



August 19, 2021

COVID-19 NOTIFICATION | Salt River Elementary School

The safety of our students, staff, and Community is our top priority at Salt River Schools. This letter is to inform you that **Salt River Elementary School will be closed to students and visitors beginning Friday, Aug. 20. Students will learn remotely for two weeks; SRES will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 7.**

The decision to close was not made lightly, nor was it made because of increasing COVID-19 case numbers at SRES. To date, SRES has a total of two (2) test-confirmed individuals with COVID-19. This means our safety measures at school have been working: Face masks are required for everyone, social distancing is practiced, and hand-washing/sanitizing is done throughout the day. Our learning areas are also disinfected multiple times throughout the day.

However, it was determined that one of these individuals may have had close contact with many classrooms; close contact is generally cause for quarantine. Out of an abundance of caution, Salt River Schools and Community leaders made the decision to close SRES; this will allow impacted staff and students to isolate at home, get tested if they are experiencing symptoms, and help keep the spread of COVID-19 to a minimum. Closing also means Public Works can do a deep clean of SRES. When we return in-person on Tuesday, Sept. 7, we will be ready to learn together safely.

This decision does not impact students and staff at the Early Childhood Elementary School or the Accelerated Learning Academy. Those schools will continue to operate in person as scheduled. Please be aware of and follow all safety protocols in place.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

During the next two weeks, **it is important families make sure their SRES student is participating fully on our virtual learning platform, Microsoft Teams.** We have posted several “tips” to our website to help refresh memories and introduce those who haven’t used the platform yet. Most students will be sent home from school today with laptops. **If your student did not receive a laptop or tablet, you can stop by the SRES main entryway on Friday, Aug. 20, between 7:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m.** Staff will meet you at your car to get your student the learning tools they need. Please wear a face mask. If your student needs tech support during the next two weeks, please call our school (480-362-2400) and ask for Ms. Tuchawena.

SCHOOL MEALS

Breakfast and lunch meals will be pre-packaged and available drive-thru style beginning Friday, Aug. 20, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Early Childhood Education Center. Drive-thru meals are for any child under 18, regardless of where they attend school; we cannot transport at this time. These meals will be available every weekday of the SRES closure. If you have questions about meals, please contact our Food Services Manager, Shannon Reina, at 480-362-2242, or email catering@saltriverschools.org.

If you have questions about COVID-19, its symptoms, and how to stay healthy, visit the COVID-19 Notice link at www.SaltRiverSchools.org. **If you have specific questions about COVID-19 testing or vaccine options, please call the SRPMIC COVID-19 Hotline at 480-362-2603.**

If there are any questions about your students learning, please contact me at 480-362-2400. Thank you.

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SRES Principal

