



SCSD REENTRY PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Considerations and Recommendations for School Reopening

LEARNING OPTIONS FOR THE 2020-21 SCSD SCHOOL YEAR



SCSD families will have the option to enroll their student(s) in either **in-person** or **virtual learning options**. This choice will apply for the entire semester. Families will have the ability to reassess/change options for the second semester based upon their needs. If a family elects to enroll their student in in-person learning option, the District has 3 stages of in-person learning that could/will be utilized based upon information/recommendations from local health and government agencies:

- **District Primary Plan:** A traditional school schedule with full time in-person learning and appropriate considerations according to risk/spread levels of COVID-19. A full-time virtual option is also available for families.
- **District Alternate Plan A:** A hybrid schedule that provides students with 2 days per week of in-person instruction and 3 days per week virtual instruction. A full-time virtual option is also available for families.
- **District Alternate Plan B:** A full virtual schedule. This option would be utilized if SCSD was advised by local health agencies that in-person instruction was untenable. In this instance, all SCSD students will be full virtual.

INFECTION CONTROL & DISEASE PREVENTION

Daily Symptoms Checks/Assessments/Screenings



Staff, faculty and students will be assessed daily for symptoms associated with COVID-19. There are two times/ways that screening can/will take place prior to and at the beginning of the school day:

- **Self Check/Assessment:** from home prior to leaving for or entering the bus/school building. If one or more COVID-19 symptoms are present, the person MUST NOT attempt to enter the bus/school building until 72 hours after symptoms reside.
- **Guided/self check survey/screening:** during the first period for older students, in person screening by staff for younger students (in the classroom). If one or more COVID-19 symptoms are present, the person will be sent to the school clinic for immediate in person symptoms screening. The school nurse will contact parents and determine the appropriate next steps. If the person is sent home, they must NOT attempt to enter the bus/school building until 72 hours after symptoms reside.

MANAGING SYMPTOMATIC STAFF/STUDENTS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Staff and students (and their parents), will be educated on symptoms of COVID-19 and the importance of not coming to school if symptomatic. In situations where someone becomes ill while at school, steps should be taken to minimize exposure to others.



- As soon as the symptoms are identified, the person will be separated from others (isolated in school clinic). The school nurse will work with the individual person and conduct an in person screening.
- If it's determined that the person should leave, they will do so as soon as possible. If they cannot leave immediately, they should stay in an "isolation" room/space (as designated by the school). This room/space should only be used for symptomatic individuals who are awaiting transportation home. The room/space should remain enclosed at all times and only designated nursing staff should be allowed to enter when wearing appropriate PPE. The room/space should be thoroughly sanitized after each use and should be well ventilated (see Nursing Considerations).
- Contact tracing will begin as soon as possible in the event a person is sent home due to COVID-19 symptoms. A line-list, including the name, address, and phone number of anyone who was a close contact (anyone within 6 feet from individual for at least 15 minutes) to the case, will be made of all possible exposures to the potentially symptomatic case as soon as school personnel become aware of this situation. This line list will be used to investigate/communicate possible exposures if the individual tests positive for COVID-19.
- Ensure that the individual has a follow up plan for testing either through a PCP, urgent care, or SCCDPH.
- Contact SCCDPH to inform them of the possible case and to prepare for follow-up.

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SANITATION, HYGIENE & PREVENTION

Education and practice of appropriate hand hygiene and sanitation is imperative to prevent the spread of disease in the school building. The following measures will be implemented:



- Teach and reinforce good hand hygiene as often as possible. Teach and reinforce good cough etiquette and benefits of face coverings and social distancing. Teach and reinforce proper wearing of face coverings and face covering hygiene.
- Allow for various breaks within the school day for students and staff to perform hand hygiene and to sanitize their work and learning environments appropriately. Desks will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily and shared objects.
- Allow students and staff to bring hand sanitizer and face masks/coverings to use from home.
- Staff will be given a reusable mask and an 8 oz bottle hand sanitizer. Students will be given one reusable face covering.
- Ensure buildings have an appropriate amount of hand washing stations, soap, hand sanitizer and surface sanitizing wipes.
- Post signs throughout the school with information on good hygiene and sanitation.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

SCSD will educate/direct staff and students (as well as volunteers/visitors if/when safe) on wearing face coverings(masks). The District will dictate when masks should be used and the following terms will be used as directives for face coverings:



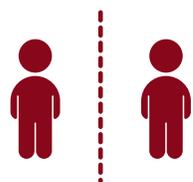
- **Expected:** Mandated to be worn by staff and/or students.
- **Advised:** Strongly recommended to be worn by staff and/or students
- **Encouraged:** Suggested to be worn by staff and/or students.

These directives will be put in place (in general and specific instances) based upon the risk/spread level as determined by the collaboration between St. Charles County Department of Public Health and SCSD. **As of now, all students and staff are expected to wear masks.**

SOCIAL DISTANCING/FOOD SERVICE/TRANSPORTATION

Social distancing (6 feet apart) will be implemented to the extent possible in all school activities. Ensuring that appropriate social distancing is in place will help prevent large disruptions in the school year due to illness or outbreaks of COVID-19.

Food Service



- Provide hand sanitizer and/or hand washing period before and after meal service.
- Food service staff will wear face masks/coverings while preparing and serving food.
- Clean and sanitize cafeterias and high-touch surfaces before/after each lunch period.
- Mark spaced lines to enter the cafeteria and serving lines (to the extent practicable); designate entrances and exit flow paths; stagger use.
- Each school will set up the lunchroom area to minimize group size and contact.

Transportation

- Students will have assigned seats on all buses. This will ensure easier contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 case.
- Student spacing on all buses will be based upon risk/spread level.
- Drivers/monitors expected/advised/encouraged to wear masks at all times when driving a bus based upon risk/spread level.
- Buses will be sanitized between AM and PM routes.
- Air out buses as much as possible (windows open).

WHAT SCSD WILL DO IF POSITIVE CASE OCCURS

SCSD will work in conjunction with the St. Charles County Department of Public Health to determine the extent of exposure and develop a plan to prevent and stop infection in the school. Below are some steps that will be taken to ensure an easier investigation process



- Implement assigned seating in school as often as possible. This will facilitate the investigation process surrounding a positive case as it tells us exactly who was around that case. This will help prevent any "guessing" on close contacts and decrease the amount of students/staff who might need to be quarantined.
- Report the case to SCCDPH as soon as possible. Positive (and negative) COVID-19 results are required to be reported to the local health department.
- Develop a line list of all possible exposures to the positive case (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more, starting two days prior to symptom onset). The people on this list who had prolonged contact will have to be quarantined at home for 14 days after their last exposure. School personnel will work with SCCDPH to reach out to the affected families and provide quarantine information.
- Implement disinfecting/cleaning procedures. Conduct deep cleaning of school prior to student/staff returning.

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