



St. Anne CHSD #302
Safe Return Plan
2021-2022
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St. Anne Community High School District #302 strives to provide a safe and secure learning environment for all students at all times. In order to safely return to full-time in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year the following four areas will be of focus:

1. Health & Safety
2. Caring and Supportive Environment
3. Academic Engagement
4. Transparent Communication

SACHS District #302 will focus on the four areas above throughout the school year. In order to achieve success in these areas, several core goals have been established:

- ★ SACHS #302 agrees and supports the emphasis placed on in-person learning for the full day by the Illinois State Board of Education and the State Superintendent.
- ★ SACHS #302 has developed an aligned safe return plan to CDC, IDPH, and ISBE guidelines.
- ★ The physical and mental health of our students and staff is a priority.
- ★ Intervention and academic support for students who are not yet performing at expected levels is a priority.
- ★ This plan will be reviewed not less than every six months with special consideration to the latest guidance from IDPH, CDC, ISBE, and our community stakeholders.

Steps Already Taken

- ★ SACHS #302 continues to offer and utilize the Binax Now rapid test for students and staff.
- ★ Additional Wireless Hotspots have been made available for student use throughout the district based on need when requested.
- ★ 1:1 Devices are available for use by all students.
- ★ Extra and enhanced cleaning protocols have been in place and will continue.
- ★ Curriculum and supplementary materials have been purchased and implemented to enhance student learning outcomes.
- ★ Additional Social and Emotional support has been provided and continues to be provided.
- ★ SACHS District #302 Board of Education Resolution affirming the CDC and IDPH recommendation of local board control in our ongoing pandemic response.

Focus Area #1: Health & Safety

Masking:

- ★ Upon analysis of local health metrics regarding community spread, the presence of new strains of COVID-19, family input, and our ability to maintain 3-6 feet of social distancing in most instances, a mask will be recommended but not required for all students and staff. **UPDATE 8/17/2021: Per Executive Order 2021-18, masks are to be worn indoors by all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.**
- ★ IDPH and CDC recommend masking for all individuals regardless of vaccination status and SACHS #302 will have masks available to individuals who wish to wear one. **Updated 8/17/2021: See bullet point one above.**
- ★ According to CDC guidance, masks are not required outside.
- ★ Appropriate signage will be displayed upon entry to the facility regarding masking and the recommended protocols.
- ★ Masks are required on all buses by staff and students in accordance with CDC and IDPH guidelines.
- ★ The mask policy is subject to change upon analysis of local transmission and health metrics.
- ★ Additional Safety Protocols:
 - SACHS #302 adheres to CDC & IDPH Guidelines
 - Social Distancing of 3 feet to 6 feet will be adhered to, to the greatest extent possible.
 - Students requesting additional distance within the classroom or communal spaces will be accommodated to the greatest extent possible.
 - Handwashing for at least 20 seconds and hand sanitization is recommended as a best practice by the CDC and strongly encouraged among all staff and students.
 - Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the building.
 - Students and staff members who have symptoms of any infectious disease should stay home.
 - Individuals waiting for test results should stay home
 - Binax Rapid testing will continue to be made available for student and staff use.
 - Contact tracing in combination with quarantine/isolation should be adhered to.

- SACHS #302 will monitor the transmission rate, vaccination coverage, and outbreaks to guide decision-making.
- The use of shared materials will be limited. Shared materials will routinely be cleaned and disinfected.
- Seating charts will be maintained with and shared with building administrators to assist with contact tracing.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitizing protocols implemented in the 2020-2021 school year will be continued.
- SACHS #302 recommends all age-appropriate individuals discuss vaccination with their healthcare providers.
- SACHS #302 will layer additional protective strategies as necessary and appropriate.
- Remote learning will be available for limited reasons in accordance with ISBE guidelines and pursuant to ILCS 5/10-30 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.66.

Focus Area #2: Caring and Supportive Environment

- ★ Family and student mental health services will continue to be made available in conjunction with the Helen Wheeler Center, St. Anne Community Consolidated District #256, and SACHS #302.
- ★ SACHS #302 will continue to work closely with local mental health and community resources to bring awareness to programs and assistance available.
- ★ All students will engage with the Social and Emotional Curriculum and lessons throughout the school year.
- ★ Tier 2 and 3 students will receive more intensive, individualized support.
- ★ SACHS #302 has 1 Licensed School Social Worker, 1 School Psychologist, 1 School Psychologist Intern, 1 School Guidance Counselor, and 1 School Counselor to assist with students.

Focus Area #3: Academic Engagement

- ★ SACHS #302 continues to provide Tier 2 and 3 support to students who are identified as not meeting the expected academic level for the age/grade level.
- ★ Teams of teachers and appropriate personnel will continue to work across all grade levels and content areas to ensure standards are met and to meet the unique academic needs of our students in this situation.
- ★ During the summer of 2021, summer school was offered for the first time. We will continue to offer this program in the summer of 2022.
- ★ Academic Tutoring will continue to be made available during the 2021-2022 school year after school.

Focus Area 4: Transparent Communication

- ★ SACHS #302 is committed to being a partner in the community.
- ★ We will continue to post updates to this plan and future plans on our website.
- ★ Survey information has been utilized to gather input and will continue to be utilized as needed throughout the 2021-2022 school year.
- ★ Parents/guardians will be notified of pertinent information through email, text, and voice calls as appropriate.

Recovery Funding:

- ★ ESSER I - Received in 2020 - to be spent by September 2022
 - Building and Facility preparation for initial reopening and personal protection
 - Enhanced technology for staff and students including hotspots to increase equity.
- ★ ESSER II - Received in 2021 - to be spent by September 2023
 - Continued Building and Facility preparation for continued reopening
 - Continued increased supply of cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for staff and students.
- ★ ARP - ESSER III - Allocated but not yet approved in the district - to be spent by September 2024
 - 20% of funds set aside for academic outcome recovery
 - 2023-2024 Extended School Year (Summer School)
 - After school academic tutoring
 - Funds dedicated to reducing the spread of COVID-19 including improvements to existing HVAC equipment and expansion of HVAC into Gymnasium.
 - Continued SEL support

Conclusion:

As mentioned previously, the St. Anne Community High School District #302 believes that the physical and mental health of our students is a top priority. We believe the Return Plan for 2021-2022 supports the emphasis by the Illinois State Board of Education and State Superintendent to return to in-person instruction. In addition, with following the CDC, IDPH, and ISBE guidelines the SACHS #302 District believes it can achieve the goal of full-day in-person learning in a safe manner for the 2021-2022 school year.