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Simpson Co. Schools Reopening Plan

In alignment with SB1 school districts in KY are required to submit a reopening plan to the Kentucky Department of Education. SCS will implement the following guidelines. The reopening plan could change if circumstances pertaining to COVID-19 were to change. The number one priority of Simpson Co. Schools are to keep our school community safe and be able to offer in person instruction 5 days a week. Simpson Co. Schools will closely monitor several metrics to make determinations if universal masking is required. The metrics will consist of county incidence rate, state wide positivity rate, district quarantines, case counts among students and staff and other relevant data pertaining to COVID-19.

Vaccinations

All staff and students 12 or older have had the opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccination is now available for students ages 5-11. We encourage staff and students that have not been vaccinated to get the vaccine. Vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19.

Masking

- Masks are now ***Optional*** for all SCS students and staff.
- Simpson Co. Schools will continue to monitor the number of positive cases and quarantines within Simpson Co. and the school district to make decisions on the status of universal masking moving forward.
- ***Masks will be required for all individuals while being transported on school buses and school vans, per the CDC federal guidelines.***
- Face covering exemptions: refer to 702 KAR 1:195E at the Kentucky Department of Education.

Definition of a Face Covering

702 KAR 1:195E defines a face covering as “a material that covers the nose and mouth to prevent respiratory droplets from being expelled into the air.” It goes on to specify that a face covering should be secured to the head with ties, straps or loops or be wrapped around the face. Additionally, face coverings must consist of two or more layers of breathable fabric (such as cotton, silk or linen), and may be factory made, homemade or improvised from household items.



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Physical Distancing

- Physical distancing of at least 3 feet is recommended between K-12 students in classrooms with unvaccinated individuals.
- Classroom, bus rosters, etc. will be maintained for the purpose of contact tracing if necessary.

Healthy Hygiene Habits

- Students and staff should continue to regularly wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be stationed throughout the school.

Diagnostic Screening

Parents should screen students for COVID symptoms prior to allowing them to leave for school and/or get on the bus.

Isolation

- Sick students, teachers, and staff should stay home if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 including:
 - Fever or feeling feverish (e.g. chills, sweating)
 - New cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Sore throat
 - Muscle aches or body aches
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - New loss of taste or smell
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for 10 days after the start of their illness (or testing date).



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Quarantine and Contact Tracing

- Students that are symptom free will not be required to quarantine. Parents have the option to quarantine their students at home.
- Students that have been exposed to COVID-19 and experience symptoms will be required to quarantine for 10 days.
- Parents will be notified of any COVID exposure that occurs at school. Exposure will be defined as anyone within 3 feet of a positive COVID case for longer than 15 minutes. Parents should monitor their student for 10 days for any COVID related symptoms.
- Quarantine may be discontinued when the local health department determines the individual is safe to be around others or:
 - After day 7 if the individual is symptom-free and receives a negative COVID-19 test 5 days or later after the last date of exposure to the case.
 - After day 10 without testing if the individual is symptom-free.
- Fully-vaccinated persons do not need to quarantine following an exposure if he/she is not experiencing symptoms.
- Household contacts for positive cases will still be required to quarantine for 10 days from last exposure to the infected person, per local health department guidelines.

Cleaning and Disinfection

- Buildings will be cleaned on a daily basis to remove potential virus particles that may be on surfaces.
- All Simpson Co. classrooms are equipped with air filtering devices and HEPA filters.



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Athletics and Extracurricular Activities

- School-sponsored sports and extracurricular activities will follow guidance from the KHSAA.
- Students who are not fully vaccinated and participate in indoor sports or other indoor higher-risk activities are recommended to continue wearing masks and keeping physical distance as much as possible.

Visitors and Volunteers

- Nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities with people will be limited.