



SCPS 2022-23 COVID-19 Guidelines
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Shelby County Public Schools holds the safety of its employees and students as a top priority.

This guidance is a short summary of necessary actions in various areas of the school to maintain a healthy reopening plan. SCPS will continue to closely monitor the transmission rate of COVID-19 within our community. Additional implementation of safety measures may be added based on community and/or school transmission trends.

<p>Safety Practices BEFORE Staff Arrive to work daily</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If staff show any symptoms of COVID-19 or other potentially contagious illness, please contact your supervisor and do not report to work. ● If you suspect you have COVID-19, please contact your healthcare provider regarding the necessity of COVID testing before returning to work. ● Be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family units are encouraged to sit together. ● Buses will be sanitized frequently. ● Students will not be allowed to ride a different bus home with friends or other family members.
<p>Masks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are not required but anyone who wishes to wear a mask will be welcomed to do so. ● Masks will be available in the nurse's office at each school upon request.
<p>Arrival</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand sanitizer will be available to be used upon entry into the building. ● Any student not feeling well upon arrival will be isolated and evaluated by a school nurse.

Cafeteria/Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Breakfast and lunch will be served in the cafeteria. ● Students are allowed to bring their own lunch from home. ● Snacks may be eaten in classrooms per teacher's discretion. If snacks are allowed in the classroom, parents should provide snacks for their child only. Please be aware some classrooms may require nut free products.
Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hand sanitizer will be available before and after recess.
Lobby/Collabrador/Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limit large gatherings of students in common areas when there is high transmission rate in the community.
Visitors/Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre-approval is required by the principal. Limit volunteers in the buildings when community transmission rate is high. ● No visitors for lunch time in the cafeteria. ● Visitors should not come to the building if they have symptoms of COVID.
Classroom Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Personal items may be returned to the classroom with the understanding that classrooms will be misted/sanitized each evening. Personal items may be impacted by the cleaning regimen. ● Classroom rugs may be returned to the classroom. ● Small groups are allowed. ● All desks should be arranged so that students' desks are designed to maintain small student pods throughout all school settings or face similar direction. CDC recommends spacing of desks 3 feet apart in the classroom where possible. Facing all student desks in the same direction is recommended, where possible. ● Special needs accommodations: gloves should be worn when changing briefs and feeding students. Face shields should be worn by staff if saliva expulsion or spitting is a concern. ● Professional organization recommendations specifics should be followed for related arts classes (choir, music, band, orchestra, etc.).
Water Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be encouraged to have individual refillable water bottles brought from home that can be filled. ● Water fountains will be cleaned and sanitized frequently throughout the school day.
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Organizers of the field trip must ensure all COVID-19 guidelines of the location being visited are followed (Mask, social distancing, etc.).

<p>Cleaning, Sanitation, and Ventilation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● High touch areas and frequently used spaces, including restrooms, will be closely monitored and cleaned more frequently by custodial staff as needed. ● Frequent hand washing and hand sanitation will be taught and encouraged. ● HVAC units will operate for longer time periods to improve ventilation and filtration. ● HVAC filters will be monitored more frequently. ● All buildings will be disinfected/misted daily.
<p>Health Rooms: Isolation Quarantine Vaccinations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students who present with fever, new cough, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell, or other symptoms of a contagious illness will be provided an isolation area while monitored by staff. ● Any student or staff identified as having a positive COVID-19 test will require isolation for 5 days from onset of symptoms with the day symptoms start as day “0” and can return on day 6 if fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have improved OR for 5 days from date of positive test if asymptomatic (no symptoms). A mask must be worn for an additional 5 days following isolation. If unable to wear a mask then the isolation will be a full 10 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No quarantine required if exposed to COVID and no symptoms present ● Any staff or student who exhibits symptoms of COVID-19 will be screened by the school nurse and encouraged to seek diagnostic testing before returning to the school setting. They will be required to be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications and improved symptoms if no test is performed. Home tests will be available to parents for students sent home from school with symptoms. ● A comprehensive COVID-19 testing program will be available for staff, students, and families based on district and community COVID-19 levels to maintain consistent in-school operations. Covid testing will not be performed without written consent by the staff member or parent/guardian. ● COVID vaccinations are not mandatory to attend school. The school nurse can provide resources and locations to local providers for staff and families interested in finding a vaccination site.
<p>Restrooms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Restrooms will have scheduled cleaning and disinfecting.
<p>Handwashing/ Respiratory Etiquette</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students should be reminded to wash their hands (20 seconds or more) or use alcohol based hand sanitizer after using the restroom, before eating, before and after outdoor play. ● Students will be reminded to cough/sneeze into their elbow to reduce the spread of respiratory droplets. ● Face masks will be available at each school for any student or staff member who needs or requests one.

Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● KHSAA guidance will be followed for all sport activities.
Testing Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a student presents with symptoms while at school: the parent will be notified and asked to pick the student up. The parent will be offered an at home test kit. If the at home test provided is positive then the nurse will provide documentation to the attendance secretary to excuse the student for the appropriate amount of days. Proof via picture documentation of the positive at home kit provided will be required. **as long as at home testing kits are available** ● If a staff member or student wishes to be tested due to symptoms or exposure, testing will be available Monday-Friday from 7:30-9:00 am and 2:30-4:30 pm at the Central Office building (door #3). The need for this testing will be re-evaluated at Fall Break 2022.