

School Guidelines - Continuity of Services

Approved at the Thornton School Board Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021

CORE BELIEFS

SAU48 will continue to keep these core beliefs at the forefront of decision making.

- Student, staff, and community SAFETY will be our highest priority guiding every decision
- Actions will follow New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and guidance from local health officials.
- In-person learning, with teachers, classmates, and colleagues is the most EFFECTIVE type of learning and teaching
- This framework must be flexible and adaptive to changing community needs and shifting epidemiological data

CONTINUED MITIGATION STRATEGIES

SAU48 will continue to follow NH Department of Health and Human Services and guidance from local health officials when preparing for the 2021-2022 school year.

- Students and staff who are feeling sick should remain at home.
- Mask use will align with the recommendations of the NHDHHS and guidance from local health officials.
 - Most recent updates can be found on the SAU48 website at [SAU 48 Covid Links](#)
- Social distancing will align with the recommendations of the NHDHHS and guidance from local health officials.
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- Handwashing protocols and coughing/sneezing etiquette will continue to be taught and followed.
- Cleaning and maintenance of facilities will continue to be of the highest priority.
- Contact tracing, in combination with isolation and quarantine, will be implemented following recommendations from NHDHHS and local health officials.
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety will be recommended by the child's team and follow recommendations from NHDHHS and local health officials.

COMMUNICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

SAU48 will continue to be transparent to the families, staff, students, and community members with regards to the decision making process. Updates to the plan will continue to be posted to each school's website and shared at school board meetings. Superintendent Welch's weekly updates can be found on the [SAU48 webpage](#) and on YouTube at [Superintendent Welch Updates](#) Feedback will continue to be welcomed.