

Students with Significant Disabilities



PHASE-IN SAFE REOPENING PLAN Students with Significant Disabilities

Introduction

In accordance with the California Department of Public Health and the San Diego Health and Human Services Agency's Public Health Order, Solana Beach School District (SBSD) is monitoring local conditions to ensure our instructional practices are in alignment with county, state, and federal guidelines and recommendations. The following conditions have been met:

- [Local Public Health Officials](#) have determined that it is safe for schools to reopen in San Diego County after September 1, 2020
- SBSBD has access to the needed equipment (listed in each appropriate section below)
- SBSBD has access to the needed cleaning supplies (listed in each appropriate section below)

Reference Documents

- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)

Issued by the California Department of Public Health

- [Order of the Health Officer and Emergency Regulations](#)

Issued by the County of San Diego Public Health Services on September 1, 2020

Parent/Guardian Guidelines/Information

Student and staff health and safety are at the forefront of our planning for the Phase-In ReOpening of on campus learning for students with significant disabilities who receive their education within a self-contained special day class the week of September 14, 2020. Based on the decision of the SBSBD Board of Education regarding a proactive COVID-19 Testing Program, priority COVID-19 testing will be provided to students who qualify for Phase-In ReOpening.

Multiple Procedures for Entering Campus

- **Initial Passive Screening:** Parents/Guardians are required to screen students before leaving for school by checking their child's temperature to determine that it is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit (without fever reducing medications) and observe for COVID-19 [symptoms](#). Parents/guardians are to keep their child home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19.
- **Onsite Active Screening:** Upon arriving on campus, students will be assessed via visual wellness checks and temperature checks with no-touch thermometers (to ensure temperature is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit). Parents will be asked about COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in the home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test within the last 14 days.
- Students and staff must wash and/or sanitize their hands as they enter campus.

Procedures for Symptomatic Students

- Students who exhibit signs of illness or develop symptoms of illness while at school will be immediately moved to an isolated area through which others do not enter or pass (or with the least foot traffic possible).
- Students exhibiting symptoms will be required to immediately wear a face covering (unless unable to do so due to a disability) and wait in the isolated area until they can be picked up by a parent/caregiver or transported to a healthcare facility.
- Students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms may return to school once:
 - Ten days have passed from the onset of their first symptom; **AND**,
 - They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours/3 days without the use of fever-reducing medications; **AND**,
 - Respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) have improved; **AND**,
 - They have been released to return to school via medical professional with a note.
- The health clerk, a district nurse, or other identified staff member if they are not available, will be responsible for supervising the students with COVID-19 symptoms in the designated isolation area wearing appropriate PPE (gloves, N95 mask and face shield, and maintaining appropriate physical distancing from the student).

Student Protective Equipment

- Parents are expected to familiarize their children with the information [here](#) about the proper use, removal, and washing of face coverings. It is understood that some students may not be able to wear a mask for medical reasons or due to their disability.
- Students should use cloth face coverings, especially in circumstances when physical distancing cannot be maintained. SBSB will provide face coverings if the student is able to wear one and doesn't have one. Face covering should be worn:
 - While entering school campus
 - While on school grounds (inside/outside when unable to physical distance)
 - While leaving school

Staff Guidelines/Information

Staff and student health and safety are at the forefront of our planning. This section outlines the safety precautions to be followed by staff while on campus for Phase-In ReOpening beginning September 14, 2020. Based on the decision of the SBSB Board of Education regarding a proactive COVID-19 Testing Program priority COVID-19 testing will be provided to staff who will be supporting students who qualify for Phase-In ReOpening.

Procedures for Entering Campus

- Passive Screening: Staff are required to self-screen before leaving for work by checking their temperature to determine that it is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit and observing for [symptoms](#). Staff are to stay home if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or if they have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Active Screening: Staff will be assessed via visual wellness check and temperature checks with no-touch thermometers (to ensure temperature is below 100 degrees Fahrenheit). Staff will be asked about COVID-19 symptoms within the last 24 hours and whether anyone in their home has had COVID-19 symptoms or a positive test within the last 14 days.
- Staff must wash and/or sanitize their hands as they enter school campuses.

Procedures for Symptomatic Staff

- Staff who exhibit or develop symptoms will be sent home to isolate, and are encouraged to contact their primary care physician. Emergency substitute plans will be enacted.
- The illness will be reported to the Principal, District Nurse, and Human Resources Department.
- Sick staff members are not to return to campus until:
 - Ten days have passed from the onset of their first symptom; **AND**,
 - They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours/3 days without the use of fever reducing medications; **AND**,
 - Respiratory symptoms (e.g. cough or shortness of breath) have improved; **AND**,
 - They have been released to return to school by a medical professional with a note.

Staff Training

- Staff must complete the COVID-19 Employee Training.
- Staff will complete the online, automated sign-in authorization for the COVID-19 Symptom Screener immediately upon entry to your work site each day.
- Staff will familiarize themselves with the information available [here](#) about the proper use, removal, and washing of cloth face coverings.
- Staff will further familiarize themselves with disinfecting frequency, tools, and chemicals by viewing the linked information from the [Healthy Schools Act](#) and [CDPR](#) guidance.

Staff Protective Equipment

- As recommended by the California Department of Public Health, all staff will wear face coverings. Per CDPH guidance, teachers may also use face shields to support phonological instruction and for students who rely on facial and verbal expressions.
- SBSB will provide face coverings to staff, if needed.
- For staff engaging in symptom screening, SBSB will provide face shields, and disposable gloves.

Physical Distancing

- Avoid staff congregation in work environments, break rooms, workroom, staff rooms, and bathrooms.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Avoid allowing students to share electronic equipment, toys, books, and other games or learning materials.
- Limit use of any materials that are difficult to clean and sanitize.
- Disinfect the following between uses: desks, tables, chairs, keyboards, headsets, and other similar equipment.
- Custodial staff will disinfect the following at least daily: door handles, handrails, sink handles, and restroom surfaces.

Hygiene

Handwashing

- Staff and students will have access to sinks and fragrance-free hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol content) in order to wash their hands frequently, to include the following times:
 - Before/after eating
 - After coughing/sneezing
 - After being outside
 - Before/after using the restroom
- Staff will model and practice handwashing using designated breaks in the daily schedule.
- Students under the age of nine (9) will be supervised when utilizing hand sanitizer.

Minimizing Face Touching

- Staff will use a tissue to wipe their nose and cough and sneeze inside the tissue. Staff will teach and prompt students to do the same.
- Staff will not touch their face or face covering. Staff will teach and prompt students not to touch their face and face covering.

Campus Access

- Staff and guests not directly involved in the summer program model are expected to remain off campus during the Phase-in programming.
- Any staff, parent, caregiver, visitor, or staff showing [symptoms of COVID-19](#) will not be allowed to access the campus. Documented allergies are excluded from this requirement.
- Staff and students will be monitored throughout the day for signs of illness. Provisions will be made as needed for students with special needs.

Custodial/Facilities Usage

SBSD will provide supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for cleaning and disinfecting. SBSBD will utilize disinfecting products in compliance with the [US Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) guidelines](#).

- For regular surface cleaning, SBSBD will provide gloves appropriate for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Products will be kept out of student reach and stored in a space with restricted access.
- Custodial staff will disinfect the following at least daily: door handles, handrails, sink handles, tables, and restroom surfaces.
- Cleaning will occur when children are not present. Classrooms will be aired out for cleaning.
- Areas used by a sick person will not be reopened until they are cleaned and disinfected. To reduce the risk of exposure, the area will not be used for 24 hours.

Physical Distancing

- The current requirement is to allow a minimum of 6-feet of distance between staff and students, when practicable.
- Movement of students and staff will be minimized in order to reduce interaction between individual classes of students and maintain, to the extent possible, stable student groupings.
- Face coverings will be utilized in any situation (except when precluded due to a medical necessity or disability) when physical distancing is not feasible (e.g., students and staff enter and exit campus).
- Teacher and staff desks will be placed 6-feet apart, student desks, 6-feet apart and arranged in a way that minimizes face-to-face contact.
- Staff will prompt and reinforce physical distancing throughout the day.

Playgrounds/Outside Spaces

- Playground/outdoor times will be coordinated to maximize physical distancing, and support stable student groupings.
- Supervision will be adequate to ensure 6-feet physical distancing between staff and students.
- At this time, playground equipment is not accessible to students.

Plans to Address Positive COVID-19 Cases or Community Surges

SBSD has a plan to close school for the physical attendance of students during Phase-In ReOpening, if necessary, based on public health guidance and coordination with local public health officials.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) guidelines will be followed if a student, teacher, or staff member or a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19 and has exposed others at the school. Guidance begins on page 11 of the document linked [here](#).

- In consultation with local public health officials, SBSBD administration will consider whether class or school closure is warranted and the length of time, based on the risk level within the specific community as determined by the local public health officer.
- In accordance with standard guidance for isolation at home after close contact, the classroom or office where the COVID-19 positive individual was based will typically need to close temporarily for isolation.
- Additional close direct contacts at school outside of a classroom should also isolate at home.
- Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19 positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for cleaning and disinfecting.
- A return to Remote Online Learning for all students throughout the remainder of Phase-In ReOpening may be determined by SBSBD administration in collaboration with the local public health office.