

## 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

Facial Coverings	Universal Masking (PK-12 students and staff) while indoors. Masks are federally mandated on school buses. * Masks correctly worn are snug over the mouth and nose without gaps.
Social Distancing	Social distancing and cohorting are encouraged to the best extent possible. Schools will allow students to eat meals in the cafeteria again. Non-essential furniture will be kept out of classrooms. 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 to avoid congregations.
Hygiene	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.
Healthy Facilities	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.
Screening	Parents or caregivers are strongly encouraged to monitor their children for signs of infectious illness every day. Students and adults who feel ill or display any major symptoms should stay home. High risk symptoms include: new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste & smell, and fever (in adults.) Moderate risk symptoms include: fever $\geq 100.4$ and/or chills, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, headache, muscle or body ache.
Quarantine/ Contact Tracing	No quarantine is required if both the infected and exposed individuals were <i>correctly</i> wearing masks (snug over the mouth and nose without gaps) during the exposure. The exposed individual should monitor for symptoms and isolate if they become ill. They should continue to wear a mask at all times.

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	<p>Any unmasked individual (<b>unless you are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic</b>) who is a close contact (within 3 feet for a cumulative of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period) with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine for 7 days, provided the exposed individual remains asymptomatic and has a negative PCR or NAAT test on or after day 5. Quarantine for 10 days is required without the PCR or NAAT test.</p> <p>*fully vaccinated (at least 2 weeks from receipt of final dose.)</p> <p>Persons testing positive (regardless of vaccination status) should isolate for 10 days. SSD will continue to collaborate with CCPHC to provide information about individuals diagnosed or exposed to COVID-19. SSD will continue to notify parents of exposure and will collaborate to monitor symptoms.</p>
<p>Testing &amp; Vaccinations</p>	<p>Testing sites and vaccination locations/options will be shared on the district website and through electronic communication. Resources and information will be provided in collaboration with the CCPHC.</p> <p>*SSD will not be participating in the screening testing program provided by DESE/Dept. of Health and Senior Services.</p>
<p>Accommodations for Children with Disabilities</p>	<p>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.</p>

### \*MASKING GUIDANCE FOR ATHLETICS/PE/BAND/CHOIR

If a student is “actively participating” in athletics, physical education, band or choir outdoors or indoors, the student does not have to be masked. “Actively participating” includes both warm up and competition. Students should socially distance indoors if unmasked. Bell covers will be utilized for instruments while indoors.

Masking will be required in the following situations:

- Upon entering a building or gym
- In the locker room
- Sitting on the bench (indoors)
- While not actively participating (indoors)
- Coaches will need to mask unless participating in the physical activity

### 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

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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.

### 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.

### Appendix A

#### Recommended Thresholds for Assessing Level of Community transmission

Indicator	Low Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission	High Community Transmission
Total new cases per 100K in the past 7 days	0-9	10-49	50-99	$\geq 100$

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### Appendix B COVID-19 Symptom Guide

High Risk Symptoms	Moderate Risk Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New cough</li> <li>● Difficulty breathing</li> <li>● Loss of taste &amp; smell</li> <li>● Fever (in adults)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fever <math>\geq</math> 100.4 and/or chills</li> <li>● Congestion/runny nose</li> <li>● Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea</li> <li>● Sore throat</li> <li>● Headache</li> <li>● Muscle or body ache</li> </ul>

#### Scenario 1

	Question	Answer
<b>Screening Results</b>	What symptoms are they showing?	1 moderate risk symptom
	Did they have COVID-19 exposure?	No
<b>Actions</b>	Should they be tested?	No
	When can they return to school?	Return to school 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement OR If the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis
	Contact Tracing?	No contact tracing necessary.

#### Scenario 2

	Question	Answer
<b>Screening Results</b>	What symptoms are they showing?	1 high risk symptom OR $\geq$ 2 moderate risk symptoms
	Did they have COVID-19 exposure?	No
	Should they be tested?	Yes

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<b>Actions</b>	When can they return to school?	<p><b>If test is negative,</b> Return to school 24 hours after fever resolution and symptom improvement OR If the provider believes that an alternate diagnosis is the cause of signs and symptoms, return precautions should be specific to diagnosis</p> <p>*On State recommendation - any negative rapid test must be confirmed by a PCR test before returning to school</p>
		<p><b>If test is positive or no test,</b> 10 days have passed (isolation) AND 24 hours since fever resolution without the use of fever-reducing medication AND improvement in symptoms</p>
	Contact Tracing?	Yes, initiate contact tracing upon positive test result.

Scenario 3

	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Screening Results</b>	What symptoms are they showing?	No symptoms
	Did they have COVID-19 exposure?	Yes
<b>Actions</b>	Should they be tested?	Yes (recommended at day 5 or later)
	When can they return to school?	<p><b>If exposure is outside of school OR if in-school without proper mask wearing: Individuals may return after:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 days IF they have NO symptoms and a negative PCR or NAAT test taken after day 5 or</li> <li>• 10 days IF they have NO symptoms</li> </ul> <p>In both scenarios they must continue to wear their mask and monitor for symptoms for the full 14-day time period. If at any time during that 14-day timeframe, they develop symptoms of</p>

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		<p>COVID-19 they need to isolate and get tested (see scenario 4)</p> <p><b>If exposure is in-school with proper mask wearing:</b>          Individuals do not need to quarantine from school IF they have NO symptoms, but they must continue to wear their mask and monitor for symptoms for the full 14-day time period. If at any time during that 14-day timeframe, they develop symptoms of COVID-19 they need to isolate and get tested (see scenario 4)</p>
	Contact Tracing?	Yes, initiate contact tracing upon positive test result.

### Scenario 4

	Question	Answer
<b>Screening Results</b>	What symptoms are they showing?	Any moderate or high risk symptoms
	Did they have COVID-19 exposure?	Yes
<b>Actions</b>	Should they be tested?	Yes
	When can they return to school?	<p><b>If test is negative,</b>            If the first PCR test is negative, a second negative PCR test will be required for release of isolation prior to the 10 days</p> <p><b>If test is positive,</b>            Return to school at least 24 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in symptoms  <b>AND</b>            At least 10 days have passed since first symptoms appeared</p>
	Contact Tracing?	Yes, initiate contact tracing upon positive test result.

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### FAQs

1. Is it correct that a vaccinated athlete will not be required to quarantine if they have physical contact or they are identified as a close contact with a positive case if they continue to not have any symptoms? **Yes. However, CDC does recommend that vaccinated individuals get tested 3-5 days after exposure and wear a mask/monitor for symptoms during the incubation period. This is the same recommendation for non-athletes.**
2. Two students are sitting next to each other under three feet for more than 15 minutes and both are wearing masks correctly. The next day one of the students tested positive for Covid. Will the close contact have to quarantine if they are not showing symptoms? **Per the new CDC definition, if both students are masked, they are not considered close contacts unless they are within 3 feet of each other for 15+ minutes. If the students meet that close contact definition, the exposed student would not need to quarantine but should continue to mask and monitor for symptoms for the 14-day period.**
3. Same Situation but the student that tested positive was not wearing a mask. Will the close contact have to quarantine even if they are wearing a mask properly? **Yes. The quarantine exemption only applies if both parties are masked.**
4. Who needs to quarantine?
  - **Individuals who had a laboratory confirmed (PCR test) illness and fully recovered do NOT need to quarantine if they are subsequently exposed within the next 3 months and do not have symptoms.**
  - **Those who are antigen positive and symptomatic at the time of testing do not have to quarantine if re-exposed within the next 3 months.**
  - **Those who are antigen positive and asymptomatic will be assessed on a case-by-case basis but will likely quarantine.**
  - **Those who were probable cases (a contact to a confirmed case and symptomatic) but did not have any testing done will need to quarantine due to re-exposure.**
  - **Those that were antibody positive would also have to quarantine if re-exposed, because there is no way to know exactly when they were infected.**
  - **Those who have been vaccinated do not need to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated (at least two weeks from the final dose) and are asymptomatic.**
5. When does quarantine begin?
  - **Quarantine begins after the last date of exposure to the COVID positive individual. If you live with someone who is positive, then you must quarantine**

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away from those sick individuals in order to not have to quarantine longer which would mean from their last date of isolation.