

# San Angelo Christian Academy's 2020-2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

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San Angelo Christian Academy's COVID-19 Task Force consists of local law enforcement, medical professionals, and school administration. This task force is designed to provide support, experience, knowledge, and guidance to SACA in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our task force and school board **remain** committed to implementing and maintaining best practices by staying up to date on all CDC and TEA guidelines, as well as utilizing any other resources available to task force members. Due to the fluid nature of the ongoing pandemic the SACA 2020-2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan will be adapted/updated as necessary as events develop throughout the school year. Point of contact for the task force is our school nurse, Jodi Carnes, she will be on campus **Monday through Thursday each week**. During business hours, Jodi can be reached by calling the school at 651-8363, or by emailing her at [jcarnes@sanangelochristian.academy](mailto:jcarnes@sanangelochristian.academy). After hours and on weekends, she can be reached by calling or texting 325-374-4686.

## San Angelo Christian Academy's COVID-19 plan will address the following:

- \*Attendance
- \*Make-up work expectations
- \*On campus and virtual instruction
- \*Extracurricular activities and sports
- \*Practices to prevent COVID-19 from entering school
- \*Practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the school
- \*SACA's response to any **test**-confirmed case/s of COVID-19 in the school

For the purpose of this document, San Angelo Christian Academy will use the list of COVID-19 symptoms published **December 10, 2020** by the Texas Education Agency.

- \*Feeling feverish or having a measured temperature of greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees
- \*Loss of taste or smell
- \*Cough
- \*Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- \*Headache
- \*Fatigue
- \*Chills, shaking, or shivering
- \*Sore throat
- \*Muscle pains or aches
- \*Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- \*Congestion or runny nose

## **Attendance**

\*Parents ***MUST NOT*** send children to school when they are sick.

\*If a student will be kept home for from school, the parent must call the school and be prepared to describe symptoms or explain the situation

\***COVID-19 related illnesses will not count against attendance record.** All other absences will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

\*In the case of student absence, the student will remain responsible for all course work. Any necessary equipment /supplies can be picked up in the school office.

\*Parents are required to notify the school of any out of area travel.

### **Make-up work expectations due to quarantine related absences**

\*Quarantine due to personal COVID-19 illness – Parent and/or student must maintain frequent communication with teachers to discuss any possible expectations.

\*Individual student quarantine due to exposure (not personally ill) – Must maintain frequent communication with teachers and comply with all teacher expectations regarding assignments.

\*Quarantine due to class exposure (not personally ill) – Students will transition into virtual learning and must comply with all teacher expectations regarding assignments.

### **On-campus and virtual instruction**

\*At this time, San Angelo Christian Academy does not have staffing to have on both campus and virtual instruction running simultaneously. In the event of COVID related closures, we are prepared to shift to virtual instruction.

\*During virtual instruction, SACA will utilize Google classroom. The school will provide all necessary instructional materials and equipment.

\*During virtual instruction, all assignments are held to the same standards and deadlines as on campus assignments.

### **Extracurricular activities and sports**

\*San Angelo Christian Academy will follow all TAPPS (Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools) official guidelines and recommendations regarding sports and extracurricular activities. Follow TAPPS.biz for the most current information.

\*In the event that the school is able to participate in extracurricular activities, sports, and field trips, we will be practicing safe travel measures.

## Practices to prevent COVID-19 from entering school

\*All teachers, staff, visitors and any student in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, will be **required** to wear a face mask/covering that covers both nose and mouth.

\*Any student attending San Angelo Christian Academy can wear a face mask/covering.

\*All teachers, staff and students are **required** to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to campus each day.

\*All teachers, staff and students **MUST** report to the school if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms, or are **test**-confirmed COVID-19, and if so, they **MUST remain off campus** until they meet all three criteria for re-entry.

### **Re-entry criteria**

1. At least **1 day (24 full hours)** have passed since having a temperature of at least **100.0** degrees or more without the use of fever reducing medications.
2. The individual has an improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first began.

\*Teachers, staff, and students **MUST** report to the school if they have been in close contact with anyone who has been **test**-confirmed COVID-19, and if so, they must remain off campus for **at least 10 days, and so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14. Or, they may return to campus after 7 days with a negative COVID-19 test result that was administered at least 5 days after the close contact, and as long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms and take appropriate precautions through day 14.**

### **Close contact is defined as:**

1. Being directly exposed to infectious secretions
2. Being within 6ft. **for a total of 15 minutes throughout the course of a day, while not wearing a mask or face shield.**

***\*Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms, (as listed on the first page of this document) or is **test**-confirmed with COVID-19.***

\*All visitors must check in at the office, and **must** be screened to determine whether or not they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have had recent close contact with a person with COVID-19.

\*School doors will remain locked during school hours.

\*Visitors **will not be allowed** entry into school without a face mask/covering.

## **Practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the school**

### **Sanitizing**

- \*Hand sanitizing stations will be placed at each entrance.
- \*Students, teachers, and staff will be encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- \*Students, teachers, and staff will be encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes.
- \*Our campus will continue to have increased janitorial services, cleaning all frequently touched surfaces with CDC approved cleaners on a regular schedule and throughout the day as needed.

### **Masks /Social Distancing**

- \*All teachers, staff, visitors and students in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are ***required*** to wear a mask/face covering that covers both nose and mouth. This will not apply to students that are actively exercising while social distancing.
- \*Students and staff will practice social distancing where feasible.

### **Drop-off/Pick-up & School Visits**

- \*Parents ***should remain outside***, in their cars during drop-off and pick-up.
- \*Parents or visitors to the school are encouraged to schedule an appointment and must follow virus prevention and mitigation requirements. ***All visitors must sign in at the office.***
- \*School visits will be restricted to only those that are essential.

### **Lunch**

- \*For meal service students may choose to bring lunch from home or receive an individually plated meal (on days offered) with disposable food service items. Social distancing measures will be practiced during lunch, and at this time, we are unable to accommodate guests in the cafeteria.

### **Medical**

- \*Any student that is unable to remain in class and participating because of physical discomfort (of any kind) ***will be sent home.***
- \*Any student complaining of any respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) will be isolated and a parent will be called to ***immediately*** pick up that student.
- \*Any student, teacher, or staff member exhibiting ***three or more*** COVID-19 symptoms (as found on pg. 1 of this document) while at school, will ***immediately*** be sent home for a ***minimum of three days.*** Disinfecting protocols will be followed, and the ill student, teacher, or staff member will be communicated with daily. If symptoms have not ***completely subsided*** within the three-day window, the school will require a medical release from a doctor prior to allowing the individual to return to campus. ***Otherwise, the individual must meet all of the re-entry criteria (as previously listed in this document) prior to returning to school.***

## **SACA's response to any **test**-confirmed case/s of COVID-19 in the school**

\*The school will close off areas used by the individual with the **test**-confirmed case until those areas can be properly disinfected.

\*The school will notify all teachers, staff members and families of all SACA students if a **test**-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among our students, teachers, or staff who participate in any **on, or off campus school- related activities, if warranted by timeline.**

\*The school reserves the right to restrict on campus access/activities to any teacher, student, or staff member based on level of exposure. Campus restrictions will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

\*Any student, teacher, or staff member with a **test**-confirmed positive COVID-19 case in their home, **MUST** notify the school of their exposure, and **MUST** quarantine at home until all re-entry criteria have been met.

**\*Any student, teacher, or staff member that is **test**-confirmed positive for COVID-19 will follow the re-entry criteria (as found on pg.3 of this document) before returning to school.**

**\*\*\*All teachers and staff have been trained on the protocols in this document. \*\*\***