

Salem Washington Academy Reopening Plan

The chief priority of the Salem Washington Academy is to offer daily in-person instruction throughout the entire 2021-2022 school year for all students. The district will work tirelessly to safely bring students back to school, in-person at 100% capacity. The district's reopening plan is a fluid document that is subject to change based on the recommendations from CDC, AAP, NYSED, NYSDOH, LCDOH, the district's Risk Management and Safety Specialist, and the district's school physician. Additionally, the district will be monitoring Washington County's COVID-19 community transmission which uses the four category system of low, moderate, substantial, and high.

Masking:

- Indoors: Masks are required of all staff, students and visitors in the district, regardless of vaccination status
- Outdoors: Masks are not required

Transportation:

- Buses may return to full capacity but three-foot physical distancing will be maintained to the extent possible
- Windows/vents open when possible
- Assigned seats will be required
- Families who are able to provide transportation to and/or from school are encouraged to do so to reduce the population of buses
- All riders and staff MUST wear masks 100% of the time

Cafeteria:

- Students may take their masks off to eat and drink. When done eating, masks must be worn
- Students will be separated by three foot as possible
- Assigned seats required

Vaccination:

- No current mandate/requirement for employees to be vaccinated
- The district will work with WCDOH on encouraging vaccinations and holding clinics for eligible students
- No quarantine if vaccinated students are not symptomatic
- Still required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status

Classrooms:

- Students will be spaced apart at three feet whenever possible
- Windows open when possible
- Seating charts will be maintained in classrooms to assist with contact tracing
- Increasing ventilation with outdoor air based on the outdoor air temperature and the capabilities of our system
- Insure maintenance frequency on all HVAC systems to ensure proper functioning of equipment

Athletics:

- Outdoor sports, no mask at this time
- Spectators socially distanced, masks recommended for unvaccinated individuals
- Areas at high transmission status may have high risk sports postponed

Health Screenings:

- All staff will be required to complete and submit a digital daily health screening
- All students will be screened via a daily temperature check prior to entering the school buildings
- The school district will send regular communications to parents/guardians to remind them to monitor and check their child/children for COVID-19 symptoms and keep their child/children home when sick, and seek testing when appropriate

Attendance:

- All students are expected to attend school in-class every day unless they have an excused absence
- Remote learning will only be provided if a student is mandatory quarantined by Washington County Public Health Services

Daily Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures and Protocols:

The district will continue regular cleaning and disinfecting daily as needed, along with frequent cleaning and disinfecting of shared objects and surfaces. This includes high transit areas such as restrooms and common areas.

- All facilities will be cleaned daily
- Classrooms will be disinfected as necessary
- High volume touch points will be disinfected frequently throughout the day as well as each night
- Use of hand sanitizer and the practice of good hygiene will be taught/encouraged
- All staff will have access to PPE

Parent Visitations:

- Parents will be allowed into the school buildings if masked (regardless of vaccination status)