

SIERRA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-30
COVID 19 HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS STAFF AND VISITORS

2021-2022 School Year

The Sierra Grande School District Mission Statement promises, “To educate all students in a safe environment.” Ensuring the safety of our students and staff is one of the primary goals of the School District Health Taskforce Team and the Sierra Grande Board of Education. Because of this goal, we continue to navigate through and process the latest COVID 19 health recommendations from the Center of Disease Control, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado Department of Education, and Costilla County Public Health.

As a school district, we continue to be diligent in implementing guidelines and recommendations that are up to date and considered best practices in reducing the risks of COVID 19 exposure to the school environment. We understand the careful balance of trying to protect our students while constructing the least restrictive environment that is nurturing and rigorous, so students can fulfill the rest of our mission statement, “So that they can acquire the skills necessary to participate knowledgeably, successfully, and with understanding in the world.”

The following are general health guidelines concerning COVID 19 that will be in place to begin the 2021-2022 School Year. The school district will publish updated guidelines as they become available. The COVID 19 School Health Guidelines have been developed by the Sierra Grande Health Taskforce Committee in full consideration of the recommendations and guidance of the Colorado Department of Education, Costilla County Public Health, Colorado Public Health and Environment, and the Center for Disease Control. It should be noted that all areas of this plan are subject to change and are determinant of school and community risk factors at the current time. More in-depth information and guidance concerning the school district’s plan for implementing best practices can be found on the Colorado Department of Education website at;

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolguidance21-22>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolguidance21-22/mitigationandresponse>

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/schoolguidance21-22/bestpractices>

Health Checks

- ❑ School district will provide a symptom screening tool for all parents and staff and encourage the use of the tool daily as a method of screening for COVID 19 symptoms.
- ❑ School district personnel will continue to observe the appearance and behavior of students to assess whether they may be ill, but will perform no health checks on students entering the facility.
- ❑ Health checks will be completed by the school nurse upon report of a student or staff member not feeling well or exhibiting signs of sickness.
- ❑ The school district will depend on the personal responsibility of staff, parents, and students to implement personal health checks to reduce the potential risks of COVID 19 exposure including;
 - a) Temperature checks when not feeling well (above 99.9 is a fever)
 - b) A persistent cough (respiratory congestion)
 - c) Flu-like symptoms (body aches)

Masks Guidance

- ❑ All staff members vaccinated or unvaccinated are required to wear a mask in the school facility.
- ❑ All students grades preschool through 12th grade are required to wear a mask in the school facility whether they are vaccinated or not (Note: as recommended as best practices by the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and Costilla County Public Health).
- ❑ All students and staff will wear masks while riding school busses as required by federal law for vehicles serving as public transportation.
- ❑ All students and staff are to report medical exemptions prohibiting them from wearing a mask, and will provide such written documentation from a licensed nurse practitioner, family practitioner/medical doctor to the school nurse.
- ❑ Masks will be available in the district offices and on busses for students, staff, and visitors if needed.
- ❑ Requirements concerning the use of masks in the school environment are subject to change determinant of COVID 19 exposures, current risk factors, and recommendations of Costilla County Public Health.

Social Distancing / Use of Cohorts

- ❑ Social distancing will not be implemented, but schedules have been adopted to minimize contact between students and staff in each school (cohort).
- ❑ Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the classrooms and not in the cafeteria.
- ❑ Water stations will be used in each school and water fountains will not be used.

- ❑ Students in grades 6-12 will not use restrooms during passing time, but instead will be provided the use of restrooms during class time to reduce the volume of students in the restroom area at one time.
- ❑ Classroom seating assignments will be implemented and followed as a method of assisting in contact tracing should an exposure or outbreak occur.
- ❑ Bus drivers will implement seating assignments and when possible ensure that distance between students from each school is maintained.

Extracurricular Activities

- ❑ Extracurricular activities will follow the guidance and recommendations of Costilla County Public Health and the Colorado High School Activities Association. For more information please search the school district website at www.sierragrandeschool.net or the CHSAA website at <http://www2.chsaa.org/>

Quarantines

- ❑ Students and staff will follow the quarantine recommendations issued by Costilla County Public Health.
- ❑ Students and staff who have been vaccinated are not required to quarantine unless you are experiencing COVID symptoms, at which time you encouraged to wear a mask in all public settings and self-monitor daily.
- ❑ The school district will continue to isolate students or staff who become ill at school or at a school sponsored activity.
- ❑ Students, staff, and parents will not enter the school premises, or school events during their quarantine.
- ❑ The school is obligated by law to report confirmed or suspected communicable diseases and outbreaks to CDPHE and Local Public Health and is required to comply with all isolation and quarantine orders.

Disinfecting School Environment

- ❑ The school district will provide disinfectant wipes, tissue, and hand sanitizer for all students and staff.
- ❑ The school district will provide masks on busses and in the district office for those students who forgot their masks.
- ❑ The school district will continue to disinfect classrooms, restrooms, busses, door handles, desks, and other high volume areas of the facility on a daily basis (students and staff will continue to disinfect personal areas in the classroom).

School Visitors

- ❑ All visitors age 2 and older are required to wear masks in the school facility.
- ❑ Parents, community members, and various organization members, are encouraged to not enter the school facility if they have recently been exposed to someone who has had COVID 19 (follow local public health guidance for exposure and quarantines).
- ❑ The school district will not check the temperature of visitors to the school if they remain in the district office hallway and do not enter other areas of the school facility.
- ❑ Visitors will not be allowed beyond the district office without a temperature check, completion of the health check form, and approved by the school nurse or administration.
- ❑ The school district will not allow visitors who are openly exhibiting symptoms of COVID 19 past the main corridor in front of the district office.

School Gatherings/Events

- ❑ School sponsored events will follow the guidance and recommendations of Costilla County Public Health and the Colorado High School Activities Association.
- ❑ Additional guidance and precautions will be taken for school sponsored events and some may be canceled or postponed as an effort to reduce COVID 19 exposures (please look often for up to date calendar changes).

Administration of COVID 19 Test

- ❑ The school district will not conduct COVID 19 testing, but will provide information on testing locations.

COVID 19 Vaccinations

- ❑ The school district will not provide or administer COVID 19 vaccinations to students or staff.
- ❑ Fully vaccinated individuals who have been exposed and are not exhibiting COVID 19 symptoms will not be asked to quarantine.
- ❑ The school district encourages all employees to receive a COVID 19 vaccination, but does not require employees to be vaccinated.
- ❑ The school district will assist Costilla County Public Health in providing vaccination opportunities for staff, students, parents, and community.

San Luis Valley Vaccination Sites

Walgreens Pharmacy

1203 Main Street, Alamosa CO 81101
Phone: 719-589-3165
Walk-ins 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM
To schedule appointment visit [walgreens.com/coronavirus](https://www.walgreens.com/coronavirus)
Moderna Vaccine Available Only

Walmart Pharmacy

3333 Clark St, Alamosa, CO 81101
Phone: 719-589-9021
Walk-ins: Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

San Luis Valley Health-Pediatrics

106 Blanca Ave. Alamosa, CO 81101
Phone: 719-587-1355
Thursday 8:00 AM -11:30 AM
Call to schedule an appointment or walk-ins are accepted

Costilla County Public Health

233 Main Street Suite C, San Luis, CO 81152
Phone: 719-672-3332
Monday-Thursday 7:00 AM - 5:30PM
Call to schedule an appointment

San Luis Valley Health

2115 Stuart Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101
719-589-2511
Wednesdays 8:00 AM -12:00 PM

Other Information

- ❑ Public Health will provide vaccinations to interested staff, parents, students and community and information will be published and shared with school community.
- ❑ The school district may require a COVID 19 test from any student or staff member who is returning to school after visiting a city, state, or country with a high-risk infection rate. Parents, students, and staff are encouraged to plan ahead and notify the school district of their travel intentions.

Supporting Health Agencies Contact Information

Costilla County Public Health
233 Main St, San Luis, CO 81152
(719)-672-3332
<https://costillacounty.colorado.gov/departments/public-health-agency>

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
4300 Cherry Creek S Dr. Denver, CO 80246
(303)-692-2000
<https://covid19.colorado.gov/>

Centers for Disease Control
<https://www.cdc.gov/>

COVID 19 Testing Locations

SLVH Respiratory Clinic
Contact during normal business hours
Phone: (719) 589-3000, press 9
Clinic is located at 2115 Stuart Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101.