



2020 Re-Entry and COVID-19 Response Plan

**Planning for a Safe and Successful
Return to School and Sustainability
(most recent update: 7/19/21)**

Executive Overview

The South Vermillion Community School Corporation Re-Entry Task Force was assembled with the commitment to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students and staff to return to school. To that end, the SVCS Task Force has developed a strategic plan to reopen our schools with students returning on August 10, 2020.

During the process, the main focus remained consistent...assuring that our students' and staff's health and safety were our top priority. As we prepare for this "new" normal to our educational environment, we must remain vigilant to this. As we look toward the reopening of school and what the "new" in teaching and learning will look like, the Task Force has put together a strategy that will provide effective educational opportunities for all.

The South Vermillion Re-Entry Plan provides the opportunity for all students to return to their school, while at the same time having the flexibility to meet the needs of students and staff who may be vulnerable due to health concerns.

The Task Force was developed with a cross section of stakeholders to assure varied perspectives were addressed throughout the process. Experience and expertise of those involved provided valuable input as the plan was developed.

An important part of the process was to gain perspective from employees and families of the school corporation. Surveys were utilized to help formulate our re-entry plan.

As the Re-Entry Plan came into focus, guidance from the Center for Communicable Diseases, Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Vermillion County Health Department was utilized in the final plan for safely bringing our students and staff back to school.

Definitions

SVCSC - South Vermillion Community School Corporation

South Vermillion Community: All students, families and staff associated with South Vermillion Community School Corporation, including those who live/work beyond our physical district boundaries.

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment (face masks/shield, gloves, gowns, etc...)

eLearning - Traditional remote learning (Snow Days, Professional Development, Parent/Teacher Conference days)

Virtual Learning - Classroom instruction through a virtual learning platform from home with the same expectations for workload, attendance, and school hours. Virtual is different from eLearning in that it is much more interactive compared to eLearning.

Transitions - Any movement (passing periods, recess, arrival, dismissal, restroom breaks, etc).

Hybrid - combination of traditional “in-person” classroom experiences, experiential learning objectives, and digital/virtual course delivery.

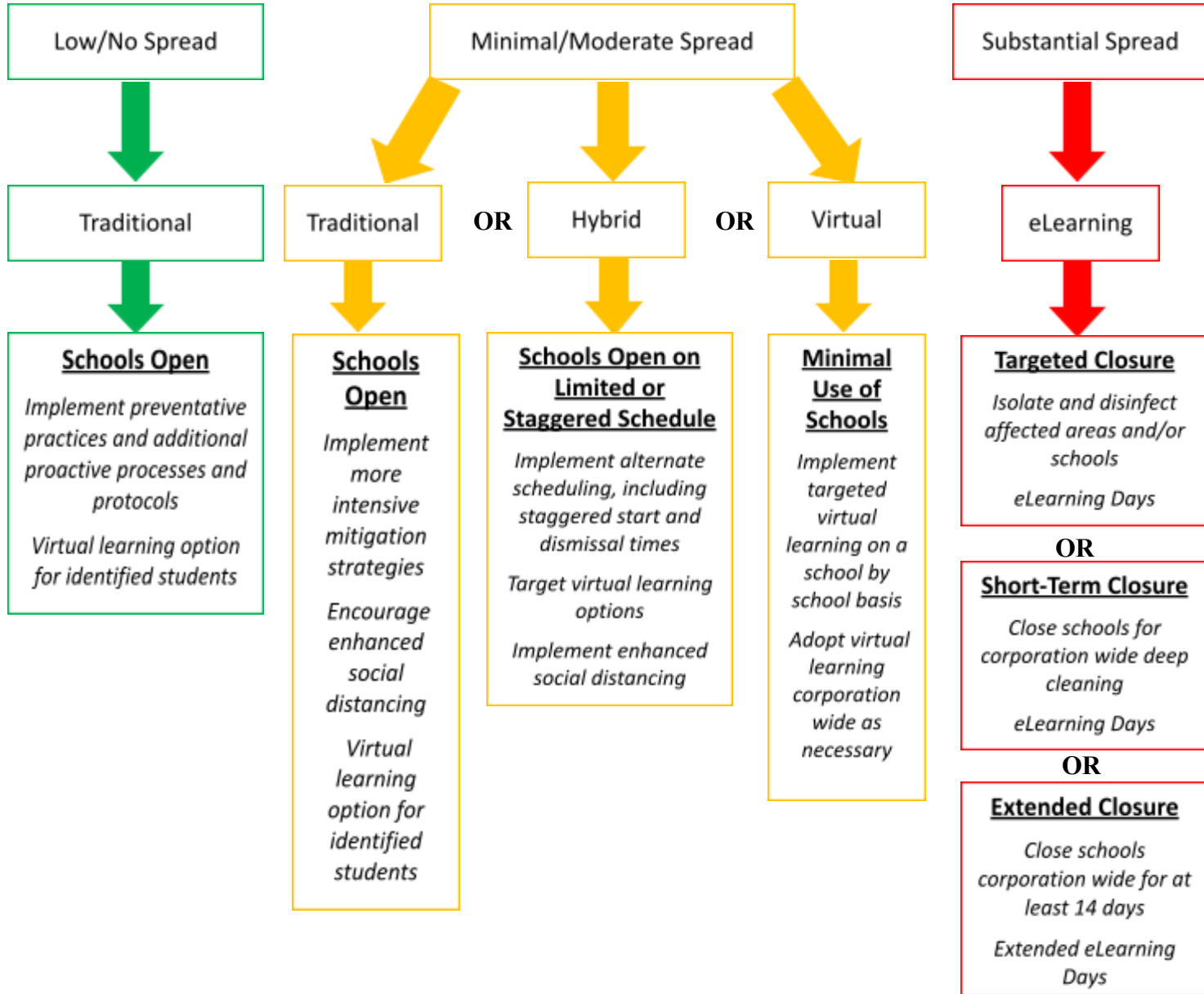
Exclusion - A determination made by school and/or health officials to require students or staff to be excluded from attending school in-person until such time as they are cleared to return to school.

South Vermillion Road to Re-Entry Decision Tree

Level of
Community
Spread*
(as determined by state and
Local health officials)

Instructional
Method*
(as determined by school
Corporation)

Response*
(as determined by school
corporation in partnership
with local health officials
and Re-Entry Task Force)



Overview of the Re-Entry Plan

The health and safety of the students and staff of the South Vermillion Community School Corporation are the priorities of the SVCS Re-Entry Task Force. Reopening our schools in the Fall depends on having the best and most timely information available, making well-informed decisions, policies and procedures around when and how to reopen, and how to keep our schools open and safe going forward.

The work before us is daunting as the COVID-19 pandemic is one that we have to be mindful of as our decision-making efforts may change daily depending on the current state of infectious spread in our community. The SVCS Re-Entry Task Force was formed for the purpose of providing preliminary considerations and recommendations to safely open the schools of the South Vermillion community. The Task Force consisted of representatives from a wide variety of stakeholders including educators, administrators, support staff, healthcare professionals, and parents.

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Guidance and Resources came from federal, state and local entities that included, but not limited to:

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's "Back on Track" 5 Stages

Indiana State Department of Health Guidance

Vermillion County Health Department Guidance

Indiana Department of Education's "IN-CLASS" COVID-19 Health and Safety Re-Entry Guidance

AASA COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Guidelines for Reopening Schools

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Guidance

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Guidance

As we plan for the reopening of our schools in a safe, yet traditional setting as much as possible on **Monday, August 10th**, there are many changes in protocols in response to guidance from our local, state and national health officials. In support of our students, staff and their families and to comply with federal, state, and local recommendations, the SVCS Re-Entry Task Force has developed a comprehensive re-entry plan to be shared with our community. We are asking every stakeholder to help with prevention efforts while at school facilities and at home. In order to minimize the spread of COVID-19 at school, everyone must play their part. As set forth below, SV schools will institute protocols to strengthen hygiene practices of students and staff, ensure appropriate social distancing when necessary, facilitate contact tracing, and support individual students and staff needs. These protocols are based in principles of epidemiology, infection control and align with currently known best practices and guidelines.

Please note, that as part of our Re-Entry Plan, the start and end times for secondary schools will be modified. The Middle and High day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. to allow for school transportation modifications to be in place. All elementary schools will remain on currently established times.

All South Vermillion Schools will follow the Board approved calendar and schedule with a few exceptions, including a later start for secondary schools and the addition of a virtual learning component. This will be in place to allow for limited student occupancy on buses. This will be re-evaluated based on the current status of the virus and its spread. Also, early release Fridays/Professional Development bank time will continue as in the past. All students and staff will be required to have a face mask/shield and will be required to wear them in certain situations that large groups will be in

close proximity (further details are listed below). There will no longer be shared school supplies by students and/or staff. We are enhancing our cleaning and disinfecting protocols, especially for “high-touch” surfaces. Additionally, wall-mounted hand sanitizer stations will be in place throughout the school buildings. Classrooms will be reorganized to maximize available space. Visitors to our schools will be limited with strict protocols in place.

We realize this will be a significant change in how our schools operate. This is the “new” normal for the foreseeable future as we grapple with conducting school and keeping our students and staff safe and healthy.

Infection Control and Health Protocols for our Schools

First and foremost, it is the responsibility of the school community to work together to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment, as well as in the community at-large, while still providing quality education for our students. The school corporation has the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or are liable to transmit it after exposure. Also, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine. The school corporation and the health department have joined together to assure the highest level of cooperation in communicating any incidents and directing healthcare officials in preventive guidance for all individuals, regardless of exposure risk.

Students and Staff should familiarize themselves with the signs of COVID-19 related symptoms, which include the following:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Coughing
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Early symptoms such as chills, repeat shaking or chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, loss of sense of smell or taste

Students and staff who develop a fever and/or symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, diarrhea/vomiting, or a general feeling of being unwell, will be instructed **NOT TO REPORT TO SCHOOL** and to call their healthcare providers for guidance.

If a student or staff member is considered a “close” contact with a person in quarantine due to that person being a “close” contact of suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, the student or staff member **DOES NOT** have to quarantine. The student or staff member must, however, continue to self-screen daily for known symptoms of COVID-19, wear a face mask at all times as much as possible, and not create “close contact” (within 6 feet for 15 or more minutes) other individuals. If someone in their home has tested for COVID-19, or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, the school corporation and/or local health department may exclude the student or staff from the school building and recommend that they self-quarantine for 14 calendar days.

The priority for preventing the spread of disease in the school environment is to insist that sick students and staff stay home.

Facial covering (face masks and/or face shields) requirements and/or recommendations in all South Vermillion Schools will be consistent with state and local guidelines. The Vermillion County Health Department advises that facial coverings are recommended for students and all staff. If a student or staff member cannot wear a mask, a face shield can take the place of the mask. The best recommendation is that a mask be worn that covers the mouth and nose area. Training will be provided for proper use of facial coverings, including how to remove them safely.

Students who choose to ride the school bus to and from school will be required to wear a face mask while boarding, riding and exiting the school bus. Disposable masks will be provided should students not have one in their possession.

If in a “traditional” classroom setting where all students are facing forward, it is acceptable to remove their masks if desired. However, during any transition time (up from their desk to move around the classroom) the mask must be worn. During any and all transition times (entering and exiting the school building, passing period, etc...) masks will be worn.

Social distancing protocols for students, and staff are the next most important aspect once we return to school. The SVCS Re-Entry Task Force has recommended the institution of the following preventative measures at all school buildings:

- Any student, faculty, or staff member showing symptoms of COVID-19, as identified above, will be asked to leave school, return home and contact their physician. For more information on signs and symptoms, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.
- All students, faculty, staff, parents, and visitors will be required to have a face mask/shield while at school and to wear them during all transition times.
- Classrooms will require traditional seating patterns as much as possible.
- During class (in traditional seating patterns) while students are seated, it is permissible for students to remove face masks if desired.
- Face masks must be worn when face-to-face interactions occur in the classroom or when transitioning.
- Outdoor classes are encouraged whenever possible.
- Directional arrows will be used on the floors, displaying in what direction foot traffic must follow.
- Students, and staff must avoid physical contact with others and shall direct others to increase personal space to at least six (6) feet, when and wherever possible.
- Students will eat lunch in their respective classrooms/homerooms.
- Recess will only occur by grade level and each will hold at their designated time with designated recess materials.
- Faculty will avoid the use of shared materials.
- Students will be required to use individual supplies for their use only.
- In lieu of using a common source of drinking water, such as a water fountain, students, faculty, and staff should use individual water bottles.
- There will be a designated isolation area near the health office for students who experience flu-like symptoms while at school and need to be seen by the school nurse.

Cleaning and disinfecting protocols for all school facilities and buses will be in place with regular and deep cleaning schedules. Regular cleaning/disinfecting practices, which include cleaning and disinfecting frequently used spaces, furniture, and other elements of the school environment, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Classrooms, hallways, and restrooms will be cleaned at least once per day. Staff performing cleaning will be issued proper personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Any trash collected from bins will be changed at regular intervals throughout the day by custodial staff.
- The schools will ensure that hand sanitizer dispensers are always filled.
- Frequently touched items (i.e. door pulls and toilet seats) will be disinfected at regular intervals throughout the day..

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test by a student or staff member while at school, the following protocols will be in place:

- When a reliable report that an employee (or student) who has tested positive for COVID-19 is made, appropriate school staff will clean those areas of the school that a confirmed-positive individual may have contacted and it will do so before employees or students can access that space again. The recommendation is to wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the student or staff member should be excluded from school until after 10 days have passed since their positive test and has been fever-free for at least 72 hours (3 full days) without the use of fever-reducing medicines, and there must be improvement of symptoms. Also, they will need a return to school note from their primary care provider.
- Anyone who has to quarantine after being in close contact with a COVID-19 positive person should stay home for a 14-day quarantine period.
- A student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 will be supported as they comply with self-quarantine requirements as directed by the county health officials. Students and staff members who test positive and are directed to care for themselves at home may return to work when: (1) at least 72 hours (3 full days) have passed since recovery; and (2) at least ten (10) days have passed since their positive test. Students and staff members who test positive and have been hospitalized may return to work when directed to do so by their medical care providers. The South Vermillion Community School Corporation, working collaboratively with the Vermillion County Health Department, will require an employee to provide documentation clearing his or her return to work.

- Students and staff members who have come into close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 (co-worker or otherwise) will be supported as they comply with self-quarantine requirements as directed by the local health officials. Close contact is defined as six (6) feet for a prolonged period of time, defined as a minimum of 15 minutes.
- If school officials learn that a student or staff member has tested positive, the school corporation will support trained public health contact tracers in identifying co-workers, students or other individuals who may have had close contact with the confirmed-positive employee in the prior 14 days and support those individuals who have had close contact with the confirmed-positive employee in compliance with state health self-quarantine requirements.
- Recovery is defined as: (1) resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and (2) improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

Return to School after Exclusion

If a student or staff member is displaying one or more COVID-19 symptoms based on the CDC Guidance, that is not otherwise explained, that student or staff member should be excluded from school, consult their physician and/or seek testing. If the person does not receive testing proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19, they may return to school if the following three conditions are met.

- They have not had a fever for at least 24 hours.
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- To the extent practical and per the Vermillion County Health Department's recommendation, no students or staff members that have left sick should enter back into the school building without the proper paperwork from a physician clearing them to return to school, or a negative test result. Example: If your child has a sore throat and is diagnosed with strep throat, your child could return prior to the 10-day period if they have the proper paperwork from their physician stating they're being treated and are able to return.

- If you choose to get tested without a physician's order, you need to wait 3 days from the onset of symptoms for the test to be collected. If the test is negative you may return to school without a physician's note. However, you must be fever-free for 24 hours and significant improvement in symptoms. A copy of the test results will serve as the return to school note.

Return To School Notes For Parents:

Your child has been seen by a doctor (with or without COVID testing) and given a return to school note: The note should say, "Student may return to school on < date >".

You do not have to be tested prior to coming back to school, but you must have a note saying you were evaluated by a physician and the decision was made that you may return to school and you have an illness not related to COVID-19.

If you have an alternate diagnosis (strep throat, ear infection, urinary tract infection), a condition that can be treated with antibiotics, the student may return to school as long as they have been fever-free for 24 hours.

COVID Testing And Quarantine:

If you have been contacted by any health department and you have been placed on a 14-day quarantine from the last day of known exposure to COVID-positive person, you will need to be quarantined in your home for those full 14 days. This means to isolate yourself in a separate room. Use a separate bathroom, if possible. When in common areas, wear a mask. Do not come in contact within 6 feet of anyone for more than 15 minutes over those 14 days.

- If you are not showing any symptoms, you do not have to get tested, unless recommended by your physician.
- If you choose to get tested due to being an identified close contact, do not get tested until at least 5 days after last known exposure. Testing too early will result in a potential false negative.
- If you choose to get tested without a physician's order, you need to wait 3 days from the onset of symptoms for the test to be collected. If the test is negative you may return to school without a physician's note. However, you must

be fever-free for 24 hours and significant improvement in symptoms. A copy of the test results will serve as the return to school note.

- If you are quarantined and get a negative COVID test, you still have to quarantine for 14 days. Symptoms can develop anywhere from 2-14 days. The 14-day quarantine allows for that time to pass.
- If you are not showing any symptoms during your quarantine, you do not need to get tested. You must remain asymptomatic over those 14 days to return to school. If you develop symptoms over those 14 days, then you are to follow the updated guidance for return to school (appendix B).

What if You Have Multiple Children in School(s):

If you have one child that is sick, but no other child in your household is showing any type of symptoms during the home screening for COVID, your other children in the household are considered “close contact” and advised to be quarantined. However, if seen, the physician recommends COVID testing for the sick child in your family, we do ask that you keep your other children at home until the test results come back. If the test results are negative, then your other children may resume coming to school as long as they are symptom-free. If the test results are positive, then your children would have quarantine and will be contacted by school health services staff to assure you properly isolate the sick child and will be assigned “return to school” date.

If You Have Been in Contact With a Known Identified “Close Contact”:

If you have been around an asymptomatic person that is quarantined by the health department solely due to their exposure to a known COVID-positive person, you do not have to quarantine or get tested. You would continue to screen daily for symptoms and stay at home only if you have one or more symptoms of COVID.

Example: If a student’s older brother is quarantined due to being an identified close contact of someone at his work, the student may continue to attend school if they complete the daily screening without symptoms and use

mitigation strategies. Those that are household or close contacts of the identified close contacts do not need to quarantine, as long as the brother remains asymptomatic. People in the home are encouraged to distance themselves from the quarantined person during the 14 days.

If the student's brother develops symptoms over his quarantine period, then he would need to seek evaluation by a physician and rule out that he does not have COVID. If the brother tests positive, the student would be considered a close contact and required to quarantine only if they were within 6 feet of the brother for more than 15 minutes 48-hours prior to symptom onset or 48-hours prior to when the positive test was collected. This is why distancing and limiting time with any person that is quarantined is important.

It is important to note that all the above-mentioned protocols, as well as other considerations and recommendations not mentioned here, are with the understanding that we are under *"low/no"* **"Green"** level virus spread. However, as we have been advised, that may change at any time during the course of the school year. Should that occur, we have put in place contingency considerations and recommendations should the level of virus spread to *"minimal/moderate"* or *"substantial/severe"* spread as outlined in the tables on the following pages of this document.

When considering moving to the "Minimal/Moderate" spread level, the school corporation, in cooperation with the local health department, will consider (1) the positivity rate reaching 10% and/or the impact it has on the schools, and (2) cases of positive exposure to students and/or staff before implementing **"Yellow"** level protocols.

When considering moving to the "Substantial/Severe" spread level, the school corporation, in cooperation with the local health department, will consider (1) the positivity rate reaching 25% and/or the impact it has on the schools, and (2) cases of positive exposure to students and/or staff before implementing **"Red"** level protocols.

While we recognize the fact that the most effective learning environment for our students happens in the classroom setting with highly qualified teachers, we do understand that there are some families who will choose to not send their children to school until such time that they feel more secure in the knowledge that this pandemic has passed. To that, we will work with the families to provide a more thorough and comprehensive virtual learning component.

Assessing Community Impact on COVID-19 in SVCS Schools

Level of Community-Wide Spread of Coronavirus as determined by the State and Local Health Officials

Low/No Spread	Minimal/Moderate Spread <i>In Addition to Low/No Spread. . .</i>	Substantial /Severe Spread
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish and maintain communication with local and state health officials ● Post signage in all classrooms, hallways, and entrances to communicate how to stop the spread. COVID-19 symptoms, preventative measures (including staying at home when sick), good hygiene, and school/corporation protocols ● Establish protocols for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school ● Consider ways to accommodate needs of children, teachers/staff, and families at higher risk for severe illness ● Students and staff with an underlying health condition or known weakened immune system are encouraged to contact their physician for guidance before attending in-person school at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participate in contact tracing efforts and specimen collection efforts as directed by the local health officials ● Implement enhanced social distancing measures ● Determine the need to close school ● Isolate and deep clean impacted classrooms and spaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coordinate with local and state health officials ● Participate in contact tracing efforts and specimen collection efforts as directed by the local health officials ● Schools are CLOSED ● Implement eLearning for all ● Close off affected areas and if possible, wait 24 hours before deep cleaning and disinfecting ● Consider ways to accommodate needs of children, teachers/staff, and families at higher risk for severe illness

South Vermillion Community School Corporation's Re-Entry Considerations and Recommendations

	Low/No Spread	Minimal/Moderate Spread <i>In Addition to Low/No Spread. . .</i>	Substantial/Severe Spread
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain consistent communication with all stakeholder through various outlets (website, mass calls, emails, texts, social media) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate the need for change in instructional delivery Parents will be notified of any positive tests from students (family members) and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate the necessity of closing a school or entire corporation due to extent of positive tests Communicate expectation for continued instruction, schoolwork, attendance Communicate the expected length of school closure and reopening
Health, Safety, Prevention and Hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce good hygiene measures Frequent Hand Washing Recommended (includes use of hand sanitizer) Use of Non-Contact thermometers as necessary Signage throughout building Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces Encourage home screening prior to sending students to school: home screening should include the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforce scheduled hand washing protocols (includes use of hand sanitizer) Expanded use of Non-Contact thermometers; reevaluate need for daily screenings Reinforce importance of home screening prior to sending students to school Students and staff should not attend school if symptomatic (or someone in the home is) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain Scheduled Hand Washing Protocols (includes use of hand sanitizer) Signage throughout building Encourage COVID-19 testing Students and staff should not attend school if symptomatic (or someone in the home is) Students and staff should stay home if ill (even without symptoms of COVID-19)

	<p>that could cover COVID-19 symptoms as well as other contagious illnesses by asking the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Were you in close contact (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) with anyone confirmed to be positive for COVID-19 within the last two weeks?</i>• If yes to the question above - Keep your child at home, consult their physician, and/or seek COVID testing.• Covid testing is recommended for all Covid symptoms. COVID Screening Symptoms:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Congestion/Runny Nose○ Fever > 100.4○ Cough○ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing○ Diarrhea○ Headache○ Nausea or vomiting○ Sore throat○ Muscle pain and fatigue○ Chills		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New loss of taste or smell ● Non-COVID symptoms to stay home for and seek physician's evaluation. (Students and staff need to ask their doctor to make sure their return to school note says they have a "Non-Covid illness") <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eyes pink, draining, crusty, itching, painful, sensitive to light, or changes in vision ○ Rash that is bothersome, open, draining, severely itchy and/or spreading and cannot be covered? ● If there is evidence of even one of these symptoms, DO NOT send the student to school. Contact your healthcare provider. ● The same is true for all staff. ● COVID-19 testing is strongly recommended. ● If an alternate diagnosis is determined, the student/staff member must provide a note 		
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	<p>from the physician sent to the school stating such and the provider believes it is appropriate for the patient to return to school/work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● With a medical diagnosis that is NOT COVID, students/staff may return to school/work after being fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.● Does your child have a strep throat? If yes, your child must remain at home for at least 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.● During this year's online enrollment, every student will have a new health history form to be filled out.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>A link to that form will be posted on the SVCS website.</i>● Student health history will be taken into consideration with screenings/assessments for exclusion for COVID-19 symptoms.● Immunizations - All immunization requirements remain in place. Please		
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	ensure your child is kept up-to-date on all required vaccinations.		
PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facial Coverings required in possession of students and staff • Provide facial coverings and other appropriate PPE to staff and students (if not in their possession) • Please send in a container for your child to store their mask in while at their desks. This will be the clean space for their mask. This could be a ziploc baggie, a paper sack, or an additional plastic art box. • Allow students and staff to carry hand sanitizer 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facial Coverings Required for “In-Person” Instruction • Custodial staff wear appropriate PPE at all times while conducting deep cleaning and/or disinfecting • Transportation staff wear appropriate PPE at all times while conducting deep cleaning and/or disinfecting bus fleet
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established traffic flow in hallways • Social distancing to the extent as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6’ recommended in all areas of school when large groups gather and during all transition times to the extent as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6’ recommended • Restricted movement during the school day (on a building level basis)
Safety Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff receive COVID-related safety training prior to start of school year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to COVID-related training as necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review safety training protocols

Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staggered routes (elementary/secondary) implemented ● Bus drivers use of facial coverings highly recommended ● Student use of facial coverings required at all times on the school bus ● Provide hand sanitizer for students and bus drivers ● Assigned seating/immediate family may sit together ● Parents encouraged to transport students to school ● Postpone/Cancel Field Trips ● Routine cleaning/disinfecting after routes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limited seating/enhanced social distancing enforced ● Bus driver use of facial coverings is required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Transportation suspended pending schools re-opening on a building level basis or corporation-wide
Food Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-packaged meals ● Recommended use of hand washing/hand sanitizer ● In classroom/homeroom ● Avoid sharing of food/beverages ● Floor markings to designate flow paths and social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highly recommend use of hand washing/hand sanitizer before and after meals ● Consider additional lunch periods spread over longer time ● In classroom/homeroom with emphasis on social distancing and facial covering when not consuming food/beverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-packaged meals provided via distribution sites if school is closed ● Provide appropriate PPE to participating staff ● Reduce contact by providing multiple meals during designated distribution date/time ● Provide instructional packets and communication flyers along with meals

Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued daily cleaning and disinfecting of all school facilities No use of drinking fountains Limited supply of bottled water available Touchless hand sanitizer stations at building entry point locations Deep clean all school buildings prior to the return to school Schedule routine deep cleaning during scheduled breaks Responsible use of playground equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of all school facilities Restricted use of playground equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit access to school building to “essential” staff Enhanced “deep” cleaning of affected areas of school School facilities CLOSED for time to be determined Playgrounds CLOSED
Instruction (Teaching and Learning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elem level: teachers will travel to classrooms (instead of students moving to other rooms) whenever possible. Administer NWEA fall MAP Growth Reading/Math tests as soon as possible upon return to school, and use data to identify interventions needed. Instructional focus will be on learning acceleration, not remediation strategies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Same, but with increased virtual supports as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Same, but with increased virtual supports as needed If school is closed, Canvas-based virtual platform will be utilized at all levels.

	<p>See TNTP's Learning Acceleration Guide for the 2020-2021 School Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Grade level content will be taught.● PD will be provided by Covered Bridge that focuses on providing services via Canvas in Virtual Learning format.● PD will focus on creating instructional calendars that map out each content area's high priority standards only.● Use Canvas to provide ongoing virtual PD to teachers on blended formats: virtual learning & in-person learning.● Canvas template for all teachers to use to promote streamlined navigation for teachers, students, & parents/guardians (based on parent responses on our May 2020 eLearning Surveys).● Modified supply lists to limit shared supplies in classrooms.● Limit items that go back and forth between home and school, this includes little to no homework.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual Learning option for those students who have health risks and can't return to traditional format <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A link to our South Vermillion Virtual School will be on the SVCS website.</i> 		
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iPads will go home daily with students K-12 iPads will be wiped down daily with sanitizing wipes VideoConferencing and/or recording will be used for students who require virtual learning Provide mobile hotspots to families who require virtual learning Public wifi is available in school parking lots Shared devices in labs/carts will be wiped with sanitizing wipes between class periods Virtual learning tech support is available to families and teachers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All K-12 iPads are sent home Virtual learning tech support will be available, hours communicated with families and teachers Mobile hotspots will be provided to families in need Schools will have Public wifi available in parking lots Videoconferencing/recordings will be used for instructional purposes for all students
Entering the Building (Visitors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain “limited access” operating procedures for visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain “restricted access” operating procedures for visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If all schools are closed, only “essential” staff are to report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post signage with expectations for those with symptoms ● Use of call button for entry ● Request all visitors use facial covering ● Provide hand sanitizer at main entrance ● Limit groups/gatherings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Require all visitors use facial covering ● Mark spaces/lines to enter and exit school building ● Screen students and staff as much as practicable ● Establish student pickup/drop off protocols 	<p>in-person to carry out functions that are absolutely necessary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If only designated schools are closed, only “essential” staff for that school are to report in-person to carry out functions that are absolutely necessary ● Corporation/School leaders will determine who the “essential” staff are based on their roles and responsibilities ● At-home or remote work encouraged for all non-essential staff utilizing virtual tools/technology
Athletics/ECAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All interscholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities (including performing arts) will follow guidance for practices and contests provided in the Indiana Department of Education’s IN-CLASS Re-Entry Guidance ● Facial coverings allowed if doing so is not a health risk ● Social distancing, to the extent possible, is encouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student athletes and coaching staff with symptoms are excused from activities and referred to healthcare officials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All interscholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities and co-curricular activities (including performing arts) will follow guidance for practices and contests provided in the Indiana Department of Education’s IN-CLASS Re-Entry Guidance ● All current season sports practices and contests suspended. ● Season may be cancelled due to high level of virus spread

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sharing of equipment not permissible ● Student athletes are expected to shower at home ● Daily cleaning of athletic clothing ● Any celebratory/sportsmanship acts involving physical contact not permitted 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If schools close, all activities are cancelled until further notice
Transitioning (Hallways/Passing Periods/Rest Rooms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Require students and staff wear facial coverings while in transition times/large group gatherings ● Conduct routine cleaning of hallways after passing periods and lunch periods ● Designate directional lanes during passing periods for students to keep separated as much as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide extra time for passing periods ● Plan for staggered classes (secondary) ● Plan for staggered class movement (restroom, recess, lunch) for elementary ● Consider having the same group of students stay with same staff as much as possible (elementary) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schools are CLOSED ● No students ● Only “essential” staff allowed in the buildings
Large Group Gatherings & Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand sanitizer available for students and staff ● Recommend students and staff wear facial coverings while in large group gatherings ● Limit unnecessary gatherings of students and staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimize gathering of students in school parking lots and commons before and after school ● Stagger schedules for large gatherings (lunch, recess, passing periods) ● Identify and utilize large spaces (gyms, auditoriums, outdoors) for social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Schools are CLOSED ● No large group gatherings & meetings are allowable at school facilities while closed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Follow IHSAA guidance for athletic practices and events ● Follow Governor's most current Executive Orders as it relates to allowable numbers 		
Vulnerable Students & Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Establish point-of-contact with local health department ● Identify nearest COVID-19 testing sites ● Have hand sanitizer readily available for students and staff ● Provide necessary PPE to vulnerable students and staff as appropriate ● Provide Virtual Learning option for vulnerable students to complete their work ● Encourage vulnerable students and staff to wear facial coverings and other appropriate PPE throughout the school day ● Establish protocols for regular health checks for vulnerable students and staff ● Permit early transition times for vulnerable students to go to classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communicate with vulnerable staff members to gauge their intentions to return to work while maintaining confidentiality per applicable state and federal privacy laws ● Survey families with vulnerable children to gauge their intentions in returning to a "traditional" school setting while maintaining confidentiality laws per applicable state and federal privacy laws ● Provide Virtual Learning opportunities for vulnerable students in consultation with parents and public health officialsConsult with legal counsel to offer special accommodations for students and staff who are members of vulnerable populations ● Adhere to state and federal employment law and extended leave allowances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If schools are CLOSED due to virus spread, vulnerable students and staff should contact local health officials for assistance with healthcare guidance ● Vulnerable students and staff should not engage in large group gatherings ● Stay home until community conditions are at a level that safety is not compromised

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limit large group gatherings and interactions for vulnerable students and staff ● Adhere to FERPA and HIPPA requirements 		
Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● South Vermillion’s initial point of contact for any student or staff member that finds out they are positive for COVID-19 is Superintendent Dave Chapman. ● Mr. Chapman will then contact the local health department immediately. ● A COVID-19 Reporting Form for Students and Staff at the Indiana Department of Education’s website will also be completed by Mr. Chapman. ● Work with the local health department to assess factors such as the likelihood of exposure to other students and/or staff in the building, the number of cases in the community, and other factors that may determine if the building needs to be closed (targeted area, short-term, or extended closure). ● If a closure is determined necessary, the school corporation will consult with the Vermillion County Health Department to determine the status of school activities including extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, and before and after-school activities. ● As soon as the school corporation (school) becomes aware of a student and/or staff member who has been exposed to or has been diagnosed with COVID-19, the custodial staff will be informed, so that the impacted school building or bus, furnishings, and equipment are thoroughly disinfected. ● If possible, based upon student and staff presence, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours (or as long as possible) prior to disinfecting. ● If that is not possible or school is in session, the “deep” cleaning will occur immediately. ● See Appendix A of <i>Indiana’s Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools Re-Entry Guidance</i> pp.12-13 (IDOE). 		

Appendix A

Summary of Executive Order 20-37 with regard to Face Covering Requirement

Governor Eric Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-37 on July 24, 2020, outlining his requirements for Indiana citizens to wear face coverings when inside a business, public building, or other indoor places open to the public; an outdoor public space when it is not possible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person; or when using public transportation or in a taxi, private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle. Face coverings include face masks that cover the mouth and nose and are secured in a manner where the mask is close to the face and face shields which are clear plastic and covers the nose and the mouth. The requirements begin July 27 and remain in effect until midnight of August 26, 2020. The Executive Order includes requirements for school corporations as follows:

(1) All students in Grades 3 through 12, all teachers, all staff members, all vendors, all contractors, all volunteers, and all visitors must be required to wear face coverings while physically present in school buildings and facilities and on school grounds.

This directive continues until it is rescinded or modified by the Governor. Exemptions to this requirement are listed in paragraphs 4 and 6.c. in the Executive Order. Some of the relevant exemptions include persons with certain medical conditions, are deaf, and the person who is less than 2 years old.

(2) All students, all teachers, all staff members, all vendors, all contractors, all volunteers, and all visitors are required to wear face coverings while on a school bus or other school-sponsored mode of transportation. Exemptions for this requirement are those listed in paragraph 4 b through f. The exemptions to the above requirements for public schools are as follows:

1. Food Consumption: while eating and drinking
2. Faculty/Staff Areas: Faculty and staff while working together in a room, office, or place where social distancing of 6 feet or more from each other may be maintained. This does not apply to when staff is preparing food or meals.
3. Children Between the Ages of 2 and 8: Face coverings are not required UNLESS on a school bus or other school-sponsored transportation and during transition times during the school day.
4. Classroom Settings: When classrooms are arranged for students to be six feet or more apart at all times. When the teacher can be six feet or more away from students, the teacher does not have to wear a face covering, when students cannot be arranged six feet apart.
5. Recess: When social distancing of six feet or more can be maintained, face coverings are not required.
6. Extracurricular Activities/Co-Curricular Activities: Students, teachers, instructors, directors, coaches, trainers, volunteers, and any other personnel when engaged in strenuous physical activity or can maintain social distancing of six feet or more.

The full text of the Executive Order 20-37 may be found at the following website:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>

Appendix B

[UPDATE: COVID-19 When a Student, Faculty or Staff member can return to school.](#)

(click on the above link for detailed information)

Updates are recommended by the CDC and ISDH

Appendix C
Executive Order 20-48

Per Governor Holcomb's Wednesday Briefing (11/11/20) to be followed up with Executive Order

Local pre-K to 12 schools should continue to consult with their local department of health and use the Indiana Department of Health metrics for decisions about in-person, hybrid and virtual operations

If a county is in orange or red, additional guidelines will be outlined in the E.O. Information shared today includes:

ORANGE:

Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports...

Limited to 25 percent capacity, in consultation with local health departments;

All non-competing and non-performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times.

All non-family groups must be socially distanced.

IHSAA football games on Friday, Nov. 20, may continue utilizing IHSAA guidance that requires local health departments and communities to determine stadium capacity.

The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians only.

RED:

Indoor special, seasonal or commercial events are not advised to be held.

A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 25 people are requested to be in attendance must submit a plan to the local health department and receive approval before proceeding.

College and professional sports events are included.

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Appendix D

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS, JAN 4 TO JAN. 24

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HOOSIERS:

1. Hospitals should implement evidence-based criteria to reprioritize non-emergent procedures and surgeries to ensure sufficient capacity to care for all patients
2. The size of social gatherings will be limited by the color metric of the county. Local health departments may not accept or approve plans for events that request more attendees or participants. The limits are:
 - Red—25 people
 - Orange – 50 people
 - Yellow—100 people
 - Blue—250 people
 - Details may be found in the County Metrics and Requirements section
3. K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue but attendance is limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians plus their minor children for counties in the RED metric. Those in blue, yellow, or orange must limit capacity to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings.
4. Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children.
5. College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity.
6. Face coverings are required for all Hoosiers.
7. Hoosier businesses are open, following county metric requirements.
8. Businesses of all types are required to place clearly visible signage at their public and employee entrances notifying all that face coverings are required. Businesses should only admit only those who wear face coverings and practice social distancing.
9. Communicate to all employees that their activities outside of work have the potential to increase the spread of COVID in their workplaces and communities.
10. All customers in restaurants, bars and nightclubs are required to be seated when receiving service. Individuals from non-household parties must be spaced six feet apart at tables, counters or other seating arrangements.

11. Hoosier pre-K to 12 schools should consult with their local department of health and use the Indiana Department of Health metrics for decisions about in-person, hybrid and virtual operations.
12. All Hoosiers are required to maintain social distance of six feet in public spaces, whether inside or outside, and especially when with others who are not members of your immediate household.
13. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, together with local partners, will continue to check businesses for occupancy, social distancing, face covering requirements and other Executive Order components to ensure compliance without financial penalty.
14. Wash your hands frequently; use hand-sanitizer when hand-washing is not available.
15. If you test positive, isolate according to CDC guidelines.
16. Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic. Free COVID tests are available throughout the state.
17. Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high- risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID.
18. Hoosiers who will be in contact with individuals 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should consider suspending in-person visits:
 - Do not visit if you are symptomatic or have received a positive COVID test.
 - Wear a face covering at all times.

COVID-19 COUNTY METRICS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Indiana Department of Health has established a color-coded county map that measures weekly cases per 100,000 residents and the seven-day positivity rate for all tests completed. Each county is assigned a color based on the average of scores for the two metrics. The map is updated each Wednesday at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

BLUE: The county has a point score of below 1.0 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is low community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 250 people.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation.
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings.
- Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children.

- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity.

YELLOW: The county has a point score of 1.0 to 1.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is moderate community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect.
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 100 people.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation.
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities.
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings.
- Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children.
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity.
- School officials should review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure best mitigation practices are being followed

ORANGE: The county has a point score of 2.0 to 2.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Community spread is approaching high levels. These requirements are in effect when a county reaches the orange metric and remain until a county moves to yellow or blue for two straight weeks. Local officials may impose further restrictions.

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open.
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 50 people.
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation.
- Capacity in common areas and break rooms should be reduced, and users must be socially distanced.
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel and parents/ guardians only.

- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings.
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity.

RED: The county has a point score of 3.0 or higher when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Very high positivity and community spread. When a county is in the red metric, these requirements remain in effect until the metric has returned to orange or lower for two weeks. Local officials may impose additional restrictions.

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open.
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 25 people.
- The Indiana Department of Health will convene local public health officials, local health care providers, elected officials, school leaders and other key stakeholders to discuss actions that will be taken. State agencies will provide further support upon request.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation.
- Vulnerable populations should remain isolated. Social and holiday gathering participation is not advised.
- All business capacity must adhere to strict social distancing guidelines; curbside pickup is preferred.
- Local officials may consider limiting hours for the operation of bars, nightclubs and restaurants.
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians and their minor children only.
- Senior center activities are suspended.
- Hospitals, long-term care and other congregate settings may impose visitation limits • Reduce the number of people in common areas and break rooms at one time.
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue but attendance is limited to participants, support personnel and parent/guardians plus their minor children. All students and attendees must be social distanced and wear face coverings.
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity.

Appendix E

South Vermillion School Corporation's COVID-19 Updated Review of Current Operations and Guidelines

South Vermillion School Corporation has decided to use the 10-day quarantine option offered by the CDC for return to the classroom. If your child is a school-identified close contact, you will be notified by school personnel and given a 10-day return to school date based on the student's last day of exposure within the school. You should also be notified by the Indiana State Department of Health, generally via text, that will provide quarantine guidance.

The CDC and Indiana State Department of Health both still recommend a full 14-day quarantine. This is why your return to school date provided by the school may differ from the state guidance. Your child can return to school on the date provided by the school, as long as the student has remained without any symptoms, no matter how small they may seem, for the full 10 days.

If the person that has COVID-19 lives in the home, risk of transmission and contracting COVID is 10 times greater. Per the ISDH, if you cannot separate from the person within your home (sleep in separate rooms, when possible use a different bathroom, mask and distance within the home), we may ask that you wait until the person completes their 10-day isolation period and then start the 10-day quarantine for the student or staff. This determination will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If you wish to keep your child home a full 14 days, you absolutely can. We do encourage you to continue to 14-day quarantine precautions with consideration to all other activities and interactions with others outside of the school setting. This means using all non-pharmaceutical interventions (mask-wearing, socially distancing, and hand washing) on days 11-14.

Review of Return to School Requirements:

- After assessment by the school nurse and per the nurse's discretion, if your student reports 1 or more symptoms of COVID-19, we have been instructed by the ISDH that we should assume the student/staff has COVID-19, until it is ruled out. The student does not have to have a fever to be sent home. Many people are testing positive without a fever or never develop one over the course of their COVID illness.
- To return to school, the 3 options remain:
 1. You can contact the physician and have the sick person evaluated. If the doctor provides an alternate diagnosis and provides a return to school note, your child can return per the doctor's orders. We do ask that if your child has a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, that their fever or GI-issue be resolved for at least 24 hours, without medication, prior to returning to school.

2. You can have your child tested to COVID-19. If it is negative, the negative result must be shared with either the principal, secretary, or school nurse prior to return. The symptoms must also have improved prior to returning to school.
3. You can isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms prior to returning.

What if I've tested positive for antibodies but never had a positive test result? If the person quarantined has been tested and is positive for antibodies but were never confirmed as positive by a PCR or rapid test, we are still to advise quarantine. Research continues and is inconclusive at this point to know how much immunity the antibodies provide or if infection can still occur.

What if I've had COVID in the past 90 days?

- If you have a test result confirming you have tested positive in the past 90 days, you will not have to quarantine, but you must remain asymptomatic the entire time 14 days after your exposure. If a person is within their 90-day window of testing positive begins to develop COVID symptoms, the state says that person should isolate at home and seek further guidance. The Vermillion County Health Department has asked that you contact them, if you fall into this category, as the state is monitoring these type of cases.
- If the person is experiencing the same symptoms that they had when they tested positive, we can consider them a persistent positive, and allow them to stay out of school and return when they feel better.
- If the person is experiencing different symptoms than when they previously tested positive for COVID within their 90-day window, the state says that person should isolate at home and reach out to their physician or health department for further guidance. Currently, the same 3 return to school options would apply to this scenario, since there remains quite a bit unknown about reinfection. The best thing to do would be to reach out to your physician or local health department for further guidance.
- Please know that getting retested may not be the best option, as you can still test positive for several months after having COVID-19 and not be infectious. This is why we encourage you to reach out to your physician or local health department for further guidance.
- You should isolate at home for 10 days from onset of symptoms, if unable to get clearance from a physician or a negative test result.

If you want further information regarding isolation, quarantine, symptoms to look for, or actions you should take, please visit <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2400.htm> to review Public Resources.

Appendix F

Update on Screening Students From the SVCS Corporation Nurse:

Parents Guardians of SVCS Students:

The most current version of the Parent Screening Tool from the ISDH was sent out at the beginning of the school year. It accompanied our plea to have families screen their children every day prior to sending them to school. The tool has been revised by the state a few times since the beginning of the school year. The main thing to consider is that on every screening tool, it has been advised that you keep your child home if they are experiencing any symptom that is listed. It does not state to keep them home only if they have a fever and a listed symptom. It does not state to only keep them home if they have two or more symptoms. The wording states to keep a child home for ANY symptom that could be COVID-related and to seek attention from your physician or seek testing.

Below are the COVID symptoms listed on the CDC website and updated as of 12/22/2020. It states it is not an all-inclusive list and neither is the ISDH screening tool. If there's anything we've learned, it is that COVID is not predictable, and it does not present the same way in any two people, even in a family.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

The screening tool states to stay home if a person has a temperature 100.4 F or higher (or lower per school board policy). South Vermillion's rule for when to keep a child home prior to COVID is 100 degrees F. The textbook definition of a fever is 100.4 degrees or above. However, even different articles seem to differ on what the definition of a legitimate "fever" is. 100.4 degrees F or higher would be the threshold for when someone needs to be seen by a doctor or tested for COVID, if fever is their only symptom.

The SVCS Nursing Staff utilizes a common sense approach and acknowledge that sometimes kids just don't feel good and get run down. If a child doesn't feel well and has a low-grade temperature (in the 99-degree range), but they do not have any other specific symptoms per the screening tool and have no known COVID contact, the nurses have allowed the child to stay home for a day or two and monitor for any specific COVID symptoms. If they do not develop any other symptoms to indicate any contagious illness, then they have been cleared to return to school once their temperature returns back to normal and they feel better for 24 hours without being seen or tested.

Also, our nurses have been encouraged to speak with the families and see what is normal for the child. Congestion/runny nose isn't on the ISDH list, but if there is a student that has cold-like symptoms that weren't normal, it is encouraged that the family have the child tested. We have had instances that the child has ended up being positive for COVID with continued lingering issues as a result of the virus. Several staff members have also had only cold-like symptoms without a fever (runny nose, congestion) and ended up testing positive. However, this symptom is a delicate issue because some people have allergies that present at certain, predictable times of the year. The ISDH initially had congestion/runny nose on their list, but then removed the symptom during the Fall because there were so many people complaining that students with allergies were missing school due to having a runny nose with a known history of allergies. The state has encouraged school health officials to speak with our families, consider our students and what is their norm, and to see if the family has had any known exposure to COVID or has attended or participated in high-risk activities.

A lot of the symptoms are the same and a fever is not required for a student to be sent home. Please review this too, as I had given it out to the school nurses to follow to have consistency among our schools.

It is our hope this helps shed some light on what guidance we are working with while trying balance the desire to reduce the amount of time students are out of school while ensuring they are healthy and non-infectious when they return. Thank you.

Hannah Hoover, RN

SVCS Corporation Nurse

Update on Social Distancing and Close Contact/Contact Tracing from Superintendent Chapman:

Dear Parents and Guardians of our SVCS Students:

I'm sure you may have heard that there have been some changes from the Indiana State Dept. Of Health (ISDH) regarding when we have to contact trace within the classrooms. Please understand that these changes are for within the classroom only and we can only use this option if the students are:

- 3 feet apart, forward facing, and**
- wearing their masks at all times.**

While we feel that most classes are wearing masks and adequately distancing, it is important to make sure that you are aware of the changes and the rules to be followed for this option being used, as your children may come home to talk to you about it.

For situations where a person is not masked or not forward facing or able to distance, we will continue to use the close contact definition of within 6 feet for >15 minutes in a 24 hour period 2 days prior to symptom onset.

We will not be contact tracing at lunch time, as long as we follow our current routines. Lunches do not seem to pose any risk to students. We continue to remind our staff to please make sure kids put their masks back on as soon as they're finished eating and prior to walking to throw their trash away.

For students riding the school bus, any contacts while on the bus will be reviewed by our transportation department. If we can confirm that the students were masked the entire time, seated properly in their seats, and were more than 3 feet apart, we will not include them as close contacts.

This rule does not include extra-curricular activities or athletics or any social interactions or meetings held while at school, unless they meet the above classroom criteria. For those activities, we will still have to use the definition of within 6 feet for >15 minutes total in a 24-hour period, 2 days prior to symptom onset.

We are encouraged that this change will help prevent students from being quarantined unnecessarily, but at the same time, I want to make sure we maintain our vigilance on the use of mitigation strategies. Should you have any questions, please contact your school or the superintendent's office.

Thank you!

**Dave Chapman
Superintendent**

Please view the following links:

[Daily Symptom Screening](#)

[How Sick is Too Sick](#)

[When To Stay Home](#)

Appendix G

Updates from the Governor's Office and the Indiana Department of Health

Beginning March 31st, all Hooiers 16 years of age and older will now be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The following link, [21_Teen vaccine fact sheet_3.24.pdf](#) will help guide students and parents who wish to be vaccinated. Of particular note is the fact that students younger than 18 years old must make an appointment at a site that offers the Pfizer vaccine, as it is the only shot authorized for 16- and 17-year-olds.

Also, effective April 6th, the mask mandate will become a mask “advisory” in Indiana. With that, the wearing of masks will still be mandatory in all state and federal facilities, as well as all Indiana public schools for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

Appendix H

Return To School – 2021

Following an unprecedented school year, a great deal of time and effort has gone into preparing for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. It is with great anticipation that the South Vermillion Community Schools will return to the “traditional” school as much as possible. The schools and classrooms will interact directly with teachers and students. The school day will follow the standard schedule that includes all the core classes and other subject areas. Simply put, we anticipate a return to a somewhat normal and traditional school environment with the understanding that there will be several significant changes that took place this past school year still in effect to maintain enhanced health and safety precautions. To that, all schools will:

- Practice safe social distancing to the greatest extent possible
- Post signage and provide examples to strongly encourage frequent hand washing and hygiene practices
- Ensure hand sanitizer is available throughout the schools and in classrooms
- Maintain enhance cleaning protocols throughout the schools and in the classrooms
 - This includes air filtration systems in each school
- Encourage facial coverings at school and in the classrooms
- Teachers will develop classroom seating assignments based on the most recent guidelines
- Sharing of materials will remain minimal
- Visitors to schools and classrooms will remain limited
- Large community events (with the exception of school-related activities) will be at the discretion of the superintendent
- Fundraisers will be online/electronic sales only
- Bus drivers and student riders are encouraged to wear masks while on the school bus
- Buses will be cleaned/disinfected daily
- Hand sanitizer will be available on school buses
- Food service will continue to provide meals for students to eat in their classrooms

This plan will be “fluid” in that there are many variables that are still unknown. With the increase in vaccinations and the age level being lowered, many of the above-mention protocols could change during the course of the school year.

Each school will provide a customized plan to discourage unnecessary large group gatherings of students in hallways and common areas, using clear communication and signage to reinforce the message. Other such protocols specific to individual schools will be reviewed for approval. Above all, the South Vermillion Community School Corporation will adhere to the recommendations from the CDC, the ISDH and the Vermillion County Health Department.

**2021-2022 Return To School Plan:
South Vermillion Community School Corporation**

**Beginning of School: Tuesday, August 10
All schools will operate “in-person”**

The easing of COVID-19 related mandates have provided school corporations with options that were not available during the past school year. As a result, it is our desire to return South Vermillion Schools to a “traditional” school setting as much as possible, with the understanding that should circumstances warrant, safety precautions already established, will be reinstated. It is important to realize that some COVID-19 concerns and issues still remain at this time. Therefore, SVCS will maintain a number of last year’s practices and precautionary measures.

- § Posting of signage regarding the importance of frequent hand washing and other recommended hygiene practices.
- § Providing hand sanitizer stations in all SVCS facilities and on SVCS school buses.
- § Conducting enhanced cleaning throughout the school day.
- § Conducting routine air filtration inspections and cleaning.
- § Face coverings will be optional in all schools.
- § Face coverings will be required on all school buses at all times.
- § Daily cleaning/disinfecting of all school buses.
- § Maintaining the practice of 3 feet of social distancing in classrooms, when possible.
- § Seating for students facing in the same direction in classrooms.
- § Utilizing assigned seating in all classrooms and on school buses.
- § Limiting visitors in the schools/classrooms.
- § Limiting in-person fundraising events.

Large community events will continue to be at the discretion of the superintendent’s office following guidance from the local health and per state and federal mandates.

The 2020-2021 Re-Entry Plan has been used as a template to prepare for the 2021-2022 Return To School Plan in the event that local, state, and/or federal COVID-19 or other communicable disease mandates are issued during the school year.

The South Vermillion Community School Corporation will continue to follow local, state, and federal mandates related to the health and safety of our students and staff.

Currently, that means masks for unvaccinated individuals is recommended. Masks must be worn on school buses due to the federal mandate for transportation matters.

Please note that this is subject to change.

Mask Guidance

Based on reports from the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are effective at “keeping you from getting COVID-19, especially severe illness and death.”* Older individuals who are at higher risk have had access to vaccines for several months. Once we are notified when younger children are eligible for a vaccine, we will coordinate with the Vermillion County Health Department and advise parents of where and when vaccines will be available.

	<u>Vaccinated</u>	<u>Not Vaccinated</u>
Elementary Students (under 12 yrs.)	Not Yet Eligible	<u>Recommended</u> /Optional
Middle/High School Students	Not Required	Recommended/Optional
Staff	Not Required	Recommended/Optional
Visitors	Not Required	<u>Recommended</u> /Optional
Outside Activities	Not Required	Not Required
School Transportation (Bus Routes, ECAs, Athletics)	Required	Required

[*https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html)

References:

Indiana Department of Education

Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools (IN-CLASS) COVID-19 Health and Safety Re-Entry Guidance

Indiana State Department of Health

ISDH Guidance for Employers During COVID-19

Vermillion County Health Department

Guidance and Recommendations

Covered Bridge Special Education District

Special Education Services Re-Entry Plan

AASA: The School Superintendents Association

COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Guidelines for Reopening Schools

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

CDC's Decision Tree

COVID-19 Symptoms

COVID-19 Self Checker

COVID-19 and Children

CDC Considerations for Schools

Communication Tools

Roadmap for Facilities

Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting

Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown

CDC's Community Mitigation Strategies

How to Protect Yourself and Others

What Bus Operators Need to Know

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)