

SAU #70 Pandemic Response Framework 2021-2022 School Year

Priorities	Instructional Model	Continue with full, in-person teaching and learning onsite five days a week.
	Remote Learning	There will be no remote model of instruction offered.
	Masks	Masks will be required for students and staff, inside all school buildings for the first two weeks of school, August 30-September 10, 2021. On September 7, 2021 the Pandemic Response Committee will meet to look at the data and discuss whether or not changes need to be made to the mask policy. Cloth or medical masks will be required for all staff and students and masks with exhalation valves will not be allowed. Accommodations will be made for those who cannot wear masks due to medical conditions (e.g. autism). Where appropriate, eye protection/face shields in addition to masks should be used by staff where there is likelihood of exposure to individuals with incomplete adherence to masking.
	Social Emotional Wellness and Learning	<p>Multi-tiered system of supports that address emotional and behavioral health.</p> <p>Intentionally focus on the establishment of positive & trusting relationships, social and emotional skill building, mental and behavioral health, personal safety and self-regulatory capacity.</p> <p>Each school will develop plans to reintegrate remote learning students.</p>

	<p>Student & Staff Health</p>	<p>Families should monitor students and keep home if symptoms are present.</p> <p>Staff should monitor and stay home if symptoms are present.</p> <p>The daily at home check for students and staff will include: temperature of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills or repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, congestion/runny nose, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea. If any of these symptoms are present, the student or staff should stay home. Students and staff should stay home until fever free for 24 hours with no medication.</p> <p>If students or staff members begin exhibiting symptoms at school, they should see the school nurse. The nurse will determine next steps.</p>
	<p>Hand Washing</p>	<p>Schools will continue to provide hand sanitizer throughout the building and will encourage frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the day.</p>
	<p>Contact Tracing and Quarantining</p>	<p>Contact tracing will not occur in schools this year. Students and staff exposed to others with COVID in school will not need to quarantine. However, students and staff who are unvaccinated and have been identified as a household contact to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 will need to stay home and quarantine for 10 days (NH) and 14 days (VT) from last exposure. SAU70 will not notify families of COVID-19 cases in the schools unless there is a cluster of cases.</p>

Transportation	Buses	<p>Masks will be required for all riders, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Masks and hand sanitizer will be available on buses.</p> <p>We will no longer be utilizing monitors, student tracking or assigned seating.</p> <p>Younger students will be asked to sit in the forward section of the bus.</p> <p>Students may ride together sharing a seat.</p> <p>All windows on the bus will be opened to maximize airflow when possible.</p>
Arrival & Departure		<p>Schools will determine arrival and dismissal procedures.</p> <p>Parents should remain in their vehicles during pick-up and drop-off.</p>
Buildings & Grounds	Physical Barriers	Plexiglass shielding is no longer required but may be used at staff discretion and/or in select areas.
	Surface Cleaning & Sanitization	Daily cleaning of high touch, shared surfaces. Classrooms will be sanitized daily. Teachers will be provided with cleaning materials and may clean rooms throughout the day if they so choose.
	Visitors and Volunteers	Visitors and volunteers will be properly vetted and approved by a district or building administrator and/or department director. All visitors and volunteers must make appointments prior to arrival at the school. Visitors will follow school mask and COVID-19 protocols while in the building.
	Physical distancing	Students and staff are encouraged to maintain physical distancing of 3 feet whenever possible.

	Ventilation	Open windows in the classroom, when possible, to circulate air. Continue to use ventilation systems purchased for classrooms. Filters will be changed on a regular basis.
Athletics & Co-curriculars		Athletics, club and co-curricular group gathering will resume as normal. All large gatherings, such as assemblies will be approved on a case-by-case basis at the school level. Outdoor concessions will be allowed, as well as the use of locker rooms as long as COVID-19 protocols are followed. Masks will not be necessary for sports played outside. Visitors will also be allowed provided they follow all COVID-19 protocols.
Communication	Pandemic Response Committee	<p>Monitor local, state and national guidance. Recommendations will be based upon positivity rates, case rates for the previous 14 days, and vaccination rates of 80%.</p> <p>Make decisions based on the most updated guidance consistent with the needs of the school community.</p> <p>Meet on an as-needed basis.</p>
Field Trips		Field trips will be allowed as long as they are within walking distance of the school, or take place in New Hampshire or Vermont, and students and staff follow all school protocols. Field trip approval will be at the discretion of the Principal.
Staff Meetings		Staff meetings will be in person. All COVID-19 protocols such as masking and social distancing will be followed for staff meetings.

Professional Development		Staff will be allowed to travel for Professional Development at this time.
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**Please note that state and federal requirements, recommendations, or COVID-19 infection rates could change our plans. Announcements will be made via SchoolMessenger and posted on the District website.