Safe Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

The Smithville School District (SSD) is committed to safe operations which maintain the health, wellness and safety of students and staff. Our Safe Return to In-Person Learning and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP) will be a living document that will be reviewed bi-annually and updated with new information as it becomes available and is necessary. In-person learning is a priority for SSD. Layered prevention strategies (mitigation measures) are critical to protect students, teachers, and staff, especially those not vaccinated, in areas of moderate to high community transmission levels. In-school and community transmission rates as well as recommendations from the CDC and data from the Clay County Public Health Center will be utilized to inform our future decisions.

MITIGATION MEASURES

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<th><strong>Facial Coverings</strong></th>
<th>Masks are recommended rather than required, particularly for those who are not vaccinated. Masks are federally mandated on school buses.</th>
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<td><strong>Social Distancing</strong></td>
<td>Social distancing and cohorting are encouraged to the best extent possible. Seating charts will be required in classrooms and the cafeteria for contact tracing purposes. In-school gatherings such as assemblies, parties, and parent nights should be carefully scheduled.</td>
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<td><strong>Hygiene</strong></td>
<td>Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout school buildings. Students and staff will be encouraged to wash hands frequently throughout the day, especially before and after meals, recess, and switching classes. Handwashing and respiratory (sneezing/coughing) etiquette will be taught to students.</td>
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<td><strong>Healthy Facilities</strong></td>
<td>Facilities (including high touch surfaces) will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized at least once a day. Approved cleaning materials will be available for every classroom. Shared supplies will be limited and routinely cleaned. Water fountains will be unavailable, but bottle fillers will be available at all times.</td>
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<td><strong>Screening</strong></td>
<td>Parents or caregivers are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students and staff who experience one or more major symptoms or two or more minor symptoms related to COVID-19 should not come to school. (Major symptoms include: new cough, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste and smell, or fever in adults. Minor symptoms include: headache; muscle aches, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea, new runny nose or congestion; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; sore throat; fever ≥ 100.4 and/or chills.) Students or staff who have COVID-19 symptoms must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school or work without the use of fever reducing medications (such as Tylenol, Acetaminophen, Motrin, Ibuprofen etc.)</td>
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| **Positive Cases** | Students and staff showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 or who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from District premises and activities and guided to contact their personal health care provider.

Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 can return to work/school after 10 days have passed since symptom onset, improvement in symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications.

Students who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from participation for 10 days, which includes practice or interscholastic competition. If the student is asymptomatic after the 10 days, they must be released by a physician before they begin the 5 stages of return to play. This is to ensure there are no post-infection issues relative to the heart after the student is released for physical activity. |
| **Close Contacts/Contact Tracing** | If students and staff are identified as a close contact, they will not need to be excluded from school or work if they are without symptoms or had COVID-19 within the previous three months.

- Contact tracing for close contacts will be coordinated by Smithville School District administration and nursing staff along with communication and support of the Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC).

- Staff members and parents of students who are identified as close contacts will still be notified so they can stay alert to any symptoms that may develop.

Students or staff showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status) will be excluded from school or work until symptom-free for at least 24-hours.

Students showing symptoms associated with COVID-19 while at school will be cared for by a staff member until the parent and/or guardian arrive to pick up the student. The student should be picked up within 30 minutes of the parent being contacted. Staff members showing symptoms will be sent home immediately.

SSD will continue to collaborate with CCPHC to provide information about individuals diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19.

**In the case of an outbreak (multiple positive cases in one classroom), SSD will collaborate with the CCPHC, DESE, and CDC in which an exclusion from school may be applicable.** |
| **Testing & Vaccinations** | Testing sites and vaccination locations/options will be shared on the district website and through electronic communication. Resources and |
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<th>Accommodations for Children with Disabilities</th>
<th>Accommodations as necessary or as mandated by the Individual Education Plan. Parent and staff input will be provided to help prioritize meeting the student IEP and 504 needs.</th>
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CONTINUITY OF SERVICES

The academic needs of students will be met through the district’s Alternate Methods of Instruction (AMI) plan in the event of a disruption to in-person learning. Parents will be notified through the handbook, website, email and or meetings of the AMI plan early in the school year and through quarterly reminders. The need for implementation of AMI days will be communicated through social media, email, phone calls and text messages. Students will have access to district chromebooks and a variety of resources for AMI days. The district will ensure all students have access to the internet through either parent or district provided connection.

Student and staff mental health remains a priority. SSD will provide training for administrators, teachers and staff with respect to communicating with and supporting students (and other staff members) during these stressful times. Students receiving therapy or mental health services will have the option of receiving those services virtually through teletherapy for a continuation of services. The district Family Resource Specialist will also be available to families through email or phone.

Both breakfast and lunch will be available for pickup for any student who requests it.

All requests for a change in mode of learning should be referred to the student's building principal.

PERIODIC REVISION

The district administrative team will discuss any trends or updates to the SRCSP weekly. The superintendent will regularly collaborate with regional superintendents. District administrators will collaborate weekly (or as recommended) with the CCPHC to learn of any new guidance or recommendations for schools and the community. The school board will be given monthly updates during open session and will be provided the opportunity to give input. Bi-annually, SSD will seek input from students, parents, teachers and administrators who are representative of all stakeholders to review and revise the SRCSP as needed.

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