

RETURN TO CAMPUS PLAN 2020-2021

Our Focus

Sant Bani School's Pandemic Task Force has been busy planning the re-opening of campus and is committed to keeping students and employees safe. The SBS student experience remains central to our work and decisions.

Important Dates to Know

August 29: Student Welcoming DaySeptember 8: First Day of School

Guiding Principles

- Health and Safety
- Educating the Whole Child
- Flexibility and Adaptability

Key Resources

- NH Department of Health and Human Services
- NH Department of Education
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- National Association of Independent Schools
- Independent Schools Association of Northern New England
- National Association of School Nurses

Based on the most current information available, the school is making plans based on the following understandings:

- COVID-19 is an illness caused by a virus that can be spread person to person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- COVID-19 is often spread from person to person through close contact. Maintaining social distancing can greatly mitigate its spread.
- Until a vaccine is widely available, COVID-19 will be a concern for public health.

Investments in the Safety of our School

- PPE for all employees
- Hand sanitizer stations
- Portable hand-washing stations
- Amplified cleaning schedules and practices
- Remote health screening technology for students and employees
- Establishment of outside classroom areas

Important Role of Families

All members of our community have a shared responsibility to prevent the spread of the virus.

Community Expectations

- Families should monitor household members for symptoms including fever
- Students and employees stay home if sick or if exposed to the virus
- Students and employees arrive to school with a face mask to wear
- Students and employees limit the amount of personal items they bring to school
- Students and employees practice routine hand-washing at home
- Families have all up-to-date medical information for the school

On-Campus Safety Levels (these may be amended depending on new and updated information)

We have a three-tiered code system to calibrate our school operations and instructions to the public. Even as we do our best to mitigate risks of transmission on school grounds, we cannot eliminate the risk entirely. **We will open campus at a Red Safety Level.**

RED (Strictest Level)	 Non-mixing cohorts with restricted cohort movement Masks indoors. Masks outdoors unless social distancing can be maintained Lunches eaten with cohort only Elevated safety measures and PPE Employees and students only in the building Designated entrances and exits Mandatory hand-washing protocols Performing Arts activities modified Physical Education activities modified
YELLOW (Moderate Level)	 Mixing cohorts outside of the building Masks indoors Lunches eaten with cohort only Moderate safety measures and PPE Visitors in building with scheduled appointments Intramural sports
GREEN (Relaxed Level)	 Cohorts mixing Visitors in building Common Spaces will be used Resume regular lunch routines with mixed cohorts Resume Performing Arts Resume Athletics

Health and Safety Measures

- <u>Face Masks</u>: Students and employees will wear masks in the building, and outside when social distancing cannot be easily maintained.
- <u>Social Distancing</u>: Students will be seated with spacing to minimize transmission risk but allowed to interact more closely for limited periods with additional safety measures and greater supervision in place.
- <u>Student Cohorts</u>: Classroom use will be designed to keep students in smaller, consistent groups during the day.
- <u>Frequent hand-washing</u>: Students and employees will follow a regular schedule of hand-washing or use of hand sanitizer throughout the day. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available in every classroom and outside every building entrance to ensure regular access.
- Enhanced Cleaning and Sanitizing: Daily cleaning practices will be compliant with CDC recommendations, including the types of cleaning products used and the frequency of cleaning. Special attention will be paid to the cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- <u>Symptom Protocols</u>: Students with symptoms will be separated in an isolation area from other students and parents/guardians will be contacted to arrange pick-up within the hour.
- Quarantining: If a student or employee has an infection, our nurse and administration will support the NH Department of Health and Human Services efforts for contact tracing and enforce quarantining for those infected and their contacts. The school will support learning from home during the quarantine period of 14 days.
- <u>Safe Classroom Practices</u>: Teaching methods will be adjusted to minimize shared equipment or learning materials.
- <u>Self Care and Well Being</u>: Pedagogy and classroom practices will provide greater attention to student mental health and well-being to build resilience and cope with the stress or anxiety students may experience.
- <u>Visitors on Campus</u>: Only employees and students will be allowed in buildings in accordance with on-campus safety levels.

Schedules, Classes, and Calendar

We have new schedules for cohorts to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. Each cohort will enter the building at assigned entrances. Cohorts stay together and minimize contact with other students. This also assists in contact tracing should a member of the community become infected with the virus.

We will have a full-time remote learning option for students who may need to learn from home. Please contact Selene Gordon (<u>selene@santbani.org</u>) if you are interested in this program for your child.

Classes on campus will be five days a week, 8:30 am - 3:20 pm, Monday through Thursday. Classes will be followed by an activity period. Buses will run at 4:30 pm M-Th and 3:30 pm Friday; parents may pick up at 3:30 pm or 4:30 pm M-Th, and 3:30 pm Friday.