

San Angelo Christian Academy's 2021-2022 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. Due to the fluid nature of the ongoing pandemic the SACA 2021-2022 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, Chrystal Guinn, she will be on campus Monday through Friday each week. During business hours, Chrystal can be reached by calling the school at 651-8363, or by emailing her at cguinn@sanangelochristian.academy. After hours and on weekends, she can be reached by calling or texting 325-277-5908.

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.

Students and faculty with 3 or more of the following symptoms will be sent home and/or should not come to school.

- *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.

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.

*We have every intention to stay open but in the event school is closed – Students will transition into virtual learning and must comply with all teacher expectations regarding assignments.

On-campus and 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.

Practices to prevent COVID-19 from entering school

*All teachers, staff, visitors and any student, will *have the choice* to 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 i.e.: Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen etc.
2. The individual has an improvement in symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
3. At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first began.

****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.***

If you have any questions or concerns or need clarification on if your child should come to school, please do not hesitate to call.

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

Sanitizing

- *Hand sanitizing stations *are* placed at each entrance.
- *Students, teachers, and staff *are* encouraged to sanitize and/or wash hands frequently.
- *Students, teachers, and staff *are* encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes.
- *Our campus continues 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 *have the choice* to wear a mask/face covering.
- *Students and staff will practice social distancing where feasible.

Drop-off/Pick-up & School Visits

- *Parents *are encouraged to remain*, 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.*

Lunch

- *For meal service, students may choose to bring lunch from home or receive an individually plated meal. Extra effort is being made between lunches to sanitize the surfaces of tables and chairs.

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 undiagnosed respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) will be isolated and a parent will be called to *immediately* pick up that student.
- **Any student suffering from “known” seasonal allergies will be required to wear a mask as long as they are symptomatic.*
- *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 diagnoses and treatment. Disinfecting protocols will be followed, and the ill student, teacher, or staff member will be communicated with daily. *Otherwise, the individual must meet all of the re-entry criteria (as previously listed in this document) prior to returning to school.*

- *SACA has contracted with Concho Valley ER at no cost to the student’s family to receive the rapid test.

Families may test wherever they choose, this is just an option that SACA offers.

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

*The school will take extra effort to disinfect any areas used by the individual if a test-confirmed case occurs.

*The school will continue to notify by email 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. *****