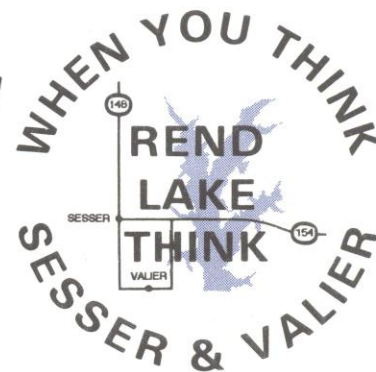


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### **DISTRICT SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION & CONTINUITY OF SERVICES PLAN** (as of May 18, 2023)

Sesser-Valier Community Unit School District No. 196 has updated its Safe Return Plan, as follows:

#### **School Day/Week**

- School will continue on a regular 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM schedule each weekday (Monday-Friday) in accordance with the adopted 2022-2023 public school calendar. Classes will begin at 8:30 AM (regular starting time), and student dismissal will be at 3:08 PM (regular dismissal time).
- District transportation (busing, van routes) will continue regular service each school day. Durham School Services will provide regular bus service. Riders on district transportation services (buses, vans) are encouraged to follow current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidance.
- **Students and/or staff members who are sick should not attend school.**

#### **Student & Staff Safety**

- The District recommends that students/parents and staff members follow CDC/IDPH recommended, layered prevention/mitigation strategies.
- The District will periodically monitor changes in CDC/IDPH/ISBE guidance and update this Plan as needed.
- The District will periodically consult with Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department as needed.
- Additional information, including ISBE/IDPH Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools, is available at [www.isbe.net](http://www.isbe.net)
- The District will make information about locations where diagnostic and screening tests can be obtained readily available. Please contact the school nurse for additional information.
- The District encourages all students, parents, guardians, and staff members to talk with their personal physician about the benefits/risks of vaccinations in order to make an informed, personal decision.

### **REQUIRED PLAN COMPONENTS**

#### **How the District Will Seek to Maintain Student/Staff Member Health & Safety**

- The District recommends that students/parents and staff members follow all current CDC/IDPH recommended, layered prevention/mitigation strategies, including, but not limited to, universal and correct wearing of masks, maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, practicing good handwashing and respiratory etiquette, contact tracing (if recommended in current CDC guidance and subject to certain Illinois case law

- outcomes). As of this writing, the District does not require students and/or staff members to universally-mask or to be excluded from school attendance due to ongoing legal challenges to such policies throughout the State of Illinois.
- The District will purchase and use additional sanitizing cleaning supplies as needed based on the volume and frequency of student/staff member illnesses.
  - The District will make information about locations where diagnostic and screening tests can be obtained readily available. Please contact the school nurse for additional information.
  - The District encourages all students, parents, guardians, and staff members to talk with their personal physician about the benefits/risks of vaccinations in order to make an informed, personal decision.
  - The District will periodically consult with Franklin-Williamson Bi-County Health Department as needed.
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#### **District Policies Regarding CDC Safety Recommendations**

- The District's school board most recently adopted a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan on August 8, 2022, which recommended and encouraged all District constituents to monitor and follow the most up-to-date CDC guidance.
- The District routinely sends students and staff members who are sick home.
- The District has directed its custodial staff to perform periodic sanitization of classroom areas, desks, restrooms, and/or other public areas of the school building.
- The District does not currently require students and/or staff members to universally-mask or to be excluded from school attendance due to ongoing legal challenges to such policies throughout the State of Illinois.

#### **District Continuity of Services**

- The District provides students who are absent from school due to illness a specified period of time within which to make-up school work. Make-up work is routinely sent home with a parent, sibling (who is also a District student), electronically via e-mail and/or Google Classroom, and/or personally-delivered to affected students' homes.
- District personnel, including, but not limited to, classroom teachers, guidance counselors, nurses, and/or administrators, routinely contact parents and students who are absent due to illness to offer/provide academic, physical, emotional, and behavioral support to affected students. When needed, meals can be delivered and/or families can be referred to community agencies for food assistance.
- Students who are unable to attend school due to illness for a substantial period of time are provided homebound instruction (either in-person or via an online video meeting) on an as-needed basis.

#### **Plan Reviews**

- This plan is continually reviewed (but not less frequently than every six months) and revised as appropriate after seeking and considering public input via a dedicated e-mail address or during public comment sessions at school board meetings. Plan revisions address the most recent safety recommendations by the CDC, rules, regulations, applicable statutory law, and applicable Illinois case law. Plan documents can be provided as needed in an alternative format accessible to parents who are individuals with a disability as defined by the ADA and made publicly available on the District's website.