

SCS COVID-19 RESPONSE

The purpose of this blueprint is to provide a framework for how Schuylers Community Schools will respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the educational program during the 2020-2021 school year. The framework is structured using tenets and tiers in order to allow the district to be nimble and responsive to changing public health circumstances. The presence of a formal plan will also support the district in articulating its plan for next fall in a clear, comprehensive, and transparent manner.

Scenario Description Rationale:

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A	School is in session on campus for students and staff beginning in August as planned.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this scenario, the school has a plan to meet guidelines provided for the reopening of schools and local public health conditions warrant a return to school on campus with appropriate safety precautions being made.
B	Altered School Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this scenario, the beginning/ending of school and/or vacation and/or PD days could be altered to meet instructional requirements as indicated in Rule 10.
C	School is in session (scenario A or B) with occasional short-term closures (2-5 days). OR Possible Hybrid Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In this scenario, the district would anticipate providing educational continuity for students with occasional short-term closures that would be needed when a student or staff member who has been on campus tests positive for COVID-19. The purpose of the short-term closure (2-5 days) would be to contact trace, deep clean, and ensure the necessary exclusion of students and staff from campus for up to 14 days or as directed by public health officials.
D	Remote Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Necessary in the event of school building closure.

Operational Zones

Tiered Responses			
The following factors will be considered for movement from one tier to the next			
Green--DHM Phase IV--Low Risk	Yellow--DHM Phase III--Moderate Risk	Orange--DHM Phase II--Elevated Risk	Red--DHM Phase I--Pandemic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No confirmed case(s) in building OR small/confined confirmed cases, confirmed cases in school district No Directed Health Measures that limit the school building capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No confirmed case(s) in building OR small/confined confirmed cases, confirmed cases in school district Consultation with Health Department Directed Health Measures Governor or Commissioner of Education Guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple Confirmed case(s) in building, confirmed community spread within building/community. Consultation with Health Department Directed Health Measures Governor or Commissioner of Education Guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmed case(s) in building Consultation with Health Department Directed Health Measures Governor or Commissioner of Education Guidance

Building Procedures					
Green--DHM Phase IV --Low Risk		Yellow--DHM Phase III --Moderate Risk	Orange--DHM Phase II--Elevated Risk	Red--DHM Phase I --Pandemic	
School/Academic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School conducted as normal Buildings open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased social distancing Buildings open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased social distancing Buildings open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School buildings closed Remote learning for PK-12 students SCS COVID-19 Remote Learning Plan in Effect. 	
Temperature Checks	Temperature checks will be conducted on as-needed basis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100.4 threshold (home 24 hours fever free w/o medication) An earlier return may be possible with a doctor's return to school note. People that check will wear masks Staff Temperature Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will monitor their own temperatures 	Temperature checks will be conducted on as-needed basis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100.4 threshold (home 24 hours fever free w/o medication) An earlier return may be possible with a doctor's return to school note. People that check will wear masks Staff Temperature Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will monitor their own temperatures 	Temperature checks will be conducted on as-needed basis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100.4 threshold (home 24 hours fever free w/o medication) An earlier return may be possible with a doctor's return to school note. Staff Temperature Check: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will monitor their own temperatures 		
Custodial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily routine cleaning procedures of student attendance centers Routine infectious disease protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will comply with State and/or local health department requirements Staff will follow manufacturer's instructions regarding the use and maintenance of equipment & use & storage of chemicals for cleaning & sanitizing. Spray bottles with disinfectant provided for all PK-12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Level I procedures <u>plus</u> heightened disinfection of touch points or areas. Facilities Director will communicate with local Health Services designee to identify areas of specific concern and communicate to custodians of affected student attendance centers the specific area(s), surface(s), schedule, procedure and product to be used for heightened disinfection. Custodians will provide heightened disinfection of touch points or areas of specific concern in student attendance centers identified by the Facilities Director. Facilities Director will determine routine cleaning schedules at each building and will require modification to meet heightened disinfection needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Level I services <u>plus</u> increase disinfection procedures. Facilities Director will communicate with SCS safety committee, administration and local Health Services to identify specific concerns. Increased frequency and increased number of surfaces within classrooms to be disinfected to include daily midday disinfection of desktops and touch points or areas of specific concern identified by the Facilities Director. Facilities director will communicate to custodians of affected student attendance centers the specific area(s), surfaces(s), schedule, procedure and product to be used for heightened disinfection. Securing affected buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities Director to designate staff to shut down and secure affected building(s). Building access prohibited by all user groups. Facilities Director to coordinate/communicate with staff reopening procedures for affected school(s). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing affected buildings Building access prohibited by all user groups. Facilities Director to designate staff to shut down and secure affected building(s). Cleaning of buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affected building(s) will be cleaned as directed by the Health Department prior to student return. Facilities Director will determine staffing assignments and/or procedure modifications required. 	
Lunch and Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast and lunch served in the cafeteria Some food items may be limited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast and Lunch in the cafeteria with physical distancing if possible. Extra sanitation procedures will be used. Some food items may be limited. Parent access to students may be restricted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanded Lunchroom to support social distancing requirements Extra sanitation procedures will be used. Some food items may be limited. Parent access to students may be restricted 	School lunches will be provided for families	
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will continue to have recess as scheduled with handwashing or hand sanitizer upon entry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools will implement zones for recess for assigned students to support physical distancing. Cleaning will be completed daily Playground equipment (balls, hula hoops, etc. will be sanitized) Each class has its own set of playground equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as yellow zone Play with class only Each class has its own set of playground equipment 		
PK-5 Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular field trip opportunities can be scheduled with checks to outbreaks at your destination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No off site elementary or preschool field trips until further notice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No field trips will be available 		

Specials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students transition to music, art, PE, and media Outdoor PE if possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Distance when possible Outdoor PE if possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Distance when possible Outdoor PE if possible 	
Handwashing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff & students are encouraged to wash hands frequently Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff & students are encouraged to wash hands frequently Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff & students are encouraged to wash hands frequently Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the building 	
Hallways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-5 students transition with staff support 6-12--Regular transitions with encouraged social distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12--Some areas of the building off limits. Scheduled transitions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PK-12 students may be in isolated classrooms with only limited and scheduled hallway access Masks will be worn during transitions 	
Lockers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lockers will be used without restriction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All buildings will implement Limited use of hallway lockers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All buildings will implement a limited use of hallway lockers 	
Beginning of the day staff	PK-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will report for duty as assigned. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers will report based on the schedule created and direction provided by the administration. 	K-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers should be in their room and ready to receive students by 7:45am. 6-8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in the building prior to 7:45 need to be in an approved meeting/practice and be supervised by a teacher/coach/sponsor until the 8:00 bell. Teachers should be in their rooms and ready to receive students by 7:45am. 9-12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in the building prior to 7:15 need to be in an approved meeting/practice and be supervised by a teacher/coach/sponsor until the 8:00 bell. Teachers should be in their rooms and ready to receive students by 8:00am. 	
Beginning of the day students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will enter the building and proceed to the assigned as areas as directed by administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will report based on the schedule created and direction provided by the administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will enter the building and proceed to the assigned as areas as directed by administration. 	
End of the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular dismissal. All students will be required to leave the building at the end of the day unless in an approved activity or working with a teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings may stagger or vary dismissal from ending time & possibly dismiss from alternative locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buildings may stagger or vary dismissal from ending time & possibly dismiss from alternative locations. Bus restrictions may be enacted 	
Building Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are recommended if unvaccinated. Appropriate social distancing will be promoted when possible. Non SCS events are at the discretion of administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCS events will not require a mask, but masks for all staff and students are recommended with appropriate social distancing utilized when possible. Non SCS events are at the discretion of administration. Other schools/organizations that SCS competes against will be notified of a potential phase change. Restrictions will be put in place. SCS will respect the policies/procedures of schools that are being visited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitor access will be restricted. Masks REQUIRED Extra-Curricular activities will be at the guidance of local health officials, the NSAA, NDE, and/or other leading entities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No campus access available beyond required personnel.
Facemasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face masks will be available and recommended to be worn in accordance with CDC Guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face masks will be provided for everyone and recommended to be worn in accordance with CDC/Health Department Guidelines. Staff required to wear masks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Face Masks provided for all staff and students. Staff required to wear masks. All students required to wear facemasks in accordance with CDC/Health Department guidelines. 	
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal Use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restroom use during passing periods is discouraged. Students are encouraged to use the restroom with permission from their classroom teacher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restroom use is prohibited during passing periods. Students use restrooms individually in the elementary, not as a whole class. 	
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are encouraged to bring individual water bottles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are encouraged to bring individual water bottles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Water Fountain is closed and students are encouraged to bring individual water bottles. 	
Classroom Seating/Materials Usage/Sanitization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular classroom/teacher preferred arrangement Social distancing will be utilized when possible. Regular classroom supply usage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage individual student supplies. Regular classroom cleaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social distancing will be utilized when possible. Regular sanitizing of classroom and materials when possible. PE and other equipment is cleaned between classes Contaminated materials will be isolated for cleaning each day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be limited to specific classrooms. Locations in the building as determined and outlined in the alternate schedule. Increased sanitization measures Some materials will not be allowed. Only necessary items 	
Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular transportation schedule and practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating charts with social distancing utilized Families of students will be required to sit together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating charts with social distancing utilized Temperature checks for all bus riders prior to getting on the bus. Masks worn by all drivers, staff and students. 	
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Devices will be cleaned daily according to tech department guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-to-1 devices sent home daily 6-12. 1-to-1 devices K-5 stay at the building unless advised differently from administration. Devices will be cleaned daily according to tech department guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-to-1 devices sent home daily 6-12, and at parent request 3-5. Devices will be sanitized between uses to tech department guidance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 to 1 Devices are used to complete online/remote learning PK-12
7-12 Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and Athletics will be conducted in accordance with NSAA guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and Athletics will be conducted in accordance with NSAA guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and Athletics will be conducted in accordance with NSAA guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and Athletics will be conducted in accordance with NSAA guidelines.
Student Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students in grades PK-12 will attend school in person. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students in grades PK-12 will attend school in person. Accommodations, both in school and out of school options, will be made for students in 3-12 who are unable to attend in person to utilize synchronous online learning through Zoom and other remote learning tools. Synchronous means that students log on to receive instruction with their class at certain set times during the school day Students will only have this option with a medical excuse provided by a doctor with a specified period of time notated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All students in grades PK-12 will attend school in person. Accommodations, both in-school and out-of-school options, will be made for students in 3-12 who are unable to attend in person to utilize synchronous online learning through Zoom and other remote learning tools. Synchronous means that students log on to receive instruction with their class at certain set times during the school day Students will only have this option with a medical excuse provided by a doctor with a specified period of time notated Hybrid model/daily schedule may be a possibility during phase II, will be determined by administration. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to attend via a remote platform (Google Classroom, Canvas, etc.) for attendance purposes.

Staff Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff will report as normal. Any questions or concerns relative to work expectations should be directed to your building principal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff will report as directed. Any questions or concerns relative to work expectations should be directed to your building principal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All staff will report as directed. Any questions or concerns relative to work expectations should be directed to your building principal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers teach all students via a remote platform. SeeSaw, Lexia, Google Classroom, Canvas, etc.
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Potential Tiered Responses/Consultation with Health Department/Physicians		
1 or more confirmed case(s)* in the building of a student or staff member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more restrictive environment will be implemented up to potential extended (6 days or more) building closure. The District will communicate the situation with building stakeholders. In the event of repeated confirmed cases, district officials will confer with the health department for a health plan of that building. School nurse will join a district team for building health plan. Sanitization plan will be executed by the district facilities team. Building will execute an immediate remote learning plan and schedule (if the building is closed). Reopening communications will be provided to stakeholders from the district. 	
1 confirmed case* of immediate household members of a staff member.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-monitor for 10-14 days for household members. If symptoms develop, a negative COVID test or 10-day isolation from symptoms onset required. Teachers will teach virtually with a substitute in the classroom (unless unable due to caring for a family member). If unable to virtually teach due to caring for an immediate family member, the teacher will apply for FFCRA and/or illness leave. Teacher continues to teach to the class virtually by following the remote learning plan (based on the situation) and/or a sub may be provided. The Human Resources Director will communicate a return date with the staff member. 	
1 confirmed case* immediate household member of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-quarantine for 10-14 days. Teachers will provide remote learning opportunities. 	
Confirmed exposure* of staff or travel to an impacted state/country/location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-quarantine for 10-14 days for household members. Teachers will teach virtually with a substitute in the classroom. If unable to virtually teach due to caring for an immediate family member, the teacher will apply for FFCRA. Teacher continues to teach to the class virtually by following the remote learning plan (based on the situation) and/or a sub may be provided. 	
Confirmed exposure* of students or travel to an impacted state/country/location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Self-monitor for 10-14 days. If symptoms develop, a negative COVID test or 10-day isolation from symptoms onset required. Teachers will provide remote learning opportunities. 	
Visitor who has entered our building and is a confirmed case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Those exposed need to self-monitor in lieu of quarantine If symptoms develop, a negative COVID test or 10-day isolation from symptom onset required. The District will communicate the situation with building stakeholders. District officials will confer with the health department for a closure plan (if needed) of that building. School nurses will join a district team for building closure/reopening planning (if needed). Sanitization plan will be executed by the district facilities team. Building will execute an immediate remote learning plan and schedule (if the building is closed). Reopening communications will be provided to stakeholders from the district. 	
<p><i>*A case is considered "confirmed" when the individual has had a positive test conducted by a medical professional.</i></p> <p><i>*A confirmed exposure will be based on the continued tracing of the medical community.</i></p>		
Short Term Closure	School building closed for up to 2-5 school days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote learning will be used by teachers
Extended Building Closure	School building closed for 6 school days or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remote learning will be used by teachers