



Sallie Jones Elementary School

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers of Sallie Jones Elementary Students:

As we prepare to welcome our students for the 2020-2021 school year, we have examined every aspect of their school day in an effort to provide students a safe, healthy environment in which to receive an education. I imagine some of you will applaud these changes, while others may feel they are not necessary. Either way, the following changes and protocols will be in place during the first quarter of the school year. These changes and protocols will be examined and possibly amended at the beginning of the second quarter, depending on the trend in the number of COVID cases in the state of Florida and in Charlotte County, particularly.

Changes necessary to reduce students' opportunity to be exposed to adults with Coronavirus:

- Only CCPS employees will be allowed past the foyer of the school.
- Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers may no longer walk their children to their classrooms.
- Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers may no longer eat breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria with their children.
- Volunteers will not be utilized at this time.
- PTO and SAC meetings will be held virtually.
- The number of school events and activities will be drastically curtailed.
- Parent conferences will be held virtually or via telephone.
- Meetings that require a parent's presence (IEP, 504, LEP, etc.) will take place virtually or in the office conference room.

Changes necessary to reduce students' opportunity to catch Coronavirus from a classmate, or spread Coronavirus to a classmate:

- Seating within the classroom has been arranged to allow social distancing to the maximum extent possible.
- Good hygiene will be practiced by washing hands and using hand sanitizer frequently.
- The sharing of instructional materials and manipulatives will be minimized to the greatest extent possible.
- Per the CDC guidelines, returned Media Center books will be held out of circulation for the recommended length of time, before reuse.
- The number of students in the cafeteria at one time has been reduced. Students will be socially distanced in the cafeteria line and at the cafeteria tables to the maximum extent possible.



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- Safety Patrols will be on the sidewalk to help safely guide your student to the front door but will no longer open car doors. If your child is unable to open your car door, we ask that you assist them with this task.
- The wearing of masks is mandatory. The student's parent/caregiver will be contacted should a student not wear their mask, even after being reminded to do so.
 - Masks must adhere to dress code (see Code of Conduct)
 - Students with medical conditions may be exempt pending medical documentation
 - Buffs and gaiters are acceptable substitutes for masks
 - Face shields can be worn with a mask/face covering, but not worn alone.
- Students should bring a reusable water bottle, labeled with their name. Please be sure the bottle has a tight fitting lid and contains only clear water. Bottled water will also be available in the cafeteria for \$1. No sharing water bottles.
- Students will no longer enter the Clinic to receive their medications. Medications will be administered to students at an alternate location.

Additionally:

- If your child is ill, we want them to stay home. Please refer to the Charlotte County Public Schools COVID-19 Health and Wellness Protocols for guidance. This document is on the district and school webpage and also can be found on our Facebook page.
- School-based clubs sponsored by school staff will continue to operate at this time.
- The front doors of the school will be locked until 7:45 am each morning. Do not drop off students prior to 7:45 am unless they are enrolled in our before-school care program. Students are unable to congregate on the benches in the front of the campus as it is no longer a safe practice.

After reading the above, I hope you feel more secure in allowing us to educate your child(ren) this coming school year. I understand there are many changes to absorb all at once. It is our hope that even with these changes, we can maintain that welcoming, family feeling we strive for here at Sallie Jones Elementary. Our mission has always been to keep your children safe while providing them with a top-notch education. The world has changed – our mission has not.

Sincerely,

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