

ARP ESSER III Safe Return to School Plan Outline

The district's plan is based on current CDC guidance safety recommendations. The plan will be reviewed at least every six months and available for public comment.

1. Mask requirements-
 - a. Following the executive order issued by Governor Abbott, Saint Jo ISD will not require masks for staff or students. Masks are still recommended for those individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
2. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will continue to practice social distancing to the maximum extent possible in common areas such as gyms and the lunchroom. State requirements no longer require a specific amount of space.
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette-
 - a. Students will continue to be reminded to wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer as necessary. We will also continue to remind students to cough into their elbow and cover sneezes effectively.
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will be making improvements to our HVAC units by installing bipolar Ionizers on each unit in order to improve the air quality throughout the school.
 - b. Saint Jo ISD will continue to sanitize facilities on a regular basis with additional cleaning protocols daily.
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will work directly with the local health authority and follow state and local guidelines.
6. Diagnostic and screening testing-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will refer all diagnostic and screening testing to our local health authority.
7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will provide notice of vaccine opportunities to our staff, students, and community as we are notified by the local health authority.
8. Accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will provide necessary accommodations for all children with disabilities who are served in the district with respect to health and safety.

9. Coordination with State and local health officials-
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will follow the guidance of local and state health authorities and the recommendations given by TEA.
10. The LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health and other needs, which may include student health and food services by
 - a. Saint Jo ISD will continue to employ existing staff and add an additional staff position to provide intense interventions to accommodate the loss of instruction and academic loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - b. Saint Jo ISD continuará empleando al personal existente y agregará un puesto de personal adicional para proporcionar intervenciones intensas para adaptarse a la pérdida de instrucción y académica debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.

The plan is available in Spanish or other languages needed for this community.

The plan will be available in an accessible format for people with disabilities, upon request to <https://www.saintjoisd.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/District%7CESSER>

The plan will be posted on the district website within 30 days of the receipt of the funds.