

HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Response Plan

January 5, 2022

All CDC and SNHD guidelines and protocols will be followed as much as deemed appropriate. These guidelines remain fluid and will be amended based upon any change in circumstances or state mandated regulations. The school will consistently remind and communicate to staff, students, and parents the importance of following health and safety guidelines to stop the spread of COVID-19 including social distancing, regular hand sanitizing/washing, and wearing face coverings inside.

Staff, student, and parent safety will be our highest priority.

CAMPUS ACCESS

It will be vitally important that parents are supportive of the measures taken to protect students and staff on campus. Please note the following additional campus access measures:

- Campus will open at 7:30AM and close at 4:00PM.
- Parents will have access to classrooms and school buildings but must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- Volunteers must be fully vaccinated and wear face coverings.
- Campus visitors will be required to wear face coverings regardless of vaccination status.
- Playground and play equipment will be open for use before and after school.
- Library will be open before and after school.
- The Student Store will be open before and after school.

HEALTH SCREENINGS AND REPORTING

Health screening is a critical component of our school health and safety plan. The school has a full time Registered Nurse that will be responsible for responding to all COVID-19 concerns for students and staff. Parents must keep their children home if they do not feel well or have a temperature. Any student or staff member with a detected fever, cough or shortness of breath will be sent home until they are tested for COVID-19 or cleared by a physician.

In the event of a student or staff member being diagnosed with COVID-19 the school will adhere to the following guidelines:

- The person diagnosed with COVID-19 must follow the CDC symptom-based strategy.
- Home isolation for a minimum of five days following a positive test.
- Home isolation can be discontinued on the sixth day if the person is asymptomatic without medication.
- A mask must be worn at all times, indoors or outdoors, for the next five days.
- Arrangements will be made for the person to eat lunch in an isolated area.
- Isolation areas will be available for anyone exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms during school hours.
- SNHD officials, families and staff will be notified immediately of any possible case of COVID-19 while maintaining individual confidentiality.
- The school nurse will inform those affected students or staff who have had close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to follow all SNHD protocols including possible quarantine or testing.
- SNHD officials will be consulted for all necessary protocols.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Social Distancing Strategies

The nature of the school environment and the interaction of children will be a challenge with respect to social distancing. We understand children are certainly going to be social and with that, we hope to maintain as much normalcy as possible. We will continue to both educate and encourage safe distancing practices at school to the best of our ability. To promote a safe and healthy learning environment the school will follow these guidelines:

- All student desks and tables will have protective screening and be spaced as far apart as feasible.
- Grade level cohorts will be maintained and there will be limited mixing between groups indoors.
- Kinderschool cots for naptime will be placed six feet apart or positioned head to toe.
- Middle School lockers will be used.
- After school clubs, sports and student activities will be scheduled.
- Kinderschool Extended Care or After School Program for Elementary or Middle School students will be scheduled.

Face Coverings

To help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus the school will adhere to the use of face coverings for staff and students. All parents, students and staff members are required to wear face coverings inside any buildings regardless of vaccination status.

- All students are required to wear recommended cloth face coverings indoors.
- Students are encouraged to keep an additional face covering in their backpacks.
- Face coverings with vents or filters, as well as polyester single layer non-cloth gaiters, are not allowed.
- Face coverings must be appropriately sized to completely cover the nose and mouth without falling.
- All face coverings must be plain or patterned with no inappropriate pictures or sayings.
- Student face coverings may only be removed briefly in class when seated at a student desk with protective screening for water, snacks, or lunch.
- Student face coverings may be removed during outdoor recess.
- Face coverings will be required for all students on the bus and for any indoor field trips.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Increased Sanitation

The school prides itself on maintaining a clean and immaculate campus. Regular cleaning of desks and all frequently touched surfaces such as tables, sinks, faucets, and countertops will be done nightly with recommended disinfectants. Additional increased sanitation measures include:

- All restrooms will be disinfected nightly.
- The school has outfitted all restrooms with no touch faucets and paper towel dispensers.
- All air filters have been upgraded and units sanitized.
- Classrooms will be regularly sanitized with an Electrostatic Atomizer by cleaning professionals.
- All classroom and common areas are equipped with hand sanitizers.
- Touchless water bottle fillers are located in multiple locations.

Hygiene Practices

Personal hygiene practices will be reinforced and consistently promoted throughout the school day. Staff and students will be encouraged to wash their hands frequently with soap and water rubbing vigorously for at least 20 seconds. Staff and students will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to entry of any school buildings. In addition:

- Students will have the opportunity to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after recess, before lunch and at any time prior to returning to the classroom.
- Students will be directed to regularly use hand sanitizers available in all classrooms and common areas.
- Students in first through eighth grade are also encouraged to have their own personal hand sanitizer.
- Staff will encourage students to avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with their hands.

ADDITIONAL MEASURES

Lunch/Water/Snacks

All elementary and middle school students will eat lunch on a rotating schedule in their classroom, outside on the patio or courtyard and in the multipurpose room in cohort groups. In addition:

- All purchased meals from Better Lunch will be packaged in individual portions and delivered to the classrooms.
- Students will be required to bring their own water bottles or bottled water. Water bottle fillers will be available for student use.
- Elementary students will eat snacks outside during recess.
- Middle School students will eat any snacks in the classroom immediately after any class change.
- The only birthday treats allowed to be distributed at school are individually packaged single serving bagels, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, mini-donuts, or a healthy fruit choice.

Quarantine Accommodations

Should there be a diagnosis of COVID-19 with a student or staff member the school will follow all SNHD protocols for quarantine accommodations and testing. The following accommodations will be provided:

- Parents will be notified immediately, and detailed information provided for those individual students regarding assignments and tests.
- As with any long-term absence only the minimum number of assignments necessary to understand the concepts will be required.
- All assignments will be submitted either online or upon return to school. At that time, arrangements will be made for students to take any necessary modified tests or quizzes.
- Teachers will also provide any special grading accommodations for assignments and tests as deemed necessary.
- If an entire class is required to quarantine, students will receive live, interactive lessons daily. Teachers will also provide daily office hours for questions.