

# South Holt R-1

## Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Plan

### Fall 2022

The purpose of this plan is to create the safest return to Face-to-Face instruction for students of the South Holt R-1 School District. As the COVID situation is ever changing, this is a plan which may need altering as the school year unfolds. This safe return to in-person instruction plan was created with input from the administration, teacher surveys, school nurse, food service director, maintenance staff, and stakeholders. If you need or know someone who needs this plan translated or read to them, please call Bob Ottman at 660-446-2282.

#### Health Safeguards

- Masks- Masks will not be a mandatory requirement for students or staff members at this time.
  - Should a child become sick at school and show signs of potential COVID symptoms a child could be asked to wear a mask in a transition room until a family member could pick the child up.
  - Teachers will not be responsible for the masks of students that choose to wear a mask.
  - At this time South Holt R-1 does not have a mask mandate, however if a mask mandate is put in place by the South Holt R-1 Board of Education, masks are expected to be worn properly (mask must cover the nose and cover the chin)
  
- Hand Sanitizer-
  - As the current form of sanitizer is in a liquid form, the school will provide each teacher with a hand sanitizer dispenser for each room.
    - Students will also be taught proper hand washing procedures and will be provided with multiple opportunities to wash their hands daily.
    - Students will also be taught to minimize the number of times a day they touch their face with their hands.
    - Parents whose children have skin conditions that will not allow them to use hand sanitizer continually through the day will need to provide their own sanitizing solution to keep their child safe at school.
  
- Temperature Checks-The district will not conduct daily temperature checks of students. In the event a student appears to have a temperature the student's temperature will be checked.
  - Parents are asked to keep their children home if they are showing signs of illness.
  - Parents are also asked not to give their children doses of medication designed to force the body to drive down a temperature for the purpose of sending their child to the school.
  - Students who have a temperature at school over 100.4 will be given a mask to wear until they have left the school with a parent/guardian.
  
- Social Distancing-
  - Classrooms will be set up with as much social distance between desks as possible.
  - Students will be taught the importance of covering coughs and sneezes, hand hygiene, and not coming to school sick or with a fever.
  - Students will be taught to be conscientious of their surroundings and exhibit behaviors that take the needs of others into consideration.
  - The district will work to keep students 3-6 feet apart, but there will be times when that is not possible. The district will adhere to the goal of 6 feet for social distancing, but accepts that it will be impossible to obtain at all times.

- Water Fountains – The district has purchased bottle filling stations to retrofit current water fountains throughout the building. Each level (HS, MS, Elem) will have at least 1 bottle filling station. The purpose of this is to limit locations of constant touching.
- Disinfectant Machine-The district will continue the use of electrostatic sprayers. The mist from these machines attaches itself to places too difficult for a rag or cloth to get to for cleaning purposes.
  - The frequency of use will be determined by the guidelines provided by the manufacturer.

#### Transportation-

- The South Holt R-1 School District will continue to transport students as they have in the past.
  - Seats will be assigned to families, and families of students will sit together.
  - Seating will be assigned so that social distance is maintained for as long of the trip as is possible.
  - Families will be encouraged to transport their own children.

#### Cafeteria Guidelines

- Students will be allowed to eat in the cafeteria.
  - The district will either add more lunch shifts or more tables for lunch, or do both.
  - Any self-serving food options will be available with assistance from a staff member or teacher.

#### Academics

- The South Holt R-1 School District will adhere to a grading policy should the district be required to move into a virtual instruction mode. A committee of teachers will create the grading policy and have it in place at the start of the school year.
- Teachers will create lessons that do not require students to share materials, such as crayons, scissors, pencils, etc. Should there be a time where materials have to be shared, those materials will be cleaned prior to being used by another student.
- In the event the school transitions into a virtual setting, attendance in virtual instruction will be required and students will be required to adhere to set schedules created by the classroom teacher. The district/teacher will take into consideration that not all families can be in a virtual classroom during the day due to family constraints outside of their ability to control.

#### Continuity of Services

- In the case of students being out of school for an extended period of time due to COVID-19, South Holt R-1 Students will still be able to receive instruction electronically or through paper/hard copy.
- Teachers will interact with students to provide instruction, develop appropriate feedback (student and parents), and check for understanding during distance learning
  - Email/Google Classroom: 2-3 times per week
  - Teleconference: Weekly
- The South Holt R-1 School District will use teleconference/web-based software to teach/reinforce concepts along with virtual instruction
- If Internet Access is not available for families, communication with South Holt R-1 must be made to make arrangements.
- South Holt R-1 will provide devices to use for remote learning if needed. Communication from home must be made to help provide the appropriate device.

- If packets are sent home, they will have the same types of questions or scenarios as the online portion for the students. The majority of information can be printed or scanned from the original online version so the same information is presented in both forms of instruction.
  - South Holt R-1 will have a drop off and pickup station inside the building for packets. If parents do not have means of transportation, these packets can be dropped off or picked up by administration.
  - Feedback and Instruction can take place via FaceTime/Google Meets/Zoom or handwritten. PowerPoint Notes or Instructional notes may be printed off if needed.

#### Social and Emotional Support

- The South Holt R-1 School District understands that the COVID crisis has caused a great deal of stress and disruption into the lives of its student body. As such, the district counselors will continue to meet one-on-one and virtually with students throughout the school year.
- As has been the case in previous years, the district has protocols in place to work with students and families who are experiencing difficult situations. As it is impossible to plan for each potential scenario, the staff of the school will work with students as the school becomes aware of situations students are dealing with.

#### Cleaning and disinfecting the building

- The district will follow the recommendations of the manufacturer of the Fogging machine purchased to disinfect classrooms.
- Custodial staff will be trained in the CDC guidelines issues by the CDC.
- High volume/traffic areas will be disinfected throughout the school day.
- Additional staff may be hired should an evening cleaning be necessary.
- The Re-Entry Committee has expressed some concern that over cleaning could kill too many good germs reducing the body's immune system and its ability to fight off infection/illness. The committee also has concerns about too many chemicals causing difficulties for students with allergies and asthma.

#### Visitors/Parents

- Visitors/Parent access may be limited

#### Vaccination

All South Holt R-1 Employees have been given the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccination by the Holt County Health Department. The District will work closely with the Holt County Health Department in publicizing vaccination clinics for students and staff. The District will highly recommend vaccinations for re-entry, but it will not require them.

#### Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

To accommodate children with disabilities in the event of an in-person school closure, the District will either use a learning management system such as Schoology or a hard copy learning packet supported by virtual teaching and meetings, emails, and/or phone conferencing. The District will ensure that students have access to technology, including the provision of internet and devices as needed. Teachers will maintain communication with families via online support, phone calls, emails and text

messages. Accommodations will be made as necessary or as mandated by the student's Individualized Education Plan.

#### Procedures for students who become sick at school

- Contact the parent and determine if the child has been in an area where they may have been exposed to COVID.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home
- A child would not be allowed to return to school until they are fever free for 72 hours, and any other illness related symptoms are showing signs of improving.
- A child with a health care providers note may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours.
- The school will encourage a family to get COVID testing, but will not require it.
- Students will be placed on a 14 day symptom watch to see if they develop any additional symptoms associated with COVID.
- Requirements for students that have been exposed or potentially exposed will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The local health department and CDC guidelines will help guide each scenario presented and administration will make a determination for next steps.
- Contact tracing will be done by school administrators to determine if there are any close contacts at school.
- Any student or staff member who is a close contact from a home positive case will be quarantined by the health department. The change in quarantine is just for the positive cases at school when the school is required to do contact tracing.

#### Working Document

- The South Holt R-1 School District understands that this document will need to be reviewed and revised on a consistent basis in order to maintain up to date.
- The South Holt R-1 School District will meet with students, stakeholders, teachers, staff members, and administrators every six months to review and revise the document.

#### SRCSP Stakeholders

- Bob Ottman, Superintendent
- Ted Quinlin, Principal
- Susan Lentz, School Nurse
- Jason Kurtz, Board President
- Neal Prussman, Board Vice President
- John Plummer, Board Treasurer
- Jim Kelly, Board Member
- Jared Noland, Board Member
- Randy Mendenhall, Board Member
- Tim McCourt, Board Member
- Kim Long, Teacher
- Wendy Ezzell, Teacher
- Tim McFarland, Teacher
- Jenita Killin, Community Member
- Brenda Lynn, PE Teacher

- Krissy Prussman, Holt County Health Department Director/Parent
- Janessa Miller, Parent
- Hillary Schuman, Parent
- Troy Cotton, Parent