



Sivells Bend ISD

Start and Stay Strong!

Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
2022 – 2023

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TEA Requirement: Providing Notice

Sivells Bend ISD is providing notice to parents, families, and the community regarding back-to-school plans and instruction through this initial document. Preliminary information is posted in this guidance and is subject to change based on state and local decisions.

COVID-19 Response Person – Sivells Bend ISD spokesperson for COVID-19 Response will respond to concerns and communicate district decisions. Mr. James Daugherty's email address is noted below:

Mr. James Daugherty, Superintendent

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Prevent and Mitigate

Sivells Bend ISD must identify and implement practices to prevent the virus from entering the school and mitigate or reduce the likely spread inside the school; therefore, district practices and guidelines have been established for various areas noted below:

PREVENTION

Practices to Prevent the Virus from entering the school

Quarantine Guidelines

- Teachers and Staff must report to their immediate supervisor if they themselves are lab confirmed with COVID-19, and, if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted below.
- Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school in the following circumstances:
 - The child is lab-confirmed with COVID-19

Criteria for Re-entry

- Any individuals who themselves are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the following conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

1. at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications).
2. The individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) and
3. At least five (5) days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

MITIGATION

Practices to Mitigate the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading inside the school

Health and Hygiene Practices

- The school will have hand sanitizer in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Students, Teachers, staff and campus visitors will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
 - Students will have the opportunity for handwashing for at least 20 seconds at least two times each day, in addition to being encouraged to wash hands after using the restroom and before eating.
 - Students, Teachers, staff, and campus visitors will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and if not available, covered in their elbows. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, hands should be washed should be used.
- Staff will have access to disinfectant wipes to sanitize high touch surfaces and shared objects regularly.

Masks and Face Coverings

Face Coverings – As of June 5, 2021, per GA-36 school systems cannot require students or staff to wear masks. Masks and face coverings are optional for students, staff and visitors in district facilities, school buses, and school events. We would encourage students and staff to take whatever precautions they feel comfortable with in light of COVID-19.

CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

In response to COVID-19 and the impact it had on our staff and students, Sivells Bend will ensure continuity of services for our students in the following ways:

Supporting Teachers

Sivells Bend ISD strongly believes that teachers are the number one factor impacting the success of a student. It is imperative that we continue to support our teachers monetarily, professionally, and emotionally. We are committed to providing salaries that are competitive with surrounding districts that are similar to Sivells Bend ISD.

Sivells Bend ISD will provide each teacher and staff member with a one-time stipend for the 2021-2022 school year.

Sivells Bend ISD will provide our teachers with additional support in meeting the social-emotional needs of students by implementing a district-wide SEC program determined most appropriate to the students and families of Sivells Bend ISD.

Campuses and Classrooms

- **Visitors, Drop-off, and Pick-Up** – All campus visits must be scheduled via an appointment. Sanitizing will occur after each parent meeting that is in person. The number of visitors in the school will be limited to ensure that students are safe; therefore, alternative meeting options may be scheduled, including virtual meetings. The school will have procedures in place for daily drop-off and pick-up. This information will be communicated prior to the first day of school.
Classroom Configurations – Sivells Bend ISD will arrange student learning spaces three feet apart, as feasible. In some instances, common areas may be used for instruction with similar distancing.