



Sallisaw Public Schools 2020-2021 Re-Entry Guide

These guidelines may be updated frequently based on the changing and fluid environment of the COVID-19 situation. All updates will be based on current information provided by the Centers for Disease Control, and State and Local Health Agencies.

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to provide expectations and guidance to families for the 2020-2021 school year. This plan may be modified as necessary and this document will be updated.

Academic Plans

Sallisaw Public School officials will continually and closely monitor student and staff health and community transmission rates of Coronavirus throughout the school year. Decisions regarding a change in education schedule will be based on current health data and made with the advice of local health professionals.

Orange and Black Rotation Schedule:

- This schedule may be used at any time when a large number of Covid-19 cases create a need for social distancing.
- Student schedules will rotate so that social distancing may be implemented in classrooms and on school buses. The student body will be split in half- Team Orange and Team Black. Team Orange will attend school on campus and Team Black will participate in class online. The groups will rotate each week.
- Students attending school on campus will attend Monday -Friday (5 Days).
- During alternate weeks, students must log in to Google Classroom, communicate with teachers and submit assignments in order to be considered in attendance. Grades will be taken and students may pass or fail a course or grade depending on participation and performance.

- Students can maintain activity eligibility if attendance and grade requirements are met. Sallisaw Public Schools grading and eligibility policies are in effect.
- Students will have access to school resources, such as a Chromebook and/or hotspot if necessary to participate in Google Classroom at home. The student assumes responsibility for the device and must bring it to class each week and keep it in working order.
- Full meal service will be provided as well as pick up meals.

Distance Learning

- If COVID-19 infections increase and it becomes unsafe or impossible to conduct school in person, students will complete assignments through an online platform only.
- Students will have access to school resources, such as a Chromebook and/or hotspot if necessary to participate in school at home. The student assumes responsibility for the device and must keep it in working order and return it to school at the appropriate time.
- Grades will be taken and students may pass or fail a course or grade depending on participation and performance.
- Students can maintain activity eligibility if attendance and grade requirements are met. Sallisaw Public Schools grading and eligibility policies are in effect
- Students may choose to enroll distance learning individually. These students will participate in online learning, but may be required to come to school for certain assignments. Students are eligible to return to the physical classroom. Re-entry will be handled on a case-by-case basis by building administration. Families may meet with building principals to apply for distance learning.
- Meal services will be offered for all students. Pick up meals will be available for virtual students.

Traditional Classroom

- Traditional in-person learning will resume if COVID-19 infections decrease and if the administration determines it is safe to fully return to school.
- Traditional school calendar will be observed.
- Visitor access to buildings will be limited.
- Students and staff must stay home if exhibiting symptoms of illness.
- Students can maintain activity eligibility if attendance and grade requirements are met.
- Masks are required for staff and students.
- Full meal service provided as usual.

Daily Screening, Sanitizing, Social Distancing and Safe Practices

- Students: It is the parent's responsibility to do the daily screening that will be relied upon by the school district. If a parent sends their child to school, the parent is certifying that they have screened their child that day for Covid symptoms.

Covid can cause these symptoms:

- a fever
 - a cough or sore throat
 - fast breathing, shortness of breath
 - muscle pain or body aches, fatigue
 - headache
 - new loss of taste or smell
 - congestion or runny nose
 - nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
 - chills
 - belly pain
 - a rash
 - red, cracked lips
 - red eyes
 - swelling of the hands or feet
 - joint pain
 - vision problems
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- Staff: It is the staff member's responsibility to do the self-screening each day prior to coming to work. By coming to work the staff member is certifying that he/she has self-screened that day and understands that the school district will rely upon the staff members self-screening.
 - All students' temperatures will be checked daily.
 - Masks will be required for all staff and students. The school will provide 2 cloth masks per student.
 - Students and staff will observe increased hand washing procedures and have access to hand sanitizer.
 - Students are encouraged to drink from personal water bottles. **Do not share.**
 - Staff will increase cleaning of school buildings and buses.
 - Custodial staff will thoroughly clean any room previously occupied by an individual who tested positive for Covid-19.
 - Avoid close contact (less than 6 feet space, greater than 15 minutes).
 - Cover, cough or sneeze in elbow or tissue and follow with hand hygiene.
 - Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. Sing the Black Diamond Song once to ensure 20 seconds have elapsed.

- Avoid large gatherings and stay socially distant from others, even when outside.

At School Procedures

Instruction, Health Protocols and Activities:

Sallisaw Public Schools will conduct all school activities consistent with and informed by applicable health orders, protocols and guidelines. The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) has developed the Oklahoma Covid-19 Alert System, a multitiered risk measurement tool with corresponding color categories that identify the current Covid-19 risk level on a county-by-county basis. These designations, as modified below for purposes of school operations and which, at a minimum, all public schools should conduct activities in accordance with, will be updated weekly each Friday based on updates to the Oklahoma Covid-19 Alert System. Sallisaw Public Schools will use these guidelines to help determine safe procedures and policies for students, staff, and visitors.

The decision to transition to 100% virtual learning will be based on evidence of community spread within the District.

After being sent home:

The student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

- Without Covid-19 testing, the student or staff member must not be present at school for 10 days from symptom onset, but may return on 11th day if symptoms have resolved.
- After a negative covid-19 test, the student or staff member can return to physical school after 3 days of being fever free with no fever reducing medication.
- The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
- The student will be counted as present because distance learning will be provided.

Requirements for all Elementary and Secondary Teachers:

- Maximize classroom space (remove reading nooks, center areas, etc.).
- One directional seating (for all classrooms that don't have round tables).
- Seating charts (required by all teachers for all classes).

Employee Exposure Guidelines

Employees with Covid-like symptoms but NO KNOWN EXPOSURE or close contact to someone with Covid-19:

- Notify the site principal of status
- Employees with a fever should stay at home until they are free of fever (100°) and no signs of a fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Employees with Covid-like symptoms and NO fever may come to work and must wear a mask.
- Documentation kept by administrator or designee including employee name, date, symptoms.

Employees with known exposure to Covid-19:

Notify building Principal and Superintendent Paul R. Wood IMMEDIATELY

- Definition of Covid-19 exposure.

****** Individuals in close contact with an affected person. Close contact includes :

- Living in the same household as a person with Covid-19
- Caring for a person with Covid-19
- For Covid-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

- Employee has been near but NOT in close contact with a confirmed Covid-19 case, there is a low risk of infection and employee may continue to go to work and school but should monitor health for 14 days. Wearing a mask is required.
- Employees in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of Covid-19:

******Contact your physician and do not come to work

******Employees may return to work after:

Quarantine for 14 days or after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness.

Physician releases employee to return to work.

******Monitor your health for fever, cough and shortness of breath during the 14 days.

Employees returning to work if confirmed to have covid-19:

If an employee has previously tested positive for Covid-19, they can discontinue home isolation and return to work under the following conditions:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery-defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND,
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved) AND,
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND,
- The employee has received a negative test result from a health care provider or the Health Department.

Bus Transportation

- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized daily.
- Maximize air flow when weather permits.
- Seating chart required. (students will be seated as far apart as possible).
- Masks required..

Assemblies

- There will be no assemblies
- There will be no Facility Use Requests granted at this time.
- Classroom parties are suspended for the 2020-2021 school year.

Visitor Guidelines

- Visitor access to school buildings will be limited. One parent/family will be allowed in the office at a time. Parents are encouraged to call the office of their child's school before coming.
- School staff will be on hand at the entrance of the Elementary Building and early Childhood Center to walk young students into classrooms daily.
- Parents/Guardians may make appointments to see teachers when students are not present.
- Masks are required at Sallisaw Public Schools at all times for visitors during the school day.
- Parents/Guardians must sign the child out to pick them up.
- No outside meals will be delivered during the school day.