

Salmon River Joint School District

Reopening/Pandemic Plan

Introduction

This document was prepared as a guide and communication to the schools, teachers, staff, students, and parents of Salmon River School District 243 with support and guidance from public health resources to assist school administrators and leadership teams in developing pandemic plans for their respective schools. Stakeholder input was used to develop and revise this document.

As a part of our community, the school district will do its part to provide a safe environment by following this plan so students can learn to the best of their abilities. However, it is important to note that parents, students, and other community members must follow safety guidelines to minimize the spread of Covid-19, as well as other communicable diseases in order for us to continue to teach in our buildings, offer sports events, and hold other school activities.

COVID-19 symptoms start with a fever, followed by a dry cough and, sometimes, shortness of breath. The severity of the disease ranges from flu-like to pneumonia-like, and hospitalization is sometimes necessary.

Teachers and staff are encouraging students to take part in these preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Maintain physical distancing wherever possible.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Monitor your family and student's health daily before sending them to school
- Stay home if you are sick
- Keep students home if they are sick or exhibit symptoms of Covid-19 (fever, cough, runny nose or congestion, headache, fatigue, etc.)
- Communicate with your school if your family has been exposed to Covid-19

Vaccination is a personal choice and we do not plan to offer vaccinations at our buildings.

Purpose of the Plan

The Reentry/Pandemic Plan has been designed as an evolving document. This document will be updated to incorporate the most recent information to assist schools in designing and updating their respective plans. The safety of our students and staff are of the utmost importance. ***In the event of extreme staff***

shortages or student absences we will evaluate a number of eventualities including temporary closure for cleaning and time needed to heal.

Academic Needs: Homebound students' needs will be met on their individualized needs.

Title I Students, Student with disabilities and 504 students:

Students who fall under these categories have additional services with requirements

- ☐ A free and appropriate public education (FAPE) consistent with the need to protect the health and safety of students with disabilities and those individuals providing education, specialized instruction, and related services to these students will be in mind in developing individual plans.
- ☐ Equitable services to low-achieving students as identified by teacher recommendations and/or defined in ESEA section 1115(c) who reside in a participating Title I public school attendance area and attend a non-public school and their teachers
- ☐ In the event that Salmon River School District is in a soft closure, Title I Director and parent will collaborate to create an Individualized Learning Plan ([ILP](#)) for that student to ensure that they meet graduation requirements.
- ☐ Extended absence of services
 - ☐ An individual determination will be of whether and to what extent compensatory services are needed consistent with applicable requirements to make up any skills that may have been lost.
 - ☐ Compensatory education is defined as an appropriate equitable remedy designed to deliver services to a student that should have been received to provide FAPE. The particular form of compensatory education will vary on a case-by-case basis.
- ☐ Service and/or learning plan will be developed for students who fit the criteria of Title I, 504, students with disabilities, medically vulnerable.

Sanitation Plan

- Use of masks and face shields by staff and students. (Optional)
- Sneeze guards/windows may be used in the main office space in each school.
- Mobile hand sanitizer stations in each school.
- Disinfectant wipes available in each classroom.
- Equipment will be sanitized daily or as deemed necessary by staff
- Tables and high use items (tables, chairs, door knobs, etc) will be sanitized at transition times (recess, lunch, end of school day)
- Safe area designated for sick individual to remain until they can vacate the school
- HEPA filters within classrooms
- Room ventilation when possible

Transportation Plan

As we reopen our school, we must consider that many children utilize the school transportation services. From the moment children leave their home and board the school bus, safety and sanitizing considerations need to be met. Our guidance covers recommended cleanings and sanitizing, and procedures to consider for the safety of your students and driver.

- Parents will be encouraged to monitor their children for symptoms before sending them to school
- Buses will be cleaned as deemed necessary
- Students will be provided instruction on bus rules and procedures

Communication Plan

The Salmon River Joint School District is committed to open, honest and ongoing communication with our stakeholders. We understand that maintaining a two-way conversation with stakeholders is essential for building relationships. These relationships are the foundation for a strong school system.

Watch for symptoms

If a student is ill or exhibiting any of the following symptoms, please keep them home and contact the school. We will be depending on parents to monitor their children daily. Students and staff who begin showing symptoms at school will be isolated and sent home.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms.

[Materials for symptoms copied from the CDC.gov](#)

This is a living document subject to change as needed and reviewed no less frequently than every 6 months.