

# parents:

We are thrilled to reopen our buildings and welcome your students back!

We are all navigating new territory, and hope to be successful in protecting the physical health of our students, while providing the educational opportunities they deserve.

We hope you'll feel empowered and confident in taking an active role in this collaborative effort.



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Report any concerns to your child's school administrator

Your child's school will be sending correspondence with guidelines specific to your child's school. Please review the specific information carefully and speak with the school administrator if you have any questions or concerns

\*Attendance incentive programs will be suspended for all students until further notice

Please remember to take your child's temperature daily; do not send him/her to school if they are displaying any symptoms.

**CDC lists the following basic symptoms to look for:**

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

Be positive and proactive in your conversations with your student about health practices

**Change is inevitable.  
Mindset is everything.**

Throughout this information packet you will see reference to the term  
"Face Covering"

With the Governor's current mandate of requiring face coverings for Staff and Students, we recognize the varying concerns about how children and staff will navigate this requirement.

Please see the information below on the District-provided option for staff and students.



- Students will be issued for personal use a minimum of two (2) neck gaiters/buffs
- Fabric has plenty of stretch, is breathable and washable
- Disposable masks will also be on hand, if necessary
- State Health Department has inspected the product and has determined it met the necessary criteria
- Students and Staff can provide their own face coverings if they wish



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- Design allows for ease of use for all ages, with minimal adjusting and sizing issues
- Slippage to eyes and tension on ears are alleviated

- When face covering is not in use, it can rest comfortably below student's chin and quickly be accessed when asked
- Students can wear the mask all day, pull up when necessary, and rest when not necessary, all while never fully removing the item



# What precautions are in place to keep students safe in the classroom environment?



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## Steps to Minimize Risk in the Classroom:

- Students will not share classroom supplies
- Training regarding COVID-19 precautions will be provided to staff, teachers and students
- 1:1 technology devices will be assigned to students
- Students and Teachers will be kept with the same group to the greatest extent possible

## Physical Distancing Measures:

- Social Distancing will be encouraged in all possible cases
- Space between desks will be maximized
- Unnecessary furniture and surfaces will be removed



## Respiratory Hygiene Precautions:

- **Face coverings** will be provided and used when social distancing is not feasible
- Students will face forward for better teacher monitoring
- Classroom doors and windows will remain open when feasible, for added circulation

## In the case of a confirmed COVID-19 case or a potential breakout,

communication will happen between the San Juan Health Department and/or the Navajo Nation Health Department and the school/district administration.

School/district administration will comply with all directions from the local health departments. Parents and students will be notified and/or quarantined as directed.

## Physical Hygiene Precautions:

- Desks and classroom supplies will be sanitized daily
- Hand Sanitizer within CDC regulations will be provided, as well as increased hand washing practice
- **Face coverings will be required and provided for staff and students. Students can provide their own if they wish**
- Water bottles will be provided to each student and can be refilled at water fountains or at home



# What about unique courses with Higher Risk?



- The School District will work with the local health department to review mitigation strategies for PE, Choir, Art, Band, and CTE
- Live performances will follow UHSAA Guidelines
- Contact sports will be limited, and additional time will be given for sanitizing pre/post physical courses
- **Face coverings** will be provided and worn as deemed appropriate
- Choir and band classes will be moved to larger/open area with increased spacing and airflow.
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented for common equipment
- Additional considerations will be implemented as needed



## Will Student Services be available?

### SPED and related services, School Counseling, Speech Language Pathologist, etc.:

- Student interactions will be carefully tracked for contact tracing purposes
- Social distancing will be encouraged
- Itinerant staff will work in consistent, designated locations in the building
- Individualized transportation plans will be developed for high-risk students



- Plexiglass barriers will be provided as needed and as determined appropriate by the SPED director
- **Face coverings** will be provided
- Instruction and services may be adapted to accommodate individual student needs
- Enhanced PPE will be provided as needed
- Hand sanitizer will be provided
- Enhanced cleaning protocols will be implemented



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# How will the schools address...



## TRANSITIONS:

- When possible, schools and grades will stagger and/or limit transitions between classrooms and potentially alternate schedules to limit number of students in hallways
- Traffic lanes and distancing markings will be placed on the floors where appropriate
- Extra cleaning attention will be done in high traffic areas following transitions
- Students and staff will be required to wear **face coverings** during transition periods



## RESTROOMS:

- Grades will be assigned specific restrooms for use, to eliminate unnecessary traffic
- Students and staff will be trained on proper restroom protocols, including: limiting number of students allowed in restrooms and protocols on required **face covering** use
- Bathrooms will have increased cleaning and monitoring, as well as increased cleaning supplies, and hygiene signage for reminders
- Where needed, stalls/urinals may be blocked off for distancing and limiting traffic

# Tell me about my student(s) Recess and Lunchtime safety measures...

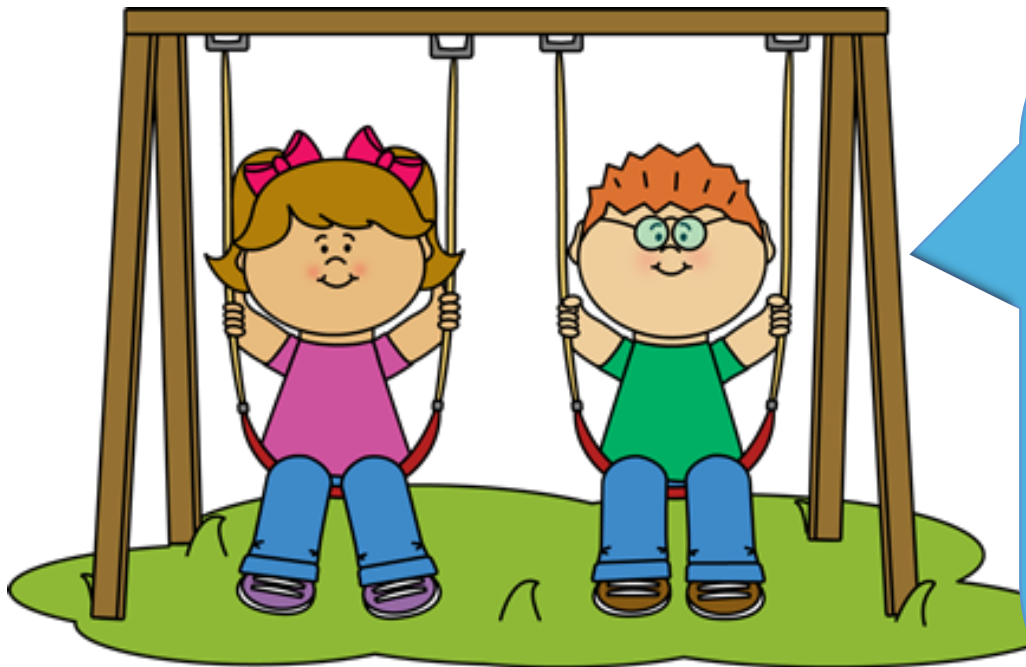
## LUNCHTIME:

- Seating charts will be recorded, along with assigned seating at lunch tables
- Lunch schedules will be adjusted as needed
- Marked spacing for seating, lines, and traffic flow
- Use outdoor eating areas as much as possible
- Self-service for utensils, beverages, etc. will be adjusted
- Increased student hand hygiene and washing supplies provided for students on site
- Students and staff will utilize face coverings when appropriate



## RECESS, MITIGATING RISK:

- Alternate recess, playground time, and use of outdoor spaces
- Work with local health department to review mitigation strategies for recess & playgrounds
- Limit recess area to 100 students or less, depending on school size
- Establish recess schedule to accommodate appropriate sized groups



## RECESS, RESPIRATORY/PHYSICAL HYGIENE:

- At recess, face coverings will be optional
- Monitor social distancing
- Enhanced cleaning protocols for playground/gym equipment
- Increased student hand hygiene



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# How will building Entrances & Exits be managed?

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• **EXIT** → •

## STEPS TO MINIMIZE OUT-BREAK PROBABILITY:

- Multiple entrances will be designated for drop-off & pickup, each school will have specific flow plans
- Protocols and expectations will be communicated with families, including signage and floor markings
- Non-students and passengers will be asked to stay in vehicles

## PHYSICAL DISTANCING & HYGIENE:

- **Face coverings** for staff and students will be required when entering the building
- Hand sanitizer stations will be present at entry/exit locations
- Floor markings and signage will be present

## SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS & GUESTS:

While volunteers and guests have always been vital and a highlight to our students; we appreciate and value these contributions.

However, in order to minimize non-essential foot traffic in our hallways and exposure to our students, we have determined that no visitors or volunteers will be allowed in our buildings until further notice.

As a general rule, full time employees and students **will** be allowed in our buildings, **all others** must stop at the office.



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# What types of precautions are planned for student transportation?



## PRECAUTIONS:

- All bussed individuals will have assigned seats
- Whenever possible, students will be grouped by household
- Students who are participating in field trips or extracurricular activities may undergo temperature checks
- All busses will be sanitized after each use



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## PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

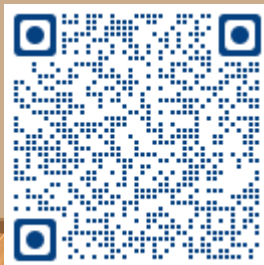
- Physical distancing will be marked and maximized whenever possible

## HYGIENE:

- Face coverings will be required and provided for all students and staff
- Individualized transportation plans will be developed for high-risk students
- PPE will be provided for bus drivers and aides
- Hand sanitizer will be available on each bus



# What about Large Group Gatherings (assemblies, performances, etc.)?



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## **STEPS TO MINIMIZE OUTBREAK PROBABILITY:**

- All in-person student body gatherings and assemblies will be suspended until further notice; broadcasts may be provided
- All community events and parent meetings may be provided virtually
- SJSD will follow all UHSAA guidelines for all UHSSA sponsored activities/sports
- Staff meetings and other similar meetings should be conducted virtually, or in large areas where social distancing can be practiced
- When face to face meetings are necessary, **face coverings** will be required and provided