

San Angelo Christian Academy's

2020-2021 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

July 21, 2020

San Angelo Christian Academy recently formed a COVID-19 Task Force consisting 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 are 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. Jodi will be on campus most of the week. During business hours, Jodi can be reached by calling the school at 651-8363, or by emailing her at jcarnes@sanangelochristian.academy. After hours and 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
 - *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 lab-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 July 7, 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
- *Chills, shaking, or shivering
- *Sore throat
- *Muscle pains or aches
- *Diarrhea

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
- *Special consideration will be given for COVID-19 related absences. 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.

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. We plan to have face-to-face classes beginning Thursday, August 13, 2020, and 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 5th through 12th 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 lab-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 3 days (72 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 lab-confirmed COVID-19, and if so, they must remain off campus until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

Close contact is defined as:

1. Being directly exposed to infectious secretions
2. Being within 6ft. for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, 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 lab 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, have had close contact with a person with COVID-19, or they themselves are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, **if so, they must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for re-entry as noted above.**

*School doors will remain locked during school hours.

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

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

*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.

*Campus will have increased janitorial services, cleaning all frequently touched surfaces with CDC approved cleaners on a regular schedule and throughout the day as needed.

*All teachers, staff, visitors and students in 5th through 12th 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.

*Parents should remain outside, in their cars during drop-off and pick-up.

*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.

*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.

*All teachers and staff will be trained on the protocols in this document.

*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) at school, will immediately be sent home for a minimum of three days. Disinfecting protocols will be followed. Parents of all classmates will be notified. Documentation of the possible progression of symptoms will begin 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 lab-confirmed case/s of COVID-19 in the school

*If any student, teacher, or staff that has been in school and is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school will notify the Tom Green County health department, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.

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

*The school will notify all teacher, staff and families of all students in school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participate in any campus activities.

*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 lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 case in their home, must quarantine at home for at least 14 days from the time of diagnosis, and notify the school of their exposure. The school will notify parents with children in the class, that a parent or family member of a student, teacher, or staff member has been identified as a lab-confirmed positive case of COVID-19.

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