

# Restart Plan for the 2022-23 School Year

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Simpson County School District (SCSD) has constructed a return-to-school plan following the guidance and recommendations of health agencies. This plan aligns with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Mississippi State Department of Health, and Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) procedures for the 2022-23 School Year. SCSD prioritizes the safety and well-being of our students and staff.

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# PATH TO PREVENTION

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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

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1. Students will return to school on July 27, 2022.
2. Students will report to school five days a week, unless the district administration deems it necessary to alter the schedule due to increasing COVID numbers.
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

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1. Parents may opt for their child to remain “virtual only” but an application must be submitted by **July 11** to your child’s school. You will be notified if your request was approved by **July 20**.
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

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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 of 100.4 degrees or higher
- ✓ Cold or flu-like symptoms
- ✓ Gastrointestinal problems
- ✓ Persistent cough



# DAILY PROCEDURES CONT.

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- 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

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- Mask covering the mouth and nose will be highly recommended for students and all personnel in all common spaces.
- As CDC guidelines change, SCSD will adjust our policies and procedures to remain within the current regulations.

# WELLNESS AND HYGIENE

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- It is imperative for parents to screen their child's health on a daily basis.
- Cups will be placed at each water fountain for student use. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. Water bottles must not be shared.



# INSTRUCTION

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All grade levels will utilize Google Classroom for both face-to-face and virtual instruction.



Google Classroom

# BUS TRANSPORTATION

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- Bus drivers will be highly recommended to wear a mask covering the mouth and nose at all times while students are on the bus.
- Students are highly recommended 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 the 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 due to the number of students on each bus.

# BUS TRANSPORTATION CONT.

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- 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

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- Child Nutrition Services will be available for students starting on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.
- A Household Meal Application should be completed by each family to determine a student's eligibility for free, reduced or full-priced meals. Applications will be made available July 1, 2022 at [www.myschoolapp.com](http://www.myschoolapp.com). *Note: Students will not automatically receive free meals this 2022-23 School Year.*
- Each school and the Office of Child Nutrition will follow the CDC Guidelines for school mealtimes, mask wearing, and social distancing in school cafeterias.



# HEALTH SERVICES

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- 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 five days with a negative COVID-19 test.
- Students or staff with a positive case in the household must quarantine for five days and may return to school with a negative test. If the child is not tested, they must quarantine 10 days.

# HEALTH SERVICES CONT.

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- 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

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- Upon a positive COVID-19 test result, parents are required to isolate the child for five days. They must contact their child's principal immediately.
- If someone in the child's home has tested positive, the child must quarantine for five days and may return to school with a negative test. It is recommended that parents get the child tested. If a child is not tested following exposure, 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

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- ✓ 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

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- SCSD will follow Mississippi High School Activities Association (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.



# COMMUNICATIONS

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All news and information will be available on the Simpson County School District website ([www.simpson.k12.ms.us](http://www.simpson.k12.ms.us)), Facebook page, and school websites.

We will send communications through School Messenger. Please contact your child's school to sign up and receive School Messenger notifications.