



# Sallisaw Public Schools

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## SAFE RETURN PLAN

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For the 2023-24 school year, Sallisaw Schools has implemented a traditional on-site school day and setting. Other safety protocols include:

1. Masks—Sallisaw Schools will require mask-wearing when Sequoyah County has been declared an emergency area due to Covid by the Governor. We will consult with local and state health departments, and upon their requirements, our Board of Education will decide, if needed, to go to Distance Learning for a set period of time.
2. Disinfecting School Facilities—we will follow the guidelines of the CDC and Sequoyah County Health Department.
3. Physical Distancing—Because of new variants, we will continue to practice physical distancing.
4. Handwashing and Decreasing Exposure Protocols—We will continue to require thorough hand-washing, the use of sanitizers, and covering our coughs and sneezing with upper arms.
5. Contact Tracing—We will continue to work with local health officials to trace any person who has been diagnosed with any Covid variant.
6. Diagnostic Screening—School nurses will screen persons with a Covid nasal swab, and report results to district administration, as well as other required agencies such as the Sequoyah Health Department and the CDC.
7. Continuity of Services—We are convinced that school closures have long-term detrimental effects on student achievement. We will try to keep the district open, but will also put safety first.

Persons who exhibit symptoms will be evaluated for illness by: temperature check, cough, sore throat, loss of smell and taste, headache, etc. After parental contact, students will be given a Covid nasal test by one of our nurses. Parents should seek further confirmation of results.

8. Keeping Everyone Safe—We will: 1. Promote healthy protocols; 2. Thoroughly clean and disinfect on a regular basis; 3. Hand-washing, covering coughs, and other safety measures will be taught and enforced across all campuses; 4. Visitors will not be on any campus without office approval; 5. Buses will be disinfected and aired to reduce exposure; and 6. Cameras on campus will help to reduce visitors who may be sick, and bus cameras will help monitoring of social distancing.

Superintendent Signature

2/10/23

Date