



## Southgate Academy – Safe Return to In-Person Plan

CDC Safety Recommendations	Has the LEA Adopted a Policy? (Y/N)	Describe LEA Policy:
Universal and correct wearing of masks	Y	<p><b>Pima County 2021-2022 School Year COVID-19 Recommendations for K-12 Schools</b></p> <p>All staff and students 5 years or older are <b>strongly encouraged</b> to wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regular wear masks when outdoors. The CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated. Pima County is currently in substantial COVID-19 transmission. (CDC, 2021).</p>
Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	Y	<p>We have modified our facility by adding plexiglass barriers and floor stickers to promote social distancing. Teachers and Support Staff members are required to maintain a distance of at least 3-6 feet between individuals unless this is not physically possible. Student safety is priority so if a situation arises that requires a staff member to touch a student or another staff member (for instance, if a student has a physical emergency, or requires a two-person restraint) call a staff member. Then, resume social distancing as soon as safely possible, wash your hands, and disinfect any surfaces that may have been touched</p>
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	y	<p>All students are required to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• upon arrival at school (use hand sanitizer if there is no sink in the classroom),</li> <li>• after being outside for physical activity,</li> <li>• before and after lunch,</li> <li>• prior to leaving school for home, and</li> <li>• after sneezing, coughing, or blowing nose.</li> </ul>



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<p>Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Classroom Teachers and Support staff have received written procedures outlining the daily cleaning tasks and disinfecting high frequently touched surfaces in classroom and work areas. Time will be allotted in daily schedules to ensure door handles, sink handles, drinking fountains, desks, and learning tools will be cleaned and any other shared items will be cleaned between uses by groups of students. All staff is expected to clean and disinfect workspaces when they arrive at work and just before leaving work. Janitorial staff have schedules for increased cleaning of surfaces and bathrooms throughout the day.</p>
<p>Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Protocols provided by the local health department will be followed by our administrative staff for COVID-19. We are using the current guidance from Pima County School COVID-19 Response Toolkit for K-12 Schools.</p>
<p>Diagnostic and screening testing</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Our school refers staff and families to local medical facilities for diagnostic testing and screening. Pima County offers free COVID-19 testing. students are encouraged to schedule their free COVID-19 testing.. For eligibility information:</p> <p>You CAN get tested for free:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With or without symptoms of COVID-19</li> <li>• Without a referral for a doctor</li> </ul> <p>You CANNOT get tested for free:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If your testing is needed for occupational or work-required reasons</li> <li>• You have had a COVID-19 test administered at a Pima County site within the last 14 days</li> </ul>
<p>Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>Partnership local Health Clinic          Pennie Gomez, BSN, RN, NCSN          Pima County Public Health Nurse Supervisor</p> <p>Theresa Lee Public Health Center          1493 W. Commerce Court          Tucson, AZ 85746          Office #: 520-724-3849</p>



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Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies	Y	All staff and students 5 years or older are <b>strongly encouraged</b> to wear masks indoors unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit their use regular wear masks when outdoors. Any student who has difficulty breathing, who is incapable of physically removing the face covering on his/her own, or for some other medical reason will not wear face mask coverings, and alternate methods of protection will be discussed by parents and staff
Coordination with State and local health officials	Y	Pima County Brian Eller- Microsoft Teams Weekly Covid-19 update school support
<p><b>How the LEA will Ensure Continuity of Services?</b></p> <p>Southgate is committed to the academic success and the social/emotional well-being of all our students and staff. Students’ academic needs will be identified through analysis of benchmark assessment data for classroom interventions and the afterschool tutoring program. To address students’ and staff’s social, emotional, and mental wellness, staff will continue to receive training on topics specific to post-pandemic trauma, mental health, and inclusivity. Our school will provide the Gator Grab n Go drive thru to ensure the food security of our students and families.</p>		
Student Safety Needs	Our school provides a routine daily health screening check by a designated staff member checking temperatures at the entrance of each building for every student for contact tracing and communicating with parents to maintain a safe and healthy school environment.	
Academic Needs	Title I After-School Academic Program Academic Focus: The primary focus of this program is for students who need additional assistance in any subject area, particularly in reading and/or mathematics. The program is open to all students at Southgate Academy. After-school teachers and paraprofessionals assist students with homework, work on academic projects to close learning gaps, provide interventions and introduce new and upcoming academic topics to intrigue students and create additional background knowledge	
Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs of Students	Student Social Emotional Learning and Mental Wellness is embedded in daily K-12 instruction and supports in each social and emotional competency. Southgate Academy uses the CASEL and Purpose Prep curriculum scaffolding teaching and learning with a comprehensive set of teacher and student resources. These resources support the opportunity to engage with students through classroom discussion experiences and provide follow up activities for further learning and independent practice	
Other Needs -Food Services	Southgate Academy’s Gator Grab-n-Go Drive thru Program has continued to serve our families with specific days and hours, Curbside meal service is not limited to Southgate Academy students. Prepackaged meals include free breakfast, lunch, snack for ANY CHILD 18 and under.	



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Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs of Staff	Our school supports our staff by providing information about the District Employee Health benefits including mental health and counseling services that are available with their insurance plans. The staff has additional resources offered through our local communities on our website for mental health wellness with National Alliance on Mental Health NAMI and Connection AZ. Courses for Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Sensitive Schools along with its resources have been provided to all staff through a miniseries of seminars by Arizona Department of ED.
Staff Safety Needs	All staff are <b>strongly encouraged</b> to wear face coverings while on school campus. Employees have a single point of entry in each building while at the campus. Every employee without exception is required to enter only through this point and have their temperature recorded daily. Additionally, a sign-in sheet is required to screen employees with questions in regard to COVID-19 exposure or symptoms at the beginning of each day.
<b>Date of Revision</b>	<b>March 31, 2022</b>
<b>Public Input</b>	
Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan:	The School Leadership Team reviewed the plan to revise and discuss the current conditions in the community at September 1, 2021 Leadership Team meeting.  The updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan is posted on the school's webpage. Any revisions made to the plan will be made and reposted on the district's website for community access and to give Public input using the <a href="mailto:messages@southgateaz.org">messages@southgateaz.org</a> email or by contacting Sylvia Calmelat, Superintendent directly at 520-741-7900.