



SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF ELMHURST • OAK BROOK • OAKBROOK TERRACE • VILLA PARK

www.saltcreek48.org

FRANK H. EVANS, ED.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

August 15, 2022

Dear Salt Creek School District 48 Community,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope you and your family had a safe, happy, and healthy summer. District 48 looks forward to the new school year, and we are excited to see our students and staff.

On August 10, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention streamlined its COVID-19 guidance, acknowledging that COVID-19 continues to circulate globally. We have a better understanding of how to resume a sense of normalcy and make a return to pre-pandemic practices, while keeping health and safety as a priority in our schools.

The following information is a summary of District 48's COVID-19 Plan. The plan is subject to change, pending revisions to public health guidance or in response to an outbreak. As of today's date, DuPage County continues to experience a [High Level of Community Transmission](#).

Health Office Staff

The first point of contact regarding school health questions is the Health Office Staff.

- At Salt Creek Primary and Stella May Swartz, the school nurse is Victoria Erickson (verickson@saltcreek48.org), assisted by Liz Gonzalez (lgonzalez@saltcreek48.org).
- At Albright Middle School, the school nurse is Markita Simmons (msimmons@saltcreek48.org).

Masking

- Mask use continues to be optional in our schools. Masks are recommended, but not required, in periods of High Community Transmission. An individual's decision to wear a mask will be respected. Note that students may be asked to wear a mask in the school health offices.

Testing

- District 48 continues to partner with Northshore Clinical Labs to offer diagnostic testing for COVID-19 to individuals who display symptoms of illness. The health office can administer a rapid test, and a PCR test can be requested. In order to be tested on-site at school, an individual *must* be registered and provide consent for testing. You can register your child here: <https://northshoreclinical.jotform.com/222226113445950>.
- District 48 also has a supply of at-home tests available for families. Please contact your school nurse to request an at-home test.
- Families may also request free COVID-19 tests at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

“Teaching Tomorrow’s Leaders”



SALT CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48

SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF ELMHURST • OAK BROOK • OAKBROOK TERRACE • VILLA PARK

www.saltcreek48.org

FRANK H. EVANS, ED.D.
Interim Superintendent of Schools

What to Do if Your Child is Ill

- The current IDPH decision tree can be found here:
https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/covid19/guidance/school/School-decision-tree-guidance_7.27.2022.pdf
- Students who have symptoms of illness should stay home from school. We strongly encourage sick individuals to get tested.
- In all situations, a student's symptoms must have been resolved (i.e. fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, vomiting and diarrhea have been gone for 24 hours, cough is gone, sore throat improved, etc.) prior to returning to school. Your child's medical professional may provide additional guidance regarding your child's return to school.
- Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must stay home for a minimum of five calendar days (Day Zero is the day of symptom onset or test date, if asymptomatic).
 - Students may return on Day 6 if symptoms have resolved, and students must wear a mask at school on Days 6-10.

Remote Learning

- For students who are isolated at home due to a positive COVID-19 test, students can access remote learning during their time away from school. Remote learning will be a combination of synchronous (live-streaming into the classroom) and asynchronous (pre-made, individual, and indirect) instruction.
- Remote learning is not available during any other school absence. Students have the opportunity to make-up missed work due to an excused absence.

Most District 48 procedures (transportation, bussing, athletics, etc.) will return to pre-pandemic practices. We encourage all students and staff to stay up-to-date on vaccinations and all sick individuals to stay home from school/work. COVID-19 vaccines are now recommended for children ages 6 months and older. To find more information on the vaccine, including where you and your child can get vaccinated, visit <https://www.dupagehealth.org/667/COVID-19-Vaccine>. District 48 continues to optimize ventilation and indoor air quality, and maintains a diligent cleaning and disinfection schedule. As always, we encourage good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. Our goal is to keep our students and staff healthy and in school.

Please contact the Health Office, your child's principal, or me if you have questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Sabourin".

Jennifer Sabourin

"Teaching Tomorrow's Leaders"