



SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESTART PLAN FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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- **SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS CONSTRUCTED A RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF HEALTH AGENCIES. THIS PLAN ALIGNS WITH CDC, MS HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MDE PROCEDURES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR. SCSD PRIORITIZES THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF.**



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PATH TO PREVENTION

SCSD WILL:

- 1. SCREEN STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR ILLNESS. THOSE WHO ARE ILL WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW UP WITH THEIR PHYSICIAN.**
- 2. PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER AND ITEMS TO ENSURE STUDENTS MAINTAIN HAND HYGIENE.**
- 3. CLEAN/DISINFECT FREQUENTLY TOUCHED SURFACES .**
- 4. CONDUCT DEEP CLEANING OF SCHOOLS PRIOR TO STUDENTS/STAFF RETURNING AND SCHEDULE PERIODIC DEEP CLEANINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**





IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

- 1. STUDENTS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON JULY 28, 2021.**
- 2. STUDENTS WILL REPORT TO SCHOOL 5 DAYS A WEEK.**
- 3. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL TIMES WILL NOT BE ALTERED.**
- 4. LONG TERM VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION IS AN OPTION FOR STUDENTS IN UNIQUE SITUATIONS. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT SERVE AS AN EQUITABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING.**
- 5. APPROVAL THROUGH AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND SUFFICIENT INTERNET ACCESS IS REQUIRED FOR "VIRTUAL ONLY" CLASSIFICATION.**





VIRTUAL STUDENTS

1. PARENTS MAY OPT FOR THEIR CHILD TO REMAIN “VIRTUAL ONLY” BUT AN APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 12TH TO YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IF YOUR REQUEST WAS APPROVED BY JULY 20TH.

2. STUDENTS CLASSIFIED AS VIRTUAL STUDENTS FORFEIT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

3. LONG TERM VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION IS AN OPTION FOR STUDENTS IN UNIQUE SITUATIONS. HOWEVER, IT DOES NOT SERVE AS AN EQUITABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM SETTING.

4. SUFFICIENT INTERNET ACCESS IS REQUIRED FOR “VIRTUAL ONLY” CLASSIFICATION.





DAILY PROCEDURES

IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR PARENTS TO SCREEN THEIR CHILD'S HEALTH ON A DAILY BASIS.

STUDENTS MUST REMAIN HOME IF FEELING ILL.

PARENTS SHOULD SCREEN FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **FEVER 100.4 OR HIGHER**
- ✓ **COLD OR FLULIKE SYMPTOMS**
- ✓ **GASTROINTESTINAL PROBLEMS**
- ✓ **PERSISTENT COUGH**





DAILY PROCEDURES CONTINUED

- **STUDENTS WILL EXIT THE BUS OR CAR AND HAVE THEIR TEMPERATURE CHECKED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL DAILY.**
- **HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT TO EVERY TEACHER AS WELL AS PLACED THROUGHOUT BUILDINGS FOR EASY ACCESS AND USE.**
- **CLASSROOMS WILL BE ARRANGED IN A MANNER TO ENSURE DESKS ARE SOCIALLY DISTANCED AS SPACE WILL ALLOW.**
- **PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR FACILITIES IMPACTED BY COVID-19.**
- **BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES WILL BE CLEANED AND SANITIZED REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.**



MASK

- **MASK COVERING THE MOUTH AND NOSE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS AND ALL PERSONNEL IN ALL COMMON SPACES.**
- **FACULTY AND STAFF WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO WEAR A FACE MASK OR FACE SHIELD DURING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME.**
- * **AS CDC GUIDELINES CHANGE, SCSD WILL ADJUST OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO REMAIN WITHIN THE CURRENT REGULATIONS.**



WELLNESS & HYGIENE

- **IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR PARENTS TO SCREEN THEIR CHILD'S HEALTH ON A DAILY BASIS.**
- **WATER FOUNTAINS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE. STUDENTS AND FACULTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES. WATER BOTTLES MUST NOT BE SHARED.**
- **BOTTLED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.**





INSTRUCTION

**ALL GRADE LEVELS WILL UTILIZE GOOGLE CLASSROOM
FOR BOTH FACE-TO-FACE AND VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION.**



Google Classroom



BUS TRANSPORTATION

- **TRANSPORTATION IS A BIG ISSUE DUE TO THE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS ON EACH BUS. WE WILL FOLLOW LOADING AND UNLOADING PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELLNESS OF OUR STUDENTS. WHEN POSSIBLE, WE ASK THAT PARENTS USE PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO AND FROM SCHOOL.**
- **BUS DRIVERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK COVERING THE MOUTH AND NOSE AT ALL TIMES WHILE STUDENTS ARE ON THE BUS.**
- **STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK COVERING THE MOUTH AND NOSE WHILE ON THE BUS.* AS CDC GUIDELINES CHANGE, SCSD WILL ADJUST OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO REMAIN WITHIN THE CURRENT REGULATIONS.**
- **STUDENTS WILL BE SEATED STARTING AT REAR OF BUS. THEY WILL EXIT FROM THE FRONT ROWS FIRST TO KEEP STUDENTS FROM WALKING PAST EACH OTHER.**
- **FAMILY GROUPS WILL BE SEATED TOGETHER WHEN POSSIBLE.**





TRANSPORTATION CONT.

- **BUS DRIVERS WILL SANITIZE THEIR BUS AFTER THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON ROUTES EVERY DAY WITHOUT FAIL.**
- **THERE WILL BE HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED FOR EACH BUS.**
- **WINDOWS WILL BE KEPT OPEN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE VENTILATION.**
- **STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW THE NORMAL SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR THE BUSES. IT IS NOT SAFE TO HAVE STUDENTS STANDING, CHANGING SEATS, OR MOVING ABOUT THE BUS UNNECESSARILY. THERE WILL BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR NOT FOLLOWING THESE PROTOCOLS, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS TIME OF CONCERN.**





SCHOOL NUTRITION

▪ **CHILD NUTRITION SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS STARTING ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH.**

▪ **All Students enrolled in SCSD will be eligible to eat a breakfast and lunch at no cost due to the Meal Waiver for the 2021-2022 School Year.**

▪ **Each school and the Office of Child Nutrition will follow the CDC Guidelines for school mealtime, mask wearing, and social distancing in school cafeterias.**





HEALTH SERVICES

- **ALL STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL WHO ARE EXPERIENCING ANY SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS ARE EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT HOME.**
- **STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL WHO BECOME SICK WHILE AT SCHOOL WILL BE SENT HOME.**
- **STUDENTS AND PERSONNEL SENT HOME FOR (FEVER) WILL REMAIN AT HOME FOR 72 HOURS. IN ORDER TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL SETTING, THEY MUST BE FREE FROM ANY FEVER FOR 24 HOURS WITHOUT MEDICATION .**
- **ANY ILL STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE 72 HOUR PERIOD WITH DOCUMENTED CLEARANCE FROM A PHYSICIAN.**
- **UPON RETURNING TO SCHOOL, STUDENTS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE AND PRESENT NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION FOR REENTRY.**
- **IF A CHILD IS PLACED ON ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE THEY MAY RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER 10 DAYS.**



HEALTH SERVICES

- **REGION 8 STAFF WILL BE SERVICING ALL LOCATIONS TO ADDRESS STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH INCLUDING SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING**
- **SCHOOL COUNSELORS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS**
- **SCSD IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A FACILITIES STUDY IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:**
 - **IMPROVING VENTILATION/CIRCULATION**
 - **SOCIAL DISTANCING**



POSITIVE PROTOCOLS

- **UPON A POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULT, PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ISOLATE THE CHILD FOR 10 DAYS. THEY MUST CONTACT THEIR CHILD'S PRINCIPAL IMMEDIATELY.**
- **IF SOMEONE IN THE CHILD'S HOME HAS TESTED POSITIVE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PARENTS GET THE CHILD TESTED. THEY MUST QUARANTINE THE CHILD FOR 10 DAYS.**
- **PARENTS WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN CHILDREN HAVE COME INTO CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE WITHIN THE SCHOOL SETTING.**
- **CONTACT TRACING WILL BE PERFORMED TO IDENTIFY STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ANY CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASE.**



TECHNOLOGY

- ✓ **SCSD IS A 1:1 SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHROMEBOOKS ARE PROVIDED TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS.**
- ✓ **STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK AGREEMENT BEFORE CHROMEBOOK CAN BE ISSUED.**





EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

☐ **SCSD WILL FOLLOW MHSAA RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE CDC AND MDH FOR EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS.**

☐ **STUDENTS CLASSIFIED AS VIRTUAL STUDENTS WILL FORFEIT THEIR OPPORTUNITY IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION.**





COMMUNICATION

ALL NEWS AND INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SIMPSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE (WWW.SIMPSON.K12.MS.US), OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, AND SCHOOL WEBSITES. WE WILL SEND OUT MESSAGES THROUGH SCHOOL MESSENGER. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO SIGN-UP AND RECEIVE SCHOOL MESSENGER NOTICES.