

# Return to School Plan

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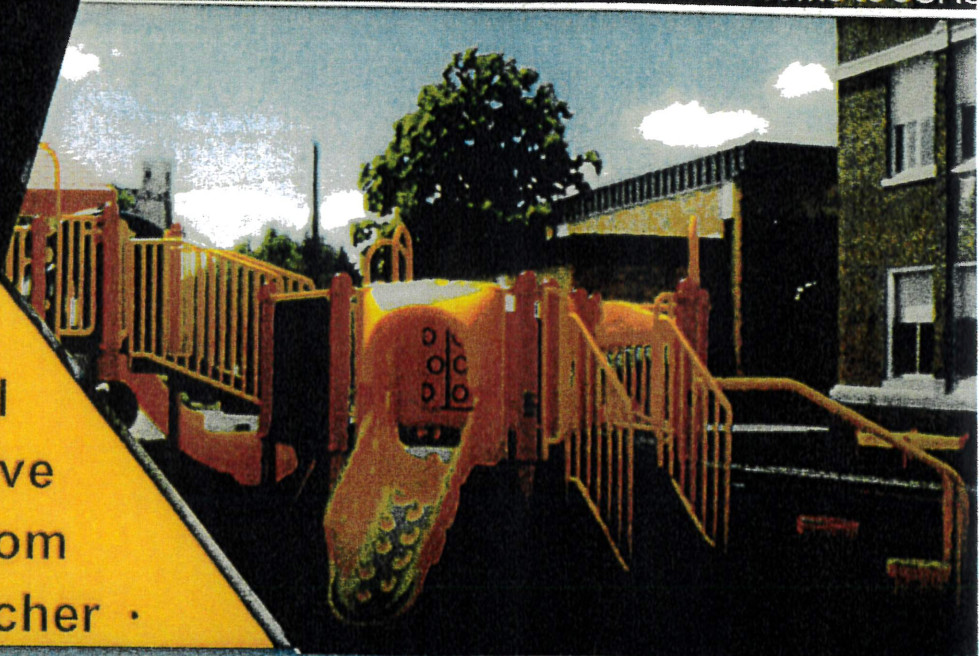
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Welcome to SCHS

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will return to school  
in August and receive  
direct instruction from  
their classroom teacher .

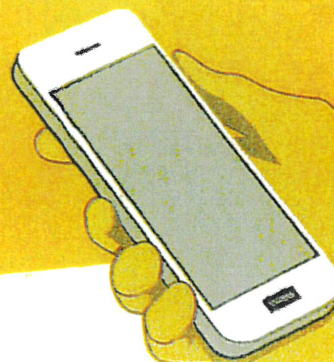






# Keep Students In School

Complete Daily Screening



## Daily Screening Guidelines

- All staff and families will need to complete a daily screening prior to arriving at school each day.
- It is **VERY** critical that if showing any symptom - stay home.
- Today, we ask **ALL** students and staff to stay home if you have even the slightest symptom of COVID-19.

## Make Screening Part of Your Morning Routine!

### Daily COVID-19 Self-Screening Questions

- Do you have congestion, cough, sore throat or shortness of breath?
- Do you have a headache, fever or chills, fatigue and muscle or body aches?
- Are you experiencing nausea, vomiting, diarrhea or sudden loss of taste or smell?

### Routines to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

- Wear a Mask or Face Covering in Public
- Wash Hands with Soap and Water (20 Seconds)
- Use Hand Sanitizer Between Washing
- Practice Social Distancing (6 feet)
- Avoid Large Groups When Possible
- \* If You are Sick, Stay Home

Daily screening and hygiene are critical in keeping all students and staff healthy and in school.

Thank you for doing your part.

### Download the District App Today!

The Schuyler Community Schools app is available for **FREE** on iPhone and Android devices.

#### To download the app:

1. Open the app store for your phone.
2. Search for Schuyler Community Schools.
3. Once you find the SCS app, click on it.
4. Click install. The app should begin downloading.

### NSAA Fall Sports Announcement

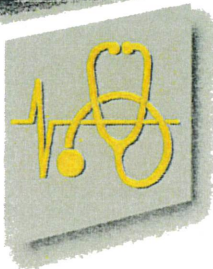
To be able to start our activities on time we must be leaders when it comes to best practice, it is a recommendation of the NSAA that schools should:

- Keep all activities, practices, and scrimmages in-house to avoid interaction with other teams.
- Wear masks when not in competition
- Keep groups small and attendance recorded
- Wash your hands regularly
- Disinfect equipment regularly
- Stay home if you don't feel well
- Stay home if someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19

**Do NOT Risk the Health of Others! Stay HOME if you have symptoms!**



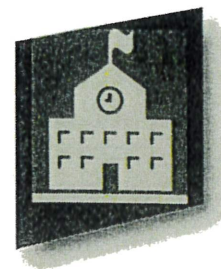
# Goals



**Protect the physical & mental health of students and staff.**



**Provide students with quality education face to face.**



**Keep as many students in school for as long as possible.**

## Health Precautions

- 1 ✓ Daily home screening of students and staff - stay home if sick 
- 2 ✓ Masks required for students and staff - with accommodations where necessary 
- 3 ✓ Social distancing - Signage throughout the school 
- 4 ✓ Limit large groups & capacity of large spaces (cafeteria) 
- 5 ✓ Routine hand washing and sanitizing 
- 6 ✓ Enhanced cleaning throughout the day 
- 7 ✓ Minimize student movement 
- 8 ✓ Limit outside visitors 

### Multiple Plans Being Prepared

The information in this document includes the details of our 100% Return to School Plan. It is important for parents to know that we are also developing a plan for other options. We have a plan if we have to limit the number of students in school or if we have to close school and do remote learning for the whole school or a portion of the school. We know the year ahead has many unknowns. We will be prepared to continue to provide an excellent education for all students no matter what the situation may be.

### Plan for Students Not Attending School

Note: Information in this document pertains to students that are planning to attend school in person. If your child has a medically diagnosed condition or extenuating family circumstances and won't be attending school in person, the information in this document DOES NOT pertain to you. Families whose students are not attending due to a medically diagnosed condition will receive separate communication prior to August 10th. Families without a medically diagnosed condition will need to follow the information in this plan.

### Special Thanks to Action Teams and Focus Groups

We want to extend a special thank you to the board of education, directors, principals, nurses, and tech staff that helped develop this plan or provided us with input once the plan was developed. Many of these individuals have worked numerous hours to help make this return to school safe and successful for all students and staff. We also want to thank the East Central Health Department for their help and support with the development of the plan.





# Protect the Physical & Mental Health of Students and Staff

## What is SCS doing to keep students and staff healthy and safe?

- Require masks for all students and staff in accordance with CDC Guidelines.
- Distribute masks before school/bus and collect masks after school to be washed and disinfected.
- Implement social distancing, where feasible, limit class size, limit unnecessary student movement.
- Provide and implement personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff where necessary.
- Clean and disinfect desks between student use.
- Clean and disinfect high touch areas frequently throughout day.
- Conduct extensive cleaning and disinfecting every night.
- All supplies & equipment cleaned between uses - limit sharing of supplies.
- Require masks of all visitors to school buildings.
- Limit visitors to schools during school day and use of school facilities by outside groups.

## What will families do to keep everyone healthy and safe?

- Wear Masks! Encourage the use of masks in public and in accordance with CDC Guidelines.
- Complete daily health pre-screening at home prior to coming to school.
- Stay home if sick or showing any symptoms - Don't take a chance!
- Practice good hygiene (hand washing, cough etiquette, etc.) at all times.
- Social distance where feasible.

## New guidelines to keep students and staff healthy & safe in school

- Essential visitors to school by appointment only.
  - No outside speakers or volunteers in classrooms.
- Hand sanitizer used before entering and exiting classroom & lunchroom.
- Hand washing times built into the schedule.
- Parents must remain in cars during drop off and pick up or meet child off school property while social distancing.
- No outside food deliveries or any deliveries.
- Closed campus for lunch to limit outside exposure during the regular school day.
- Virtual school assemblies only.
- Field trips & guest speakers brought to the classroom virtually.
- Transportation vehicles will have increased cleaning between uses. All students and drivers will wear masks.
- All large group parent gatherings such as open house and family nights will be remote.
- Two health offices in all schools, one for sick kids and one for routine business-like distribution of medications.
- Drinking fountains will be closed - students encouraged to bring water bottles.
- Currently all middle school and high school athletics and activities are scheduled to proceed.





# Keep Students In School

## Masks required for all students & staff



### Mask Guidelines

SCS is requiring masks for anyone over the age of 2 entering a school or school property. Each school is planning designated mask breaks for students throughout the day. Mask breaks will be built into the day at all levels. Masks will not be required by students when exercising during PE, at recess or during lunch. Accommodations will be made for students with a medical condition that prohibit them from wearing a mask.

- Students and staff can wear their own masks or a mask will be provided to each student.
- Masks must follow the district guidelines for appropriate attire.

### Why Masks?

As we focus on keeping students and staff safe and in school as long as possible, masks are a critical factor. In the event that a student at school tests positive for COVID-19, wearing masks is a key factor in determining what other students and staff need to be quarantined or removed from school and activities. Masks will help keep students and staff safe and keep students in school!

### I wear my mask in public for three reasons.

- 1. Humility:** I don't know if I have COVID as it is clear that people can spread the disease before they have the symptoms.
- 2. Kindness:** I don't know if the person I am near has a child battling cancer, or cares for their elderly mom. While I might be fine, they might not.
- 3. Community:** I want my community to thrive, business to stay open, employees to stay healthy and students to stay in school. Keeping a lid on COVID helps us all.

### The following local groups support wearing masks in School:

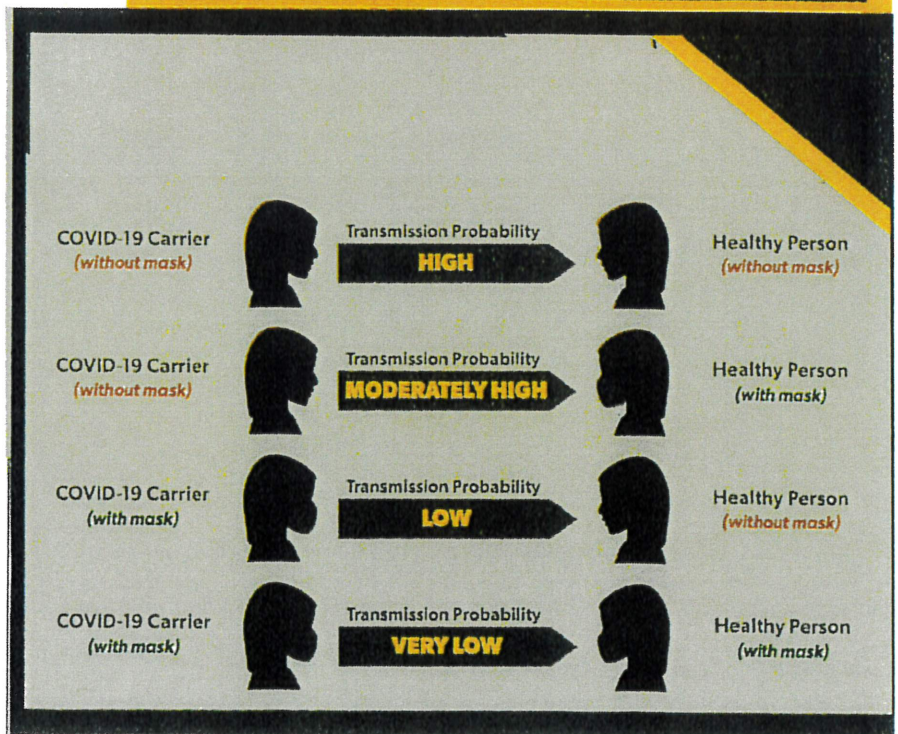
- CHI Health Schuyler
- East Central Health Department

### The following State Medical Associations support students wearing masks in School:

- Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians
- Nebraska Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
- Nebraska Medical Association
- Nebraska Nurses Association

### The following National groups support students wearing masks in school:

- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- U.S. Department of Education
- National Association of School Nurses





# How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

## WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



## USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

## FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



## TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



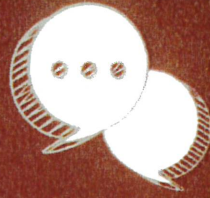
# How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask



10 Quick Tips for Parents

## Explain Why

Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing.



For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."

## Practice Makes Perfect

Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.

1. Holding the mask.
2. Putting it against his/her face.
3. Securing the elastic.
4. Keeping the mask on for a period of time.



## Explain the Upside

Talk with your child about the importance of masks and if we all wear masks then schools can have activities and sporting events.



## Let's Pretend

Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes.



Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse or veterinarian.

## Talk About the Science

Talk with your child about how masks work to help prevent the spread of germs.



## Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too

Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!



## Take a Picture

Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks.

You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.



## Start with Familiar Clothing

Choose clothing and fabric that your child already wears and turn it into a mask.



Some ideas include a scarf or a bandanna.



## Give Positive Reinforcement

Recognize your child when they are wearing their mask with positive reinforcement.

Model mask wearing for your child.



## Get Creative

Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers.



If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.



# Provide Students With Quality Education Face to Face

## Return to Educational Routine



### Preschool Plan

Details specific to your school will be shared by your principal.

### August 10<sup>th</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup>

NO SCHOOL: Teachers and support staff Work Days

### August 24<sup>th</sup>

Morning Session: 7:45 – 11:30 AM

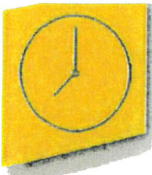
### August 25<sup>th</sup>

Afternoon Session: 12:00 – 3:30 PM

### August 26<sup>th</sup>

Morning and Afternoon Sessions: Regular Hours

Reminder: The summer breakfast and lunch program (Ages 1-18) will continue through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.



See schedule for August 24<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> to allow for a safe environment to allow for a safe start to our school year.



Students report directly to classroom upon arrival in the morning and afternoon sessions.



Students will primarily remain with their classroom group throughout day.



All instruction occurs in the classroom to limit unnecessary student movement in the building



Specials will be limited to small groups and where social distancing is possible.



Practicing safe protocols will allow us to stay in session and promote a more consistent and effective learning environment.



Due to health regulations, our home providers will be available for services at the district office at 120 West 20<sup>th</sup> street.

### Please complete health checks before coming to school.



Snacks will be delivered to the classroom.



Recess and breaks will be provided with time for hand washing.



Outdoor breaks will provide a safe place for students and staff to socially distance



Students and staff will wear face masks in accordance with CDC Guidelines. All visitors must wear masks inside the building.



Busing is available for pickup in the morning and drop off in the afternoon to the closest school. See the bus schedule for more information.



# Provide Students With Quality Education Face to Face

## Return to Educational Routine



### Elementary Plan

Details specific to your school will be shared by your principal.

### First Half-Day of School

**August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

NO School: Teachers and Support Staff Work Days

**August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**

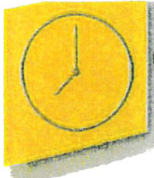
Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM

### First Full Day of School

**August 17<sup>th</sup>**

K-12<sup>th</sup> grade

*\*Reminder: The summer breakfast and lunch program (Ages 1-18) will continue through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.*



See schedule for August 12-14 to minimize large groups of students.



Students report directly to classroom - no walking club.



Students will primarily remain with their classroom group throughout day.



All classroom instruction occurs in the classroom to limit unnecessary student movement in the building.



Specials will be limited to individual class groups and where social distancing is possible.



Reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year.



Prioritize reading, math and social emotional learning.



Breakfast and lunch will be provided with social distancing and limited assigned lunch groups.



Recess and breaks will be provided with time for hand washing.



No salad bars or self-service items. All food service personnel and lunch room practices in compliance with CDC and limited group guidelines.



Parents and visitors will be required to wear masks in the building.

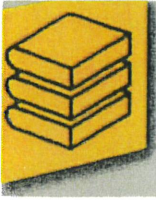


Limited after school clubs.



# Provide Students With Quality Education Face to Face

## Return to Educational Routine



**Richland and Fishers Plan**  
Details specific to your school will be shared by your principal.

### August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL: Teachers and support staff Work Days

### August 12<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: 8:00 – 11:30 AM

### August 13<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:00 – 11:30 AM

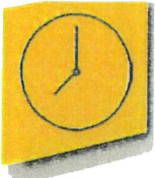
### August 14<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:00 – 11:30 AM

Reminder: The summer breakfast and lunch program (Ages 1-18) will continue through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

### August 17<sup>th</sup>

## First Full Day of School



See schedule for August 12-14 to minimize large groups of students.



Students report directly to classroom.



Students will primarily remain with their classroom group throughout day.



All classroom instruction occurs in the classroom to limit unnecessary student movement in the building.



Specials will be limited to small groups and where social distancing is possible.



Reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year.



Prioritize reading, math and social emotional learning.

## First Week: Half-Day of School



Breakfast and lunch will be provided with social distancing.



Recess and breaks will be provided with time for hand washing.



No salad bars or self-service items. All food service personnel and lunch room practices in compliance with CDC and limited group guidelines.



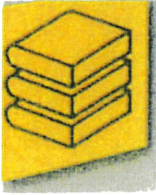
Students and staff will wear face masks in accordance with CDC Guidelines. All parents and visitors will be required to wear masks inside the building.



Limited after school clubs.



# Provide Students With Quality Education Face to Face



August 12<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade : 8:00 – 11:30 AM

August 13<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:00 – 11:30 AM.

August 14<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades: 8:00 – 11:30 AM.

Reminder: The summer food service program (Ages 1-18) will continue through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Middle School Plan

Details specific to your school will be shared by your principal.



Students report directly to designated area by team.



Staggered dismissal times and exit doors.



Students remain primarily with their grade levels throughout the day.



To keep students moving in hallways, lockers will be restricted use only (before school, lunch, and after school).



Reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year.



Classroom labs will use social distancing and small groups of students.



Limited after school clubs.



Expanded lunchtime and seating to social distance and limit large gatherings.



Lunch will have no salad bar or self-serve buffet lines.



Limited number of students in lunch line. Students will be dismissed and served by table.



All food service staff will wear masks & gloves.



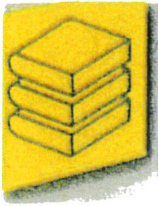
Students and staff will wear face masks in accordance with CDC Guidelines. All visitors must wear masks inside the building.



Limited number of students allowed into PE locker room area at one time. PE lockers will be used.

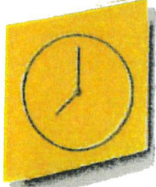


# Provide Students With Quality Education Face to Face



August 12<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8:05 to 11:37 AM      10<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:05 to 3:37 PM  
August 13<sup>th</sup>: 11<sup>th</sup> grade: 8:05 to 11:37 AM      12<sup>th</sup> Grade 12:05 to 3:37 PM  
August 14<sup>th</sup>: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (All Students) : 8:05 to 11:37 AM  
Reminder: The summer food service program (Ages 1-18) will continue through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

## High School Plan



Students arriving prior to 8:00 a.m. will enter at the Activity Entrance on the west side of the high school building and social distance.



After 8:00 a.m. students enter through the west library hall and report directly to 1st hour classroom.



Students will need to schedule an appointment to see a counselor, nurse, or office personnel.



To keep students moving in hallways, limited use of hallway lockers. Backpacks can be carried at all times.



Students will need to keep moving in hallways with no congregation of large groups.



Classroom labs will use social distancing and small groups of students.



Reteach key curriculum concepts from prior year.



Expanded lunchtime and seating to social distance and limit large gatherings.



Limited number of students allowed into PE locker room area at one time. PE lockers will be used.



Limited number of students in lunch line. Lunch will have no self-serve buffet lines.



All food service staff will wear masks & gloves.



Staggered dismissal times by grade level - exit different doors.



Students and staff will wear face masks in accordance with CDC Guidelines. All visitors must wear masks inside the building.



Practices and competitions will follow NSAA and CDC Guidelines.