



COVID-19 Return to
School 21-22

***Together Everyone
Achieves More***

July 26, 2021

Outcomes

- Keep the health and safety of our students and staff as our priority-while managing providing academic outcomes and impact
- Communicate a plan that brings students back slowly that allows us to collaborate with the community and health care officials
- Prioritize our students that need hands-on learning experiences or in-person services to meet individual learning goals
- Develop a plan that allows us to remain flexible and responsive to the given health conditions and recommendations



Local and State Guidelines

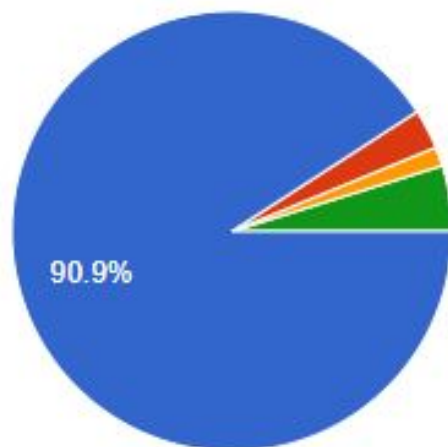
- As of July 2, 2021, the Governor of Indiana, Eric Holcomb, allowed the state mask mandate to expire.
 - Discontinued the requirement of mask wearing in indoor facilities
- Schools and local authorities were assigned the task of developing procedures moving forward.
- We continue to be engaged in ongoing conversations weekly with the St. Joseph Health Department, local health professionals, and neighboring districts.
- We will continue to monitor local positivity rates, hospitalization, and ongoing vaccination rates to inform future decisions.



Preferred Learning Format

Do you plan for your child to participate in in-person instruction with SBCSC in the Fall of 2021?

3,055 responses



- Yes, my child will participate in in-person instruction in the Fall of 2021.
- No, I would like my child to learn virtually in the Fall of 2021.
- No, my child will not be attending SBCSC in the Fall of 2021.
- I am undecided as to my child's Fall 2021 learning plans.

Preferred Learning Format

- Based upon a survey of 3,055 parents:
 - 90.0% indicated their child would be learning in-person in the Fall of 2021
 - 2.9% indicated their child would be learning virtually.
 - 4.8% were undecided as to the preferred learning format.



Virtual School

- The district will continue offering enrollment into our SBCSC Virtual School as an effort to continue supporting our students and families who have determined that a virtual option is the best moving forward,
- Students who are enrolled in the virtual school will have a virtual only experience.
- **The district currently has no plans to offer a hybrid option for families. However, we will work with families when they feel it is safe to return to in-person learning.**
- K-8 will be provided through Edmentum.
- 9-12 will be provided by SBCSC Teachers.



Virtual School

http://sb.school/news/virtual_school_enrolling



South Bend Virtual School now enrolling


20 July 2021

For full-time students who choose to take the majority of their classes online. Students do not need to live within the SBCSC boundaries to attend.



First ever wrestling camp for SBCSC students in grades 2 to 6 will be Tuesday, July 13 to Thursday, July 15 at Madison STEAM Academy at no cost to SBCSC students.



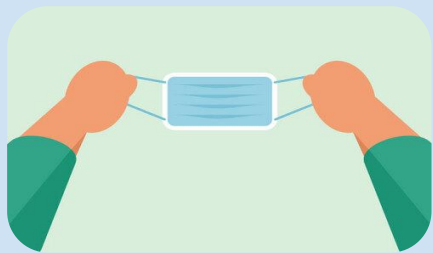
**Free Immunization Clinic**

South Bend Community School Corporation and Indiana Immunization Coalition will offer free immunizations for students to become current with required immunizations, or in preparation for the upcoming school year. Parents and other community members in need of updated immunizations are also welcome. This is not a COVID-19 vaccine clinic, but one offering standard, required immunizations.

Registration is strongly recommended (see press release). A limited number of walk-ins will be accepted.



SBCSC Masking Procedures as of July 16, 2021



VACCINATED

Staff & middle/high school students
who have the COVID-19 vaccine
can be ***MASK FREE.***



UNVACCINATED

Masks are ***STRONGLY ENCOURAGED*** for staff & middle/high school students who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine.



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Face masks are ***REQUIRED***
indoors for all students in Pre-K through
fifth grades.



Change in Mask Policy

- As we reviewed the ongoing data around the Delta variant, ongoing Federal conversations, and conversations with our local health department, we felt that we needed to change course.
- American Pediatric Association released additional guidance, stating that they recommended mask wearing for elementary students.
- Two larger districts in the state, IPS and Wayne Township have also adjusted guidance and are now requiring mask wearing for elementary students.



Visitors



VISITORS

All visitors to SBCSC buildings are ***REQUIRED*** to wear a mask.



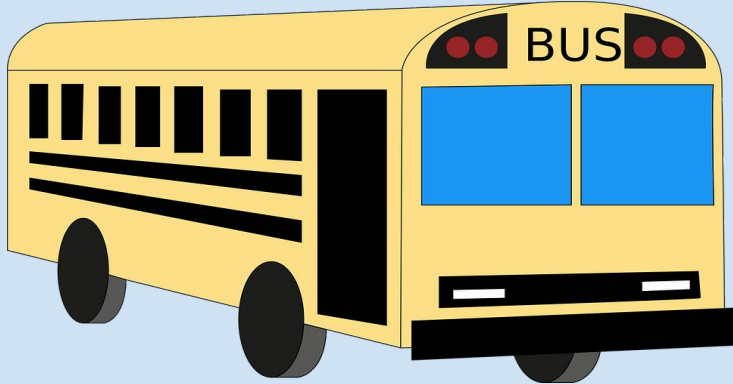
Outdoor Environments

OUTDOORS

Masks are ***NOT REQUIRED*** outside
except for high risk individuals.



Transportation



ON THE BUS

Masks are ***REQUIRED***
for all students and staff
while on a school bus.



Mask Summary

Group	Guidance
Vaccinated Individuals	Staff and students who have received the COVID-19 vaccine can be mask free .
Unvaccinated Individuals	Masks are strongly encouraged for <u>staff and middle/high school students</u> who have not received the COVID-19 vaccine.
Elementary Students	Face masks are required indoors for all students in pre-k through fifth grades.
Visitors	All visitors to SBCSC buildings are required to wear a mask.
Outdoors	Masks are not required outside except for high risk individuals.
On the Bus	Masks are required for all individuals while on a school bus.



Other Districts

District	Grade Level	Mask Procedures
Penn-Harrison Madison	K-12	Mask Optional/Transportation Required
Elkhart	K-12	Mask Optional/Transportation Required
Fort Wayne Community Schools	K-12	Mask Recommended/Transportation Required
Indianapolis	K-5 and unvaccinated students	Required to wear masks
Evansville	N/A	EVSC students and staff will always have the option to wear CDC recommended masks, even if masks are not required during a particular time or location.



Social Distancing

- We will continue, to the greatest extent possible, social distancing:
 - Cafeteria
 - Classrooms where 3 feet may be difficult; we will **strongly encourage** students and staff to wear masks if unvaccinated.
 - Limit group activities without mask wearing at the elementary level.
 - Limit sharing of supplies and other items unless disinfected between each use.



Extracurricular and Athletics

- **Athletics, music, and drama programs:**
 - Students will be **highly encouraged** to be vaccinated.
 - Visitors and spectators will be **recommended** to wear masks at events if not vaccinated.
 - All students and staff will be **required** to wear masks during travel to events and games while using SBCSC transportation.



Quarantining

Quarantine guidelines and policy: per IDOH 6.8.21

Track and isolate positive cases:

- Individuals should stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result.

Quarantine:

- Vaccinated close contacts do not have to quarantine; however, they should monitor for symptoms and isolate if symptoms develop.
- Unvaccinated individuals, who are identified as a close contact, must quarantine. Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions), day 11 (with precautions), or day 15 (without testing or precautions).



Vaccination Resources

- SBCSC continues to strongly advocate for all individuals who are eligible to get vaccinated
- We continue to work with local partners to make vaccinations accessible for both our staff and students

Resources to register and find vaccination locations:

- Visit: www.ourshot.in.gov
- Call: 2-1-1
- Call: St. Joseph County Library 574-282-4646





Questions?