



Salem Community High School Return to Learn **Health and Attendance information**

These procedures have been developed by the Salem Community High School Transition Team using the results of a parent survey based on the most recent guidance document from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

Overview

During Phase 4, ISBE/IDPH guidelines will:

- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space to the greatest extent possible
- Require social distancing be observed to the greatest extent possible
- Require that schools conduct temperature checks and symptom screenings
- Require an increase in school-wide cleaning and disinfection.

Face masks and PPE

All students will be provided with two face masks, one cloth and one surgical style. Students may wear their own personal face mask provided that it appropriately covers both the nose and mouth. Masks are part of the dress code and will have to comply with all aspects of the dress code. All students and school personnel must wear masks/face coverings at all times in school buildings even when social distancing is maintained. Masks/face coverings do not need to be worn outside if social distance is maintained. The school district will provide students with masks/face coverings in the event that a staff member, student, or visitor does not have one for use.

Social Distancing

To the greatest extent possible, students should use social distancing of 6 feet while in the school building. This includes classrooms, hallways, bathrooms, and the cafeteria. While it may not always be possible, it will always be the goal. Students and staff should also be encouraged to abstain from physical contact, such as handshakes, high fives, and hugs. Signage reminding staff, visitors and students to maintain social distancing will be placed at all entrances, in classrooms and throughout other common areas. Other visual reminders, such as tape, will be placed to indicate safe distances where students congregate or line up. Social distancing applies to all areas including the classroom, common areas and the main office.

Temperature checks

Temperature checks will be performed as students enter the building. There are only two entrances available for the arrival of school; the main front entrance (door 1) and the business wing doors (door 9).

Symptom checks

Symptom checks will be performed at the beginning of 1st hour. Any students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to the isolation room for further evaluation by the school nurse. Please stay home and remote into class if you are exhibiting any symptoms. All students and school personnel will be screened daily for symptoms of COVID-19.

Temperatures will be taken upon entrance to the building and students will be asked questions about if they are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID-19. Individuals who have a temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit/38 degrees Celsius or currently known symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, will be sent to the isolation room for follow-up with the school nurse or school personnel.

Attendance

Students or school personnel will be removed from school for a period of 10 school days if exhibiting any one (1) of the following:

- Temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit/38 degrees Celsius
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Students or school personnel will be removed from school for a period of 10 school days if exhibiting two (2) or more of the following:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle and body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose

Students or school personnel in close contact with an individual experiencing symptoms or that has tested positive for COVID-19 will be removed from school for a period of 10 school days.

Return to School

Students or school personnel will remain out of school for a period of 10 school days and must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing drugs. If a student or school personnel obtains a negative COVID-19 test and has been fever free for 24 hours, they may also return to school.

COVID-19 Testing

Marion County currently has two methods for COVID-19 testing. [SSM Health](#) or Salem Township Hospital, 618-548-3194.

Visitor policy

All visitor access to the building will be limited, including parent and family visitors. Visitors must wear a mask upon entering and remaining in the building. Visitors will only be allowed to enter school and the office.

Stay Home

Parents are urged to keep their student home if they exhibit any COVID-19 symptoms. Your student attending school could cause other students to be exposed and removed from school. School districts have removed attendance policies and attendance incentives to encourage students to stay home when exhibiting symptoms to allow the school to continue without further exposure to other students and staff.