

COVID-19 Prevention Strategy for Schools Form

Current local public health orders require that “Schools must provide public notice to the school community in a highly visible location on the school’s website that outlines the school’s COVID-19 prevention strategies for the 2021-2022 school year by completing the COVID-19 Prevention Strategy for Schools Form. Public notice must be published no later than August 27, 2021. The school must notify the school community and the Kent County Health Department of any subsequent changes in the school’s COVID-19 prevention strategies by indicating revision date and revision history in the COVID-19 Prevention Strategy for Schools Form”.

The following form should be used to clearly demonstrate the prevention strategies being utilized by local schools. The status of each prevention strategy on this form must be completed by schools. Items containing the label “required by order” are prevention strategies that are required per local or MDHHS public health order. Additional notes or explanation should be added where clarity is needed. This form may be completed at the district level if the status of all prevention strategies are applicable to all schools in the district. Where differences in prevention strategies exist between schools in the same district, individual Prevention Strategy for Schools Forms should be posted for each school, or noted clearly on a single district-level Prevention Strategy for Schools Form.

Prevention strategies listed on the following form are based on CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools, found at the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Prevention Strategies Implemented

School District or Name: Sparta Area Schools

Current as of: 1/3/22(mm/dd/yy)

Prevention Strategy	Status	Additional Notes or Explanation
Public Posting of COVID Case Counts in Schools (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
Public Posting of COVID Prevention Strategy School Form (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
Isolation of COVID-19 Cases (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
Quarantine of Outbreak and Household Close Contacts (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
Quarantine of All Close Contacts	<input type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will monitor cases in our district and reserve the right to quarantine close contacts per CDC and health department guidelines.
Contact Tracing (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
Notification of Close Contacts (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will abide by this mandate
<i>Indicate Level of Screening Testing for Participants or Members of the Following Groups:</i>		
Teachers and staff who are not fully vaccinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will require all teachers and staff to self-screen for illness or symptoms of COVID each day, and not report to work if ill or symptoms of COVID are present.
Students who are not fully vaccinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will ask all parents/guardians to screen children for illness or symptoms of COVID each day, and not report to school if ill or symptoms of COVID are present.
High-risk sports ¹ and extracurricular activities for those who are not fully vaccinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will require all student-athletes to self-screen for illness or symptoms of COVID each day, and not report to practice/game if ill or symptoms of COVID are present.
Low- and intermediate-risk sports ¹ for those who are not fully vaccinated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will require all student-athletes to self-screen for illness or symptoms of COVID each day, and not report to practice/game if ill or symptoms of COVID are present.
Promoting Vaccination	<input type="checkbox"/> Always <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will provide vaccination information to staff and parents so they can make an informed decision (choice) on what is best for them or their children.

¹ https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/ssi/COVID/SSI_ResocializationDevelopingStandardsSecondEdition.pdf

Wearing Masks Consistently and Correctly Over the Nose and Mouth	<input type="checkbox"/> Always <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Masks remain recommended indoors for staff and students in grades PK-12, but it is no longer required.
<i>Which of the Following Settings or Activities Require the Wearing of Face Masks over the Nose and Mouth:</i>		
In indoor school classrooms	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended PK-12
In school hallways	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended PK-12
In outdoor learning environments	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
During outdoor recess	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
During assemblies and large gatherings	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended PK-12
During meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
During close contact sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
During indoor sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended PK-12
During outdoor sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
During indoor non-athletic extracurricular activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Recommended PK-12
During outdoor non-athletic extracurricular activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Not at this time
On school bussing (required by order)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	SAS will abide by this mandate
Physical Distancing	<input type="checkbox"/> At least 6 feet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> At least 3 feet <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 3 feet	SAS will keep student desks 3 feet apart in the classroom, where feasible, and encourage physical distancing.
Distancing during food service and meals	<input type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Students will be cohorted by classrooms for lunch. We will encourage physical distance when feasible.
Cohorting – <i>please describe</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Always <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Students will be cohorted by classroom at the K-5 level. Students in MS and HS will use an alternating block schedule to limit transitions and exposures.
Accommodations provided to those with disabilities or Other health care needs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	SAS will follow IEP's, 504's, and health care plans to accommodate student needs.
Handwashing & Respiratory Etiquette	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Will be reinforced and available regularly.
Cleaning and Disinfection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Staff will disinfect classrooms at least once daily, and custodial staff will clean high-touch surfaces/areas at least every 4 hours while students are in school.
Improving Ventilation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	HVAC systems have been adjusted for maximum clean air exchange and filters are changed regularly.
Exclusion of Ill (stay home when sick)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	If you are sick, DO NOT come to school/work!!
Visitor Restrictions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Always <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes <input type="checkbox"/> Not at this time	Visitors and volunteers will be allowed during the school day on a limited basis and with administrative permission. Masks are recommended indoors but are not required.

Additional measures being taken:

NA

Revision History:

Date	Revisions
08/17/21	Approved by Board of Education at meeting on 08/16/21
8/24/21	Approved by Board of Education at meeting on 8/22/21
10/12/21	Approved by Board of Education at meeting on 10/11/21
12/13/21	Approved by Board of Education at meeting on 12/13/21, to take effect on our return from winter break on 1/3/22. Previous plan will remain in effect until that time.
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