

Sangre de Cristo School District RE-22J Plan 2020-21 School Year

Sangre de Cristo School District will reopen for student attendance on August 24, 2020. Our plan to reopen is in line with other districts in our area and most of the state of Colorado. Our plan will be submitted to the Alamosa County Public Health Office for approval. Student extracurricular activities including athletics have begun a summer schedule with safety plans approved by administration. We are expectant that our plans and procedures will allow our students and staff to return safely and receive the education they deserve.

In the plan you will see the safety plans we have in place for our school and students events, as well as what we have in place in case a student becomes ill or lives in a household with an infected person and needs to have an extended absence. We pride ourselves in already having a variety of educational options for our students at Sangre de Cristo Schools and that does not change in this season. We are sure that we can work with students and families to provide a solution for whatever you are facing. As with all great plans, this plan is subject to change without notice and as governing agents provide the latest and greatest of information in times of growth and this pandemic environment of change. We welcome your feedback and questions.

Sangre de Cristo Schools meets the Colorado Department of Education's Checklist for Reopening School

- Require sick students to stay home
- Physical distancing
- Ventilation
- Face coverings
- Cohorting
- Healthy environments such as separate entrances, staggered times, frequent cleaning, physical barriers

Sangre de Cristo School Custodial Staff takes pride in the care and cleanliness of our facilities. In this plan, we will be focused on disinfecting daily with disinfecting foggers in each area following all CDC guidelines.

We Strongly Encourage Students, Staff and Visitors to:

COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH A FACE COVER WHEN AROUND OTHERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE

- It is possible to spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- If you do not feel well (even if you do not have a fever) please do not come to school.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn during strenuous exercise such as during PE or athletic practices.
- Students and staff MUST wear face coverings when riding on buses and suburbans. In the event face coverings are encouraged but not required, face coverings will be required on buses each day.
- Children 10 years old and under are encouraged, but not required to wear a face covering.
- Face coverings are required by all students, staff, and visitors entering the building that are 11 years old and above.

All Students, Staff and Visitors Should...

Wash Your Hands Often

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Cover Coughs and Sneezes

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.
- Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Monitor Your Health

- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19. Use the CDC Self Checker to help you. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/schools-childcare/Daily-Home-Screening-for-Students-Checklist-ACTIVE-rev5A.pdf>
- Take your temperature daily.
- Don't take your temperature within 30 minutes of exercising or after taking medications that could lower your temperature, like Acetaminophen.

Clean and Disinfect Regularly

- In addition to daily cleaning and disinfecting from custodial staff, everyone should clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces regularly. This includes desk, tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, phones, keyboards, faucets, and sinks.
- If surfaces are dirty, clean them. Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- Disinfecting solution and towels will be in every classroom, office, and common areas. Both students and staff should take precautions to wipe their areas down after use. Towels and rags will be washed daily.

Daily Check-In Process for Students

Changes to the District Plan are due to CDC and CDPHE recommendations

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html>

- Please screen your student daily before sending them to school.
- Do not send them if they have a fever of 100.4° or higher.
- The symptom list is posted on the doors of the school – do not enter if you have any of these symptoms:
 - Do you have a cough?
 - Do you have a sore throat?
 - Are you having shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
 - Are you experiencing a loss of taste or smell?
 - Do you have the chills?
 - Have you been exposed to someone with COVID or COVID symptoms?
 - Do you have muscle aches?
- Face coverings will be **required** on buses each day for **everyone** until the student arrives on campus and completes the check-in procedure.
- Students must be picked up at the release of school each day. No one may stay after school unless they are with their athletic team and coaching staff.

Daily Check-In Process for Visitors

- The symptom checklist is posted on the doors to the building. Do not enter if positive for any listed COVID symptoms.
- Face coverings will be required to enter the building.

Classroom Practices

Sangre de Cristo School District believes that classroom-based instruction and structure to attend school on a day to day basis is critical to our students' educational as well as social well-being. To offer that opportunity, we have implemented the following practices for our classrooms. Sangre de Cristo Schools has a variety of spaces including traditional classrooms, labs, shops, band rooms, and more and we ask that all staff follow the guidance below to the measure that it is practical in your space. Although classroom spaces are being cleaned and disinfected daily by custodial staff, these additional practices are designed to increase safety throughout the school day with students.

Classroom Arrangements

- To the degree practical, all students' desks and tables should be arranged to allow for maximum student to student distancing.
- All students should face the same direction rather than sitting in groups or facing each other.
- In shops, gyms, etc. consider taking attendance and providing instruction in larger spaces or outdoors rather than in classroom seating.
- Disinfecting supplies, hand sanitizer, and classroom plans for cleaning between classes will be in place.

- Make sure that equipment cleaning and disinfecting practices by students and staff in gyms, labs, and shops are followed. No loaning materials such as gym clothes or shoes will be allowed.
- Classrooms need to be free of any additional or unnecessary furniture or clutter that may prevent distancing or disinfecting practices.
- We will use One Way Hallways where possible.

Instructional Practices

- Although we know cooperative learning is a best case practice, during this time, students should not participate in cooperative learning structures that require physical contact or close proximity.
- During this time please consider assignments and projects that will reduce the need for collaboration and sharing materials.

Remote Classroom Arrangements

In situations when a student may become ill and need to stay home for an extended period of time, or if a family member is ill and the student is asked to stay home until they are cleared to return to school, it will be important that access to classwork be available. In a case that the school would be forced to close for a period of time, instruction needs to remain as seamless as possible. Students and teachers will:

- Ensure that Google Classroom / Zoom or other approved learning platforms are being utilized as part of or in cooperation with daily classroom instruction.
- Students and parents must ensure that devices are readily accessible and able to connect to Wi-Fi and check both Gmail and Google Classroom daily. Please contact the school if you need assistance.

Campus Logistics

Our schools include different areas for students' daily activities including gyms, library, and cafeteria. These areas will be clearly marked with reminders to safely distance, follow the flow of traffic, as well as reminders of the importance of proper hygiene and personal protection. These spaces are cleaned and disinfected daily and we will take extra precautions to promote distancing as well as cleanliness on the entire campus.

Common Areas

- Areas will be clearly marked with reminders to distance along with general safety.
- Water fill stations will still be available although water fountains will be blocked.
- Students in close physical contact will be asked to separate.
- Some tables and spaces may be closed or have seating blocked off.

Athletic Facilities, Gyms, Weight Room,...

- Both gyms and workout areas will have disinfecting supplies
- Students and staff will be provided training and guidelines to wipe down and disinfect equipment between uses.

- Playground / Recess will be staggered and physical distancing will be monitored. Students will remain in their cohort groups.
- A mask is not required while outside for recess or exercise, as long as 6' distancing can be maintained.

Cafeteria / Food Service

- We will utilize cafeteria and classrooms to accommodate meal times and maintain physical distancing requirements.
- No buffets will be used.
- Please make sure that meals brought from home are ready to eat, there will be no microwave usage allowed at this time.
- Rotations will be used so that each student will receive an option for a hot meal in the cafeteria each day.
- Food service staff will wear appropriate personal protective equipment.
- All are subject to change without notice.

School Offices

- Sangre de Cristo School District will be limiting outside guests to individuals that provide direct services to our students.
- Parents and guardians will be limited to waiting areas in the office unless they have an appointment on campus with an individual.
- All guests must wear face covering and go through the Check-In Process for Visitors if they are interacting with students and staff.

Transportation Department

- Require sick students to stay at home.
- Students in the same family will be seated together.
- We will be running extra routes to maintain physical distance requirements.
- We will be staffed with a bus monitor to assist in temperature checks and safely loading the bus.
- Face coverings must be worn by everyone on the bus until they have completed the screening process at the school.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected after each route.
- Hand sanitizer will be on each bus.
- There will be a written checklist posted on each bus, on the school website, and letter sent home to families stating all of the guidelines.

CTE/Ag Farm/Labs/Computer Labs

- Areas will be clearly marked with reminders to physically distance along with general safety.
- Students and staff will be provided with training, guidelines, and supplies to wipe down and disinfect equipment between uses.

What Happens When Someone Becomes Sick?

The COVID-19 virus is spreading throughout our community and will continue to do so. As we learn more about the virus, we know that youth are least affected and generally recover quickly. We also know how the disease spreads and for how long a person may be contagious. We are well prepared for what to do when a student or staff member exhibits symptoms or tests positive for COVID-19. Students, staff and parents need to self-screen daily and if they exhibit symptoms they need to stay home and schedule an appointment with their health care provider to determine if they need to be tested. CDC offers this Self Checker to help determine:

If a student, staff member, or family member within the household tests positive for COVID-19:

- Seek medical care from your health care provider in accordance with CDC and Alamosa County Guidelines.
 - If a student tests positive, they must complete the mandatory 14 day quarantine, respiratory symptoms have improved, and no fever (without medication) for 72 hours.
 - If a family member tests positive, the student must complete the 14 day quarantine and not be exhibiting any COVID related symptoms prior to returning.
- Alert the school administration as quickly as possible to assist in the student being provided with resources to get started with the Remote Classroom Arrangements.
- Students should not come to school until they have been cleared to do so by a health care provider. If a family member is the one that is sick, the student must follow the guidance from Alamosa County Public Health prior to returning to school.

If a student or staff member becomes sick while at school and exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms (fever, upper respiratory concerns):

Teacher will call the School Nurse then student will be sent to the Nurse's Office where they will be:

- Evaluated by a school nurse and **required** to seek further medical attention.
- Asked whom they have been in close physical contact with (i.e. shared food or beverage, held hands, hugged,...)
- Held in an isolation area until a parent/guardian comes to pick them up.

If a student or staff member is sent home from school with a fever but is NOT exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms:

- Must have no fever for 72 hours without medication before returning to school. This has been extended from the 24 hour guideline used previously due to extreme circumstances.

*****Students sent home for exhibiting symptoms or awaiting test results will be provided Remote Learning opportunities while they are out.**

*****Only students who were in close physical contact with any student who tests positive or exhibits symptoms will be monitored by health staff. Being in the room with someone who was ill does not constitute close physical contact.**

Office Guidelines

Sangre de Cristo School District offices are here to help support students and parents. During this time, it is critical that we reduce the amount of outside visitors to our campus as much as realistically possible. To help us achieve this we are asking parents and guardians to:

- Use phone calls and emails as much as possible and as often as necessary to handle office communication and attendance.
- Please make sure that all contact names, telephone numbers, and email addresses are current in case we need to reach you or an approved contact for your student pick-up.
- Limit school visits to just one family member.
- Wear face coverings if you enter the building.
- You will be required to take a temperature check and symptom check before entering the building.
- Remain in designated areas only.
- General office practices:
 - Distance signage and markings
 - Hand sanitizer stations
 - Wipe down and disinfect counters, chairs, door handles and telephones after office visitors
 - Additional spacing and shields for first point of contact areas