



SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL
Office of the Superintendent

January 24, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is time to return to school and we have a lot of information to share with you. As always, I ask that you read through the information thoroughly. We have made some changes to our initial SY21-22 Second Semester Re-Entry Plan that are very important for you to understand in order to determine what is best for your child, household, and community. **The information in this packet supersedes prior second semester re-entry information.**

All of the decisions have been made with the deepest concern for our community. As a Pueblo woman, I understand the importance of safeguarding our school and home communities. I also know that individual Pueblos may be on added restrictions and curfews to help slow the spread. SFIS will continue to support our students who are not yet comfortable or able to return to campus by continuing to offer the Online Option. While it is important for us to support all of our students in all circumstances, please keep in mind that the Online Option does not replace in-person learning.

Our teachers and staff have been managing both in-person student instruction and online students throughout the year, which has been tiring for teachers and students alike. Please keep this in mind when communicating with SFIS, as we all are trying to live and work through very difficult times.

I will be sharing a video message at the end of the week to review our plan and provide specific details for safe re-entry. Thank you for your time and support. We will get past this pandemic, but while it remains prevalent in our communities, please be mindful of your health and get tested. Students should be securing their Booster shoots and keeping themselves protected.

#STRONGER TOGETHER#

Love,

Christie L. Abeyta
Superintendent

SUMMARY
SY21-22 SECOND SEMESTER RE-ENTRY

All students and staff must stay home if they are sick and follow the COVID-19 Guidance Trees.

The Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree is on the Re-Entry Resource Center on SFIS' website: <https://tinyurl.com/ywmzp3h2>

Per the Guidance Tree:

Stay home if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days and notify the Academic Office.

If you had close contact with someone living in your home who tested positive for COVID-19, stay home for 10 days after the last day of close contact and notify the Academic Office.

(unvaccinated students must stay home for 14 days since last day of close contact)

Mandatory COVID-19 Testing: January 30th-31st, 2022

All students are required to take a COVID-19 test when returning to campus for the second semester on January 30-31. See the "SY21-22 Second Semester FAQs" on the following pages for detailed information.

SFIS will provide COVID-19 testing at the Pueblo Pavilion for all students on:

January 30, 2022
1pm - 6pm

January 31, 2022
7am - 3pm

Dorm Students: All dorm students must report to the Pueblo Pavilion on January 30th between 1pm and 6pm for testing. Parents/Guardians must wait until students receive their test results before checking into the dorms. Students will not be able to check in to the dorms without a negative COVID-19 test. Students must check in to the dorms by 6pm on January 30th.

Day Students: Regular bus routes will operate on Monday morning to pick up day students. All day students will be tested immediately after arrival to campus on Monday morning. Day students are encouraged to come to campus on January 30th to be tested.

Mandatory COVID-19 Screening Testing: Fridays starting February 11th

Students and staff will be randomly assigned to four testing cohorts in early January. This means that 25% of students and staff will take a COVID-19 test on campus each week and will also ensure that 100% of students and staff are tested every 4 weeks. Students and staff may continue to voluntarily test on campus each week as well.

Academic Program: Starting January 31, 2022

The Middle and High School Academic Programs will return to in-person instruction on January 31, 2022. **Students are automatically enrolled in in-person learning.**

SFIS will continue to offer the short-term online option for Quarter 3. **This option is not intended to replace in-person learning or services.** To enroll students in the online option, parents must notify Admissions by Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4 PM. Email Karen Dasheno at kdasheno@sfis.k12.nm.us or call 505-690-6293.

See the "SY21-22 Second Semester FAQs" on the following pages for additional information.

Student COVID-19 Booster Shot Requirement

In accordance with the other COVID-19 mitigation efforts on the SFIS campus, we are extending the COVID-19 Booster shot mandate to include **all eligible SFIS students. All students must submit documentation of their Booster Shot to SFIS.** See the "SY21-22 Second Semester FAQs" on the following pages for detailed information.

SFIS Test-to-Stay Program

SFIS is developing a Test-to-Stay Program so that dormitory students, who are identified as 'close contacts,' may continue to reside in the dorms. If you are a parent/guardian of a dorm student, please read the SFIS Test-to-Stay Program Overview on the following pages and be prepared to complete a participation form when you check-in your student(s) on January 30th.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs) SY21-22 SECOND SEMESTER RE-ENTRY

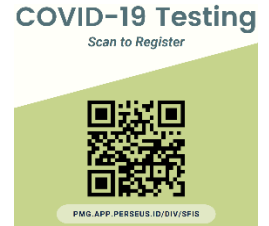
Mandatory COVID-19 Testing: January 30th-31st, 2022

What do I need to do to make sure my student can test at SFIS?

All SFIS students must register with the testing laboratory, Premier Medical Group (PMG).

Please follow the steps below to register your student:

- Scan the QR code or go to this link: <http://pmg.app.perseus.id/div/sfis>
- Complete the online intake form; Set up Health IDs for each student
- Use the phone number you want to receive the results on
- Be sure to sign up for the “Weekly Testing Surveillance Program”
- NOTE: You only need to register one time. Each student registered to get tested will get an individualized QR code. That student can reuse the same QR code each time they get tested.



HELPFUL TIP

Take a screenshot of the QR code and keep it on your phone to show the technician when getting tested.

When and where is testing?

Location: Pueblo Pavilion

Sunday, January 30, 2022
1pm - 6pm

Monday, January 31, 2022
7am - 3pm

Can my student bring a COVID-19 test result from a non-SFIS testing facility?

No, all students must take the COVID-19 test at SFIS on January 30-31, 2022.

What type of COVID-19 test will be used on January 30th-31st?

Either a Rapid PCR test or a Rapid Antigen test.

DORM STUDENTS:

What is the process for checking in my student on January 30th?

- All dorm students must report directly to the Pueblo Pavilion on January 30th between 1pm and 6pm for testing.
- Parents/Guardians must wait with their student(s) until test results are received. Parents/Guardians may wait in their car or leave campus with their student(s) while waiting for test results.

Negative Test Result

- When a student receives a negative test result, they will report to the Abeyta Gym to receive a wristband.
- Students may then check into the dorms.

Positive Test Result

- If a student receives a positive test result, they must return home and isolate according to the SFIS Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree.
- Parents/Guardians must contact the Academic Office on Monday morning.
- See question below for students who have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days and test positive.

NOTE

Students will not be able to check in to the dorms without a wristband.

Students must check in to the dorms by 6pm on January 30th.

DAY STUDENTS:

What will be the process for testing my student on January 30th/31st?

- Day students are encouraged to come to campus on January 30th to be tested.
- Regular bus routes will operate on Monday morning to pick up day students.
- All day students will be tested in the Pueblo Pavilion immediately upon arrival to campus on Monday morning.
- Day students will remain in their bus cohorts in the Pueblo Pavilion until they receive their test results.
- Day students arriving by personal vehicle will also report directly to Pueblo Pavilion for mandatory testing/results.

Negative Test Result

- When a student receives a negative test result, they will receive a wristband and report to class.

Positive Test Result

- If a student receives a positive test result, SFIS will implement the SY21-22 Re-Entry Plan process for confirmed positive cases on campus.
- This means that the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the student up and the student will be isolated until picked up.
- SFIS will not transport COVID positive students.
- Students will isolate at home according to the Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree.
- See question below for students who have had COVID-19 within the last 90 days and test positive.

What if my student was sick with COVID-19 in the last 90 days and tests positive?

If your student has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days and they have completed the 10 day isolation , it is possible they will test positive on future COVID tests even though they are beyond their 10 day isolation period and are recovered.

Please bring all paperwork regarding your student's recent COVID illness including test results with the date, doctors' notes, tribal quarantine orders, etc. If your student tests positive on January 30th or 31st, SFIS staff will review these documents to clear them for re-entry as long as they present without symptoms, and are past their 10 days of isolation.

ALL STUDENTS:

What if my student will be checking in after testing ends at 3pm on Monday, January 31st?

- Parents/Guardians must check-in their student **in-person** at the academic or student living office.
- SFIS must have a verified negative COVID-19 test result for each student arriving on campus the week of January 31st. This means that when parents/guardians check-in their student after 3pm on January 31st, one of the following must occur:
 - Parents/guardians provide a COVID-19 PCR test result taken at a medical facility no more than 72 hours before stepping onto campus;
 - Parents/guardians provide a COVID-19 Antigen test result taken at a medical facility no more than 24 hours before stepping onto campus (no at-home antigen test results will be accepted);
 - Parents/guardians provide consent for the SFIS School Health Center to administer a COVID-19 Antigen Test and wait with their student for the test result. This option is available from 9am - 4pm the week of January 31st.
- Day students who do not report to school on Monday, January 31st may not use SFIS transportation until test results are submitted and verified in-person at the academic office.

Are staff required to take COVID-19 tests?

Yes, all staff have been required to take COVID-19 tests on January 14th, 21st, and 28th, 2022.

Mandatory COVID-19 Screening Testing
<i>When is screening testing scheduled?</i>
Screening testing will take place on Fridays from 11am - 5pm. Screening testing will begin on Friday, February 11, 2022.
<i>When will my student be tested?</i>
At the beginning of the semester, students and staff will be randomly assigned to four testing cohorts. Each Friday, one of the testing cohorts will be required to participate in the screening testing on campus. This will ensure that 100% of our staff and student population is tested every four weeks.
<i>Can my student get a test every Friday?</i>
Yes. Tests are available to all students and staff members on a voluntary basis every Friday starting Friday, February 4. Students may report to the testing location to be tested during lunch.
<i>What if my student is absent on the Friday when their cohort is required to test?</i>
The student will test the following week during the next scheduled Friday screening testing event.
<i>What will happen if my student tests positive for COVID-19?</i>
SFIS will continue to implement the SY21-22 Re-Entry Plan process for confirmed positive cases on campus. This means that the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick the student up and the student will be isolated until picked up. SFIS will not transport COVID positive students. Students will isolate at home according to the Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree. Parents/Guardians must contact the Academic Office as soon as possible.

Student COVID-19 Booster Shot Requirement
<i>Who does this requirement apply to?</i>
In accordance with the other COVID-19 mitigation efforts on the SFIS campus, we are extending the COVID-19 Booster shot mandate to include all eligible SFIS students . A student is considered eligible if they are 12 years of age or older and are 5 months past their 2nd Pfizer COVID-19 immunization shot.
<i>How do I submit documentation of my student's Booster Shot?</i>
We are collecting Booster shot immunization records 2 ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email a photo or pdf of the Booster Shot (COVID-19 Vaccine Card or other immunization record), which clearly shows students NAME and DOB to Rachel Candelaria, Medical Clerk: racandelaria@sfis.k12.nm.us • Present your student's COVID-19 Vaccine Card when checking into the dorms on February 6, 2022 or February 13, 2022 from 4pm-7pm. The School Health Center will have a table set up in both MSSL and HSSL to collect documents.
<i>Where can my student get their Booster Shot?</i>
Booster shots are now readily available in our communities. If you need to schedule an appointment you can do that at: https://goodtimes.vaccinenm.org/stay-ahead-nm/
<i>What if my child is 11 years old?</i>
SFIS is aware of the students who are ineligible due to age. You do not need to take any action at this time.

What if my child's 3rd shot is due after Feb. 18?

SFIS is aware of student's whose booster shots may fall after the deadline.

PLEASE SCHEDULE YOUR CHILD'S BOOSTER SHOT APPOINTMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF BECOMING ELIGIBLE.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RECORD OF THE BOOSTER SHOT ASAP TO Rachel Candelaria, Medical Clerk,
racandelaria@sfis.k12.nm.us

What if my child has an exemption to COVID-19 vaccination on file at SFIS?

SFIS is aware of students who have an exemption on file. You do not need to take any action at this time.

Are Booster Shots required for SFIS staff?

Yes, all eligible SFIS staff are required to get the COVID-19 Booster Shot.

Academic Program: Starting January 31, 2022

For students enrolled in the in-person option, how will absences be documented this semester?

When a student is absent from school for a COVID-related issue, they must follow the SFIS COVID-19 Guidance Tree presenting proper documentation to excuse student absences. A student in this situation must follow the student handbook regarding absences and complete assignments posted on the Google Classrooms. Students may attend the online option if they are feeling well enough; however, students will still be marked absent and excused in NASIS. If your child is sent home by the school, absences will automatically be excused. All other absences need to be reported to the attendance counselor.

- **High School:** Contact Paul Herrera at pherrera@sfis.k12.nm.us or 505-670-9108
- **Mid School:** Contact Trevor Merhege at tjmerhege@sfis.k12.nm.us or 505-795-2867

How do I enroll my student in the Online Option?

SFIS will continue to offer the short-term online option for Quarter 3. The continuation of this option after March 10, 2022 will be determined prior to Quarter 4. **This option is not intended to replace in-person learning or services.** Students attend virtual classes daily with their faces on camera and participate in each class period.

To enroll students in the online option, parents must notify Admissions by Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 4 PM. Email Karen Dasheno at kdasheno@sfis.k12.nm.us or call 505-690-6293.

Student IT Help Requests

- Students should submit their own help tickets. Students should include a contact # so we may reach out directly to you. This provides the quickest response time to your request.
- Students should first call 888.966.8557 with your device in front of you.
- If there is no answer, you should text or email helpdesk@sfis.k12.nm.us for assistance and be sure to leave your name and phone number.
- Your help request does not need to come from your sfisonline.org account. If you are having issues with your device you can submit from your personal email account or you can also text your request to helpdesk@sfis.k12.nm.us from your phone. Be sure to include your user name (sfisonline.org email) and your contact information.
- For a scheduled appointment, you should have your device in front of you at the time of the call to resolve an issue.
- Lastly, emails sent to allit / it @sfis.k12.nm.us or @sfisonline.org are not monitored for help requests.

SFIS Test-to-Stay Program Overview

DORM STUDENTS ONLY: Please read and bring questions on January 30th.

In our continued efforts to provide a safe and welcoming environment for our students, Santa Fe Indian School is considering implementing a Test-to-Stay program for asymptomatic dorm students who are identified as 'close contacts' as defined below:

SFIS considers a 'Close Contact' as:

Someone who was within 6 feet of a person who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of whether face masks were worn, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period and the contact was within 48 hours of:

- the onset of the positive person's symptoms OR
- an asymptomatic person's test (not when they received the test results).

A cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period could be, for example, three five-minute exposures in 24 hours.

Based on the SFIS Student COVID-19 Guidance Tree updated on January 9, 2022, dorm students identified as 'close contacts' are not allowed to stay in the dorms for 10 days. During this Leave of Absence from the dorms, students may continue to attend SFIS as day students. We have seen the negative impact this has on student learning and are now considering a Test-to-Stay Program for dorm students as a way of keeping students on campus and in class.

The SFIS Test-to-Stay Program would allow a dorm student identified as a 'close contact' to stay in the dorms and continue to reside at SFIS with their roommate(s) as long as they comply with on-campus COVID-19 tests. Tests will be scheduled on multiple predetermined days following exposure (for example, Days 2, 6, and 10). This testing will be provided by Premier Medical Group (PMG) on behalf of Santa Fe Indian School. Parents/Guardians of 'close contacts' will continue to be notified of 'close contact' status, as well as the scheduled SFIS Test-to-Stay testing days for their student(s).

What does this mean for my student?

- My student would remain in the dorms when identified as an asymptomatic 'close contact' and will be required to comply with SFIS on campus Test-to-Stay testing. Tests will be scheduled on multiple predetermined days following exposure.
 - This would minimize the disruption of learning for students identified as 'close contacts' as they would continue to reside in the dorms as long as they follow scheduled testing yielding negative results.
 - This testing may also catch asymptomatic cases that would otherwise increase the risk of transmission on campus.
- My student would continue to room with their asymptomatic roommate even if the roommate is identified as a 'close contact.' The roommate will be tested on multiple predetermined days following exposure. If the roommate tests positive, my student would be a 'close contact' and I would be notified.

What does this mean for me (parent/guardian)?

- I understand that my student may be residing in a dorm room with another asymptomatic student that has been identified as a 'close contact'.
 - I understand that if my student is roommates with a student identified as a 'close contact' I will not be notified.
- I will be notified if my student is a 'close contact,' as well as their scheduled SFIS Test-to-Stay testing days.
- If my student is identified as a 'close contact,' I may elect to pick them up and keep them at home (or attending as a day student if transportation allows) for a 10-day Dorm Leave of Absence.
 - I understand that my student must follow the SFIS Student Handbook regarding absences and complete assignments posted on the Google Classrooms. Students may attend the online option (as it continues to be offered) if they are feeling well enough; however, students will still be marked absent and excused in NASIS.

PLEASE NOTE:

This program will NOT go into effect until the number of parent/guardian consents* for the program has been collected & evaluated.

*Consent forms will be provided on January 30th, 2022. In-person questions can be answered at the mandatory testing event, or you may contact Jenna Burgess, Emergency Response Coordinator, at jburgess@sfis.k12.nm.us with questions.