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Shenandoah School Corporation 2021-2022 School Year Re-Opening Plan Updated July 08, 2021

SSC greatly values the health and safety of all individuals who attend, work, and visit our schools. These plans will serve as a guide for education and safety as we begin the 2021-2022 school year.

The 2021-2022 School Year will begin with Teacher Records Day on Monday, August 2, 2021. Students will return and begin classes on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>August 3, 2021</u>. School will be open for in person learning while maintaining student and staff safety.

School hours will be: SES, 8:00 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.

SMS, 7:50 A.M. – 2:55 P.M. **SHS**, 7:50 A.M. – 2:55 P.M.

As our country and Indiana progress through the effects of COVID-19 the following will be enforced at SSC and will follow updated IDOH Guidelines:

Masks are optional, but recommended per the IDOH for all unvaccinated students, staff and visitors while indoors. * For students, this is a decision and responsibility for parents to make in the best interest of their child(ren).

Everyone will need to have a mask with them while at school in case they or a close contact develop symptoms. *

Social distancing will be maintained to the greatest extent possible, at 3' in the classrooms and in all other areas.

Fully vaccinated individuals will not be required to wear a mask unless they become symptomatic.

*Subject to change per CDC or IDOH Guidelines.

All students will have assigned seats on their bus. Masks will be <u>required</u> to be worn by students and drivers on the school bus per CDC guidance.

Everyone is to self-check their temperature for COVID-19 symptoms before coming to school each day. Parents, please assist your children with their self-check. No one who is ill should come to school. All persons will be required to be fever free without the use of fever reducing medication and be without nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please notify your school office immediately if your child has tested positive for COVID-19 to ensure correct return to school date. There will be an IDOH mandated at home quarantine period for all positive cases and close contact at school for unvaccinated students and staff.

COVID-19 related symptoms include:

- A fever of 100.4 or greater/chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain/body aches
- Headache

- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Students and employees will be excluded from in-person attendance at school <u>if they test positive for COVID-19</u> or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on <u>CDC Guidance</u> that is not otherwise explained.

Please continue to follow all CDC protocols for good health hygiene. These include:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your face, eyes, nose, and mouth.

All areas, including classrooms and cafeterias, and activities at school will be set-up for and everyone will practice social and physical distancing per CDC Guidelines to the greatest extent possible.

To promote physical distancing, field trips will continue to be cancelled until deemed safe to resume these off-campus activities, i.e., when masks are not required on school buses by the CDC.

Our custodial/maintenance staff will continue deep cleaning and disinfecting all frequently touched surfaces. Please do not share school items and/or personal belongings. SSC will have hand sanitizer stations available throughout all schools. Ventilation and fresh air flow will be checked regularly.

Water fountains with water filling stations will be available for bottle filling only.

Each school will have a designated space/room to address students and staff who may develop COVID-19 symptoms. Contact tracing will occur for those who are not vaccinated.

SSC will restrict visitors and guests at each building to by appointment only. All visitors must follow CDC Guidelines while in school.

SSC will not present awards for attendance.

SSC will provide an enhanced SSC online platform as an educational alternative to those students who will need to be home due to COVID-19 isolation and/or quarantine. SSC will have a full-time SSC online program for those students whose parents are concerned about them returning to campus and desire this alternative for their children during the COVID-19 pandemic and afterwards.

Please contact your school for enrollment and safety questions. Online registration for 2021-2022 School Year will begin online on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Please review \$ES, SMS, and SHS Plans for information germane to the individual school.

Please know this information will be reviewed and updated as CDC and IDOH Guidelines change. SSC will continue to work closely with the HCHD and will follow all IDOH guidelines. We will post updates on the SSC Website.

Superintendent of Schools