



**Spencer-Owen Community Schools**  
**COVID-19 Re-Entry Plan**  
***Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular***  
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**Overview**

Per Governor Holcomb's executive order, Indiana schools are allowed to reopen on July 1, 2020, with July 6, 2020, posted as the start date of the return of extra-curricular and co-curricular groups. The conditions, current medical landscape, and growing body of knowledge surrounding COVID-19 continue to evolve. This reality presents challenges to planning, preparing, and guiding school operations. Revisions to this re-entry plan will take place as needed as conditions change and/or new information is received from local and state officials.

The SOCS Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Re-Entry Plan was developed based on guidance found in the Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools (IN-CLASS) document released on June 5, 2020. This guidance was collaboratively developed, and approved by Governor Holcomb's office, between the Indiana Department of Education, Indiana State Department of Health, and Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. It is important to note that IN-CLASS' considerations are based on recommendations and/or statute. However, IN-CLASS further explains that due to capacity and resource limitations, not all districts and schools will be able to address or implement all the considerations contained in the document. Districts and schools have been advised to use the IN-CLASS document as a guide and to consult with local health departments. In addition, relevant stakeholders and local legal counsel should be consulted to determine which considerations are feasible and the most appropriate way to proceed.

Spencer-Owen Community Schools solicited input from local stakeholders to develop the details of SOCS' extra-curricular and co-curricular re-entry plan. Stakeholders consisted of school staff (administrators, teachers, coaches and directors), parents (representing each activity), and the Owen County Health Department.

The following health protocols will be implemented for each activity:

1. Students and staff will regularly be reminded of the importance of always practicing recommended preventive measures such as appropriately washing hands, avoiding touching one's face, eyes, ears, and nose and staying home when sick or when potential exposure to COVID-19 has occurred.
2. Areas used will be sanitized thoroughly on a regular basis.
3. School staff, parents, and students will receive information to assist with recognizing COVID-19 related symptoms. All students and staff are expected to self-screen each day prior to leaving home (Appendix A). Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be sent home immediately.

4. If a student or employee has recently had contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, has someone in their home being tested for COVID-19, or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, a parent or employee should contact their coach or sponsor BEFORE returning to school.
5. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be excluded from school activities and may not return until the following conditions are satisfied, based on recommendations of the CDC:
  - a. Untested: Persons who have not received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms may return if the following three conditions are met:
    - i. They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
    - ii. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
    - iii. At least 10 calendar days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
  - b. Tested Positive- Symptomatic: Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:
    - i. The individual no longer has a fever (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers); and
    - ii. Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
    - iii. At least 10 calendar days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
    - iv. The individual has received two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.
  - c. Tested Positive- Asymptomatic: Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when they have gone ten calendar days without symptoms and have been released by a healthcare provider. Students may also return if they are approved to do so in writing by the student’s health care provider.
  - d. Tested Positive- Impact on School Operations: SOCS will follow guidance from the Indiana State Department of Health, specifically guidance outlined in “How Should Schools Prepare for, and Respond to, COVID-19?” (Appendix B). Any student or staff identified to have COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be immediately separated from other students, parents will be contacted, and the Owen County Health Department will be notified.
6. All students and staff will be required to wear a mask or facial covering unless participating in strenuous physical activity.
7. Water fountains will be turned off and not accessible.

## **Athletics**

Spencer-Owen Community Schools proposes the following protocol for middle school and high school fall sports (football, volleyball, b/g soccer, boys tennis, girls golf, b/g cross country, cheerleading) and off-season b/g high school basketball:

### **Phase I: July 6th - July 19th:**

1. Individual student athletes will be limited to 15 hours of school contact activity per week on campus.
2. Both weight rooms will be closed.
3. Locker rooms are closed and athletes are to arrive in practice attire.
4. Drills during practice will be run in small groups on different locations of the court or the field.
5. For contact sports, no contact is allowed.
6. All equipment used, including balls, will be sanitized after every practice.
7. Students will provide personal water bottles and belongings will be placed 6 feet apart.
8. Hand sanitizer will be present and used at water bottle filling stations.
9. Practice schedules will be posted on the school and athletic websites.
10. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor practices will be canceled. Parents will be contacted by phone or the team Remind App.
11. Practices in this phase are voluntary.
12. All incoming Freshman, Seventh Graders or students who did not have a physical on file during the 2019-2020 school year will need to have a physical completed and on file prior to participation. These students may observe and attend practice but will not be allowed to participate until a physical is on file.

### **Phase II: July 20th - August 15th:**

1. With regard to the weight room use:
  - a. No more than 25 students in the weight room at one time.
  - b. Students will be provided a cleaning solution to wipe down each station between each set.
  - c. Coaches will sanitize the weight room between session use.
  - d. Both weight rooms located on the middle/high school campus will be fogged/sanitized by custodial staff nightly.
2. Locker room use can begin at 50% capacity.
3. Drills during practice will be run in small groups on different locations of the court or the field.
4. Necessary contact among teammates is allowed in the small group setting.
5. All equipment used including balls, pads and helmets will be sanitized after every practice.
6. Boys and Girls Basketball open gym practices may begin
7. Students will provide personal water bottles and belongings will be placed 6 feet apart.

8. Hand sanitizer will be present and used at water bottle filling stations.
9. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor practices will be modified indoors based on gym availability while following social distancing protocols. Parents will be contacted by phone or the team Remind App.
10. No formal competition is allowed with the exception of girls golf.
11. All coaches and student athletes will wear a mask when not participating in a strenuous physical activity.

### **Phase III: August 15th**

1. Weight room is open with the Phase II protocol
2. Competition may begin with contact necessary to compete.
3. Modified sportsmanship practices will be observed (i.e. shaking hands, high-fives, etc.)
4. Locker room use will remain at 50% capacity.
5. Contact among teammates is allowed.
6. All equipment used including balls, pads and helmets will be sanitized after every practice or competition.
7. Students will provide personal water bottles and belongings will be placed 6 feet apart.
8. Hand sanitizer will be present and used at water bottle filling stations.
9. In the event of inclement weather, outdoor practices will be modified indoors based on gym availability while following social distancing protocols. Parents will be contacted by phone or the team Remind App.
10. All coaches and student athletes will wear a mask when not participating in a strenuous physical activity.

### **FFA Pet Vaccination Clinics**

Late July, Early August

While specific dates and locations have not been set, it is anticipated we would conduct 5-6 vaccination clinics at one or more of the following locations:

- Owen Valley High School
- Gosport, Patricksburg, and Freedom Fire Stations
- SOCS Elementary Schools

### **Procedures**

- Drive-through style instead of the typical walkup style as done in the past.
- Client cars will line up and five to six FFA members will meet the clients at their cars to ask the basic questions that are needed for the vet clinic paperwork regarding the animal shots.
- FFA members, and adults present, ~~may choose to~~ **will** wear a mask.
- When the paperwork is completed we will have a second station setup to pay. One to two adults at this station will use gloves and hand sanitizer.

- After paying, the cars will be asked to pull into a parking spot and wait for the Veterinarian to come to their car to give the animal shots.
- At this point, the doctor takes over and their clinic procedures would be implemented.

NOTE: Flyers promoting the Clinics will request that community members stay in their cars.