



2021-2022 Skagway School District Mitigation Plan

Masks

Cloth face coverings or face shields are encouraged to be worn at all times inside the building (lunch excluded) and required for students under 12 years old when 3 feet of physical distance cannot be reasonably maintained (hallways, bathrooms, common spaces). Masks will remain optional for individuals 12 years of age and older, all outdoor settings, and extracurricular activities. Parents and guardians of students involved in extracurricular activities will be required to sign a waiver of liability and acknowledge that students will be in a mask optional setting. Masks will be encouraged at meetings and events that happen outside of the school day, but the decision will be a personal and/or family choice.

Any time there are confirmed active cases in Skagway, the district will consult with medical professionals and the Public Health Department to determine risk level. If public health and/or local medical professionals determine there is active community transmission or concern for it, Skagway School will institute universal masking (lunch excluded, 6 feet of separation required) inside the school building. The district reserves the right to change safety protocols associated with face coverings should contagion become an issue.

Physical distancing

The intent of Skagway School District is to have all students in person for the full school year. To the extent possible, classrooms will be arranged so that learning spaces (desks, lab tables, etc.) are a minimum of six feet apart in accordance with CDC guidelines. To the extent possible Skagway School will resume congregant settings within the school day (lunches, assemblies, etc.) so long as 6 feet of physical distancing can be maintained. All public meetings will maintain at least 6 feet of distance between seats. Physical distancing will be encouraged at extracurricular events that happen outside of the school day, but no requirement will be set. The district reserves the right to increase safety protocols associated with physical distancing should contagion become an issue.

Temperature Screening

Daily temperature screenings will be required upon arrival to the school building for everyone. Students with temperatures at or above 100.3F will be sent home and parents/guardians are advised to call the clinic for screening with a provider to determine if testing is appropriate. Anyone entering the building is subject to a temperature screening and restriction from the building if temperature is above 100.3F. Parents are encouraged to check temperatures before school if possible.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

To help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Skagway School District (SSD) has the opportunity and responsibility to educate students, families, and staff on social etiquette, good health and hygiene habits, and disease prevention. SSD will provide regular hand-washing and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette education for all K-12 students. Our basic educational message will be to cover your cough, wash hands often, and stay home if any of the following symptoms are evident:

- Sustained Cough
- Sustained Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sustained Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Sustained Muscle pain
- Sustained Headache
- Sustained Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than 100.3 degrees fahrenheit
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, Including Improving Ventilation

The safety of our students and staff is our primary priority. Skagway School will be completely cleaned and disinfected regularly and we will continue to adhere to all necessary safety precautions. Deep cleaning is triggered when an active student or employee is identified as positive for COVID-19 based on testing. When a student or employee with a suspected infectious disease is identified and has left the building, their work area, along with any other known places they have been will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. During times of a specifically known or suspected disease

outbreak, SSD will consult our local EOC to determine if there is a proper way to discard waste or if other PPE should be worn by staff.

Further, each classroom is equipped with an air purifier that will be operational during the school day and classrooms will maintain a supply of hand sanitizer as well as surface cleaning products. SSD employees are encouraged to regularly disinfect personal work stations each day, schedule regular times during the school day for students to disinfect their personal work stations, and disinfect all appliances and electronic equipment after each use.

The SSD Maintenance department will regulate the air handler system so that there is a maximum level of fresh air circulating throughout the building and whenever appropriate teachers are encouraged to keep the windows cracked open to allow fresh air circulation.

Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine, in Collaboration with the State, Local, or Tribal Health Departments

If a student or employee becomes ill at work and is exhibiting one or more illness related symptoms, they will be asked to leave and go home immediately.

If a student or employee becomes ill at home and is exhibiting one or more illness related symptoms, they will be asked to stay at home. The student or employee should consult with their health care provider to determine if a Covid test is necessary. Parents are asked to immediately pick their student up upon notification from the school that their child is exhibiting illness symptoms.

Any staff member exhibiting illness related symptoms is asked to immediately notify the superintendent of their symptoms and leave school premises. Employees returning to work from an approved medical leave may be asked to submit a healthcare provider's note before returning to work.

Unvaccinated students or staff members may not return to school until they have met one of the following criteria:

If they test positive, they must stay home for 10 days since their first symptom or their positive test, whichever is earlier. After 10 days, they may return to school once they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, as long as their other symptoms are improving.

If they test negative or if it is determined that a Covid test is not necessary by a medical professional, they may return to school when they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine and their other symptoms are improving.

Vaccinated staff and students may be allowed back to school before 10 days and without a negative test as long as one of the following criteria are met:

Their symptoms are improving and they have not had a fever in 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine, or
They have a note from their health care provider saying it is safe for them to come back to school.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Skagway School District does not plan on conducting mandatory screening testing for staff or students during the 2021-2022 school year. That stated, we understand the risk involved in travel to or through communities with active cases. Any staff member, student, or related service provider who travels outside of Skagway to or through a community with active cases of Covid-19 is highly encouraged to schedule a Covid test upon return to Skagway or self isolate for at least 10 days before being admitted back into the school building. SSD has prioritized ARPA funding to provide testing for staff or students who wish to schedule a Covid test in accordance with the suggestions described above.

Extra Curricular Activities

Students involved in all district sponsored extracurricular activities will be subject to weekly antigen (rapid result) testing. Any staff or students travelling on behalf of the district will be tested immediately prior to departure and again 3-5 days after return. During the 3-5 day window prior to receiving test results, students and staff involved in the travel will be required to wear a face covering inside the school building at all times (lunch excluded, 6 feet of separation required) regardless of age or vaccination status.

Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Educators, Other Staff, and Students if Eligible

SSD has partnered with Dahl Memorial Clinic to provide staff, students, parents and community members information about vaccinations. SSD has regularly sent out emails to staff, students, and parents regarding the availability of vaccinations and how to access information about inoculation. SSD is extremely appreciative of the resources provided by our municipality, Dahl Memorial Clinic, and SEARHC that are being provided to our staff and students.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies

Students with disabilities will be considered for modification to the health and safety practices of the school with amendments to IEPs or implementation of a 504 plan, as appropriate.