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September 3, 2021 Update — No School Transmission —

Local Public Health Approved. Salida Schools successfully managed in-person programming throughout the 2020-21 academic year by flexibly responding to the COVID-19 virus with layers of protection. The District added layers of protection as viral conditions intensified and relaxed layers as conditions improved. The District saw great [results](#) by offering in-person programming to all.

Salida Schools will utilize the same blueprint for the 2021-22 academic year—increase/decrease layers of protection as viral conditions present themselves. The best protection for all is to get vaccinated. The community is vaccinated over 70% and the student body 12+ is at a similar rate at the time of this document's creation. The staff are vaccinated at over 90%. The District encourages all students 12+ years old to get the [vaccination](#).

- The District's primary protection layer is for individuals to [stay home](#) when symptomatic. If you are not sure how to respond, the District nurses are glad to field phone calls and test families. If you are positive you will need to follow the local public health orders and isolate as directed.
- [Testing](#) is another essential layer of protection. The District is partnering with our local public health department to offer serial testing to any staff or student that is willing to participate. With local real time data we can target our response to those that are sick, reducing the impact on healthy students' in-person programming. Please consider participating and speak with your school nurse about any questions you may have.
- All extra-curricular participants, including athletics, must participate in serial testing. If there continues to be no evidence of transmission then the district may change to the [NCAA](#) protocols for participants.
- The District has invested heavily in [purifying](#) the air within buildings. We use HEPA filters in all buildings. We exceed air purification standards.
- The District participates in daily [sanitizing](#) of all buildings to ensure proper disinfection at the highest levels.
- The District requires use of frequent [hand-washing](#).
- The District requires the use of seating charts to help the local public health department identify close exposures, and reduce unnecessary quarantines.
- Masks are [required](#) on all buses.
- Masks are encouraged for all staff and students. Mask wearing increases the safety of all, vaccinated or non-vaccinated.
- Staff are required to select one of the following protections 1. Vaccination 2. Mask Wearing 3. Serial Testing. Staff are asked to model mask behavior regardless of vaccination status.
- The school medical team consisting of four nurses and local public health representatives meet every week to discuss District and community viral conditions.
- All adult visitors, including substitutes and volunteers, must wear a mask.

If School Transmission is identified by the school medical team then...

- Masks will be required by all staff and students.

If quarantines require administration to reduce in-person programming then...

- Classes, grade levels, and buildings may be placed in a [remote learning](#) status until the viral conditions improve.