

Salmon School District #291

School COVID Plan

Introduction:

Our goal is to open school in the Fall of 2020 as normal as possible. While reopening schools is the goal in Salmon School District, we know we can't control COVID-19 so the District has created a plan that allows us to respond quickly to changing local, regional, state, and national conditions. As conditions change, we may be forced to change how we provide instruction during the school year. The reopening plan includes the three tiers, (Green-Yellow-Red), based on the four-tiered (Green-Yellow-Orange-Red) system outlined by Eastern Idaho Public Health. This system can be found at: <https://eiph.idaho.gov>

GREEN: Normal School Operations

Minimal or moderate community transmission (as defined by Eastern Idaho Public Health): for Lemhi County, 12 or less active cases sustained for 3 consecutive days.

Salmon School District plans to start the year with schools open and safety precautions in place, assuming conditions remain as they are currently. Buses will run. School lunch services will be provided. School will run normally.

YELLOW: Learning with Modifications

Moderate community transmission (as defined by Eastern Idaho Public Health): for Lemhi County, the range of between 12, and as of October 23, 2020 an undetermined number not yet provided by Eastern Idaho Public Health. (sustained for three consecutive days)

Salmon School District developed this contingency plan as an option to avoid complete school closure. The plan's implementation will be determined by guidance from Eastern Idaho Public Health and other Idaho governmental authorities that have jurisdiction over school operations. This plan will also go into effect if a current student and/or staff member has a positive COVID-19 test.

- Hybrid of in class instruction, packets, online distance learning, alternate schedules in a single classroom, single school, or district wide.
- Mandatory protective face covering, (face shield, face mask, or both).
- Limited classroom visitors, limited field trips.
- Assemblies and other large gatherings limited to currently enrolled Salmon School District students.
- Lunch eaten in classrooms or staggered lunch schedules
- Limit the use of shared materials and spaces.

- Spectators at any sporting event, concert, play, FFA, clubs, etc. held on Salmon School District property or school sponsored event will be recommended to wear face covering and practice social distancing.

RED: School Buildings Closed

Substantial community transmission (as defined by Eastern Idaho Public Health): for Salmon School District #291 as of November 4, 2020 must have an active rate of 60 cases per 10K for three consecutive days or more.

- Salmon School District will start monitoring active case rate starting November 16, 2020.
- School will be closed if there are 60 or more cases per 10K for three consecutive days or more the District will move to distance learning (online learning or packets) for one week.
- The rate will be monitored every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. If the rate goes below the 60 per 10K for three consecutive days in school learning will commence the following Monday.

If there is a statewide or local order to close all schools or an individual school, learning will continue remotely, whether through packets or various online modes. Students will be required to submit work and will receive feedback. Assessments and grading will continue until schools can reopen.

Safety Precautions

Safety procedures will be in place to reduce the chance of the spread of illness in all scenarios:

Personal Protective Equipment

- Establish hand hygiene stations in school buildings
- Mask/face shields optional for staff/students
- Any student/staff that has a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home.

Classroom

- Hand sanitizer and promotion of regular hand washing
- Regular sanitation of desks and other hard surfaces and frequently touched parts of school buildings
- Arrangement of desks to account for physical distancing
- Limit the use of shared materials and spaces

Cafeteria

- Hand sanitizer available
- Regular hot lunch menu will be available
- In addition to the cafeteria, alternative lunch locations will be available depending on the facility's design
- Offer options to eat outside

Office Strategies and Other Non-Instructional Spaces

- Hand sanitizer available

- Regular sanitation of surfaces
- Maintain six feet of distance when possible

Visitors

- Limit visitors to parents and authorized individuals on campus

Gatherings

- Limit field trips, assemblies, and other large gatherings if physical distancing cannot be achieved
- Implement strategies at each school that encourage social distancing in areas such as the bus lane, restrooms, recess, hallways, lunch, before and after school

Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

Salmon School District works with the **Idaho High School Athletic Association (IHSAA)** to develop plans for activities and athletics in fall of the 2020-2021 school year. As additional information is available about activities, the district will provide that information to parents and students. See **District Events COVID Plan** for latest information.

Help Keep Our Schools Open

Health Checks:

To accomplish our goal of reopening Salmon School District #291 schools and keeping them open, it will be important for students, staff, parents, and patrons to do their part by following health guidance and monitoring their health. In cooperation with Eastern Idaho Public Health, we ask that as students and staff prepare for school each day, they ask themselves these questions:

Since your last day in school have you had any of these symptoms that are NOT attributable to another condition?

- Fever or Chills (A fever is considered having a temperature of 100.4 F or higher)
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath or difficulty of breathing
- Fatigue
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea, Vomiting or Diarrhea
- Muscle or Body Aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

If You answered yes to any of the about questions:

Please Keep Your Child at Home

Please contact:

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