student grades 2nd – 12th access. Devices may be checked out to students in case due to school closing to continue with their education needs.

Communication

The District will continue to use our school social media pages through Facebook, Twitter, and alerts to communicate pertinent changes to the calendar, school closings, etc.

The District will promote public health and safety with the following actions:

*Distribute information to school community member regarding the symptoms of COVID-19.

*Educate students to cover their mouths with a tissue when they sneeze or cough and throw out the tissue immediately, or to sneeze or cough into the bends of their elbows.

*Educate our employees, visitors, and primary caregivers not to come to the school if they have flu symptoms.

Continuity of Services

On August 24, 2021, Slater School District will open for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be a traditional 5-day school week with safety precautions put into place. All students, faculty and staff will be on campus for in person learning.

In case of an interruption of in-person instruction:

*Students will be taught following the curriculum from Slater schools with the use of packets, Google Classroom, ZOOM, online resources and videos.

Burrell Behavior Services will utilize ZOOM/Tele therapy to conduct services during shut downs and quarantines.

Occupational and Physical therapy will continue during shut downs and quarantines using ZOOM and packets.

*Slater School District will provide breakfast/lunch meal pickup for students who sign up for this service:

Pick-up Monday – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 at door #1 for Mon., Tues. Wed. breakfast and lunch

Pick-up Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at door#1 for Thursday and Friday breakfast and lunch.

*Virtual Learning Schedule will be followed during a full school closure:

Elementary (K-5 Grades)

Grade Level	Zoom Meeting Time
Kindergarten	Mon. and Wed. 9:00-10:00 am
1st grade	Mon. and Wed. 9:00-10:00 am
2nd grade	M-Th 10:00-11:00 am
3rd grade	M-Th 11:00-12:00 pm
4th grade	M-Th 10:00-11:00 am
5th grade	M-Th 10:00-11:00 am

JH/HS Schedule

Mondays/Wednesdays - Even Hours

Class Period	Start Time	End Time
2nd Hour	10:00	11:00
4th Hour	1:00	2:00
6th Hour	2:00	3:00

Tuesdays/Thursdays - Odd Hours

Class Period	Start Time	End Time
1st Hour	10:00	11:00
3rd Hour	11:00	12:00
5th Hour	1:00	2:00

7th Hour	2:00	3:00
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Fridays - One-on-One time, Office hours during plan time.

Contact Tracing

*Classes will implement and enforce assigned seating, and keep records of those seating charts to assist with identifying close contacts in the event a member of the school community is diagnosed with COVID-19.

*All athletic equipment and athletic areas cleaned throughout the day and after public use and/or attendance.

Contact tracing will be done in conjunction with the Saline County Health Department.

Screen Testing

*Testing available at the Saline County Health Department

Vaccinations

*Slater School District hosted vaccination clinics sponsored by Fitzgibbon Hospital in the spring of 2021. Slater School District will partner with Fitzgibbon Hospital on further vaccination clinics when asked.

*Vaccinations are available at the Saline County Health Department and Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall, Missouri.