

South Holt R-1 Re-Entry Plan Fall 2020

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 proceeds. This re-entry plan was created with input from the administration, teacher surveys, parent surveys, the school nurse, the food service director and maintenance staff. It is impossible to create a plan that takes into consideration every thing we may face during the next school year. As such, this plan will be a fluid document. This plan has been put in place for families to make a decision on what will be in the best interest of their families in regards to educating their children.

Health Safeguards

- Masks- Masks will not be a mandatory requirement for students or staff members.
 - Should a child become sick at school and show signs of potential COVID symptoms, a child would 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.

- Hand Sanitizer – The South Holt R-1 School District is in the process of obtaining adequate supplies for the school year.
 - 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. The district has purchased appliance magnet with before school procedures families should take before sending students to school. In the event a student appears to have a temperature, the student's temperature will be checked.
 - The district will consider daily temperature checks in the event there are signs of an outbreak or conditions warrant reconsideration.
 - Parents are asked to keep their children home if they are showing signs of illness.
 - DESE is working with families this year to reduce the consequences of absence due to illness for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - 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 school.

- Students who have a temperature at school over 100.4 degrees will be given a mask to wear until they have left the school with a parent/guardian.
- Social Distancing-
 - Social Distancing will not work well with school aged children, they simply cannot do it and it takes time to teach the concept.
 - Doctors on the DESE and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services webinar encouraged people to keep their distance as much as possible and wear a mask if they could not. Teachers will be asked to minimize/eliminate one-on-one student interaction.
 - 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 takes the needs of others into consideration.
 - Students (grades 7-12) will be asked to wipe down their desktop with hand sanitizer or bleach water at the end of each hour.
 - The district will try to keep students 6 feet apart, but there will be times when that is not possible. The district will adhere to the MSBA goal of 6 feet 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, JH, Elementary) will have at least one bottle filling station. The purpose of this is to limit locations of constant touching.

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 distancing is maintained for as long as the trip as is possible.
 - Families will be encouraged to transport their own children as possible.

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.
 - Signage will be placed on tables to identify acceptable seating locations. Seating will be staggered so that students are not sitting directly across from one another.
 - Silverware will be placed on trays directly by staff.
 - Food sharing will be prohibited.
 - As there is little evidence to suggest transmission of COVID-19 comes from food, the necessary changes are minimal.

Recess, P.E., Art, Music, Library

- **Recess**
 - Recess will still take place. Recess times will be spread out to reduce the amount of children on the playground at one time.
 - Non-touching games will be encouraged.
 - Students will be reminded to not touch their faces during recess. Students will be given hand sanitizer or wash hands immediately after recess.
 - Outdoor areas generally require normal routine cleaning and do not require disinfection. Spraying disinfectant on outdoor playgrounds is not an efficient use of disinfectant supplies and has not been proven to reduce the risk of COVID-19 to the public. You should maintain existing cleaning and hygiene practices for outdoor areas. If practical, high touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings, should be cleaned routinely. Cleaning and disinfection of wooden surfaces or groundcovers is not recommended. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>)

- **Physical Education (P.E.)**
 - Teach activities that require minimal social interaction, however, there will be times where games require person-to-person touch.
 - For activities that require an increased heart rate, we will utilize a 10-12 social distancing rule for classes as much as possible.

- **Music**
 - Classes where students are singing will be spread out to a minimum of 10-12 feet.
 - During appropriate weather, classes could be conducted outside.
 - Students will not share equipment.
 - Activities that require close contact or potential contact with another person should not be included.
 - Students will face the same direction at all times.

- **Art**
 - Sharing of materials or equipment will be kept to a minimum. Should equipment need to be shared, the equipment will be washed or hand sanitizer be provided.
 - Lessons/creations where students bring their own materials will be encouraged.

- **Library**
 - Students will be able to check out books.

Academics

- The South Holt R-1 School District will adhere to a grading policy should the district be required to move into a virtual instruct mode during the 2020-2021 school year. 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 other students.

- 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 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.

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

- Custodial staff will be trained in the CDC guidelines issued by the CDC.
- High volume/traffic areas will be disinfected throughout the school day.
- Additional staff may need to be hired should extra cleaning be deemed necessary.

Visitors/Parents

- Visitors/Parent access will be limited.
- A small table will be set up inside the Main Entrance of the High School and Elementary School for visitors/parents to drop off equipment, textbooks, etc. although parents are encouraged to make sure students have everything they need prior to coming to school for the day.
- Visitors needing access to Administrative Offices (Vendors, etc.) will be asked a series of questions prior to being allowed entry into the building. Log sheets will be also kept for records.
- Students are encouraged to bring any sack lunches or non-school lunches to school when they come to school in the morning. Parents will not be permitted to bring lunches into the school during the lunch period for the students.

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 or showing signs of improving.**
- **A child with a health care providers note may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours.**
- South Holt R-1 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.
- When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was in a school building, the school will contact the local health department immediately. The school will close long enough to disinfect the building. The school will remain closed if additional conditions warrant staying closed longer.
- If there is a positive case, families will be notified that a person has tested positive for COVID in the building and encourage cooperation with the school and the local health department to conduct contact tracing with the individual. The individual who tested positive will not be identified in communications to the school community at large but may need to be selectively identified for contact tracing by the health department.
- While the school is closed, all school activities will be cancelled or rescheduled, regardless of whether the activity was to take place in the building or another location, including extracurricular activities.