

Southampton County Public School Division



HEALTH PLAN

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School Reopening Plan
2021-2022

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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION

2021-2022 Health Plan for School Reopening

Southampton County Public School Division regularly monitors for modifications in guidance from VDOE, VDH, CDC, WHO and our legal partners. This health plan document will continue to be adjusted to reflect any alteration in their guidance to any section/component/expectation/practice herein.

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Key Elements: Planning to Reopen

Health and Absenteeism Monitoring/Approaches

i. Communication

Frequent communication will take place between the Division Superintendent and the Virginia Department of Health Western Tidewater Health District for local information that impacts Southampton County Public Schools staff and students.

Communication Strategy

i. Orientation and training

Western Tidewater Health District has provided training for Southampton County Public Schools' Nursing Supervisor. Training focused on guidance for case investigation, and contact tracing and how to handle presumed positive cases within the school division. The training included case investigation, protocols, symptoms, and what exposure looks like.

Southampton County Public Schools will provide additional training and a reintroduction of procedures and guidelines for teachers and staff through educational modules during our in-service days for return to school fall 2021. Videos, posters and/or handouts were made available for students and parents to review prior to their return to buildings. This helped to alleviate concerns about mitigation practices within SCPS.

ii. Plans for communication

Southampton County Public Schools communicated plans for communication with staff, parents, and students on new policies. All announcements and information from the school division is distributed through SCPS website, App, Remind, handbook, social media and individual school-based accounts.

iii. Communication about cases

Southampton County Public Schools communicates an outbreak or positive case from the Office of the Superintendent or the Building Principal. This is conducted in conjunction with information from the Western Tidewater Health District.

Participate in Community Response Efforts

Southampton County Public School Division works collaboratively with the Western Tidewater Health District to distribute health information through Southampton County Public Schools' social media outlets and work with the health department and other community agencies to assist in community response efforts.

Division's Student Health Services

i. Medical grade Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Southampton County Public Schools ensures the provision of medical-grade PPE for health services staff by ordering items (gloves, N-95 masks, face shields, disposable isolation gowns, and head protection) in a timely manner. The Western Tidewater Health District has offered to assist in the instance where PPE supplies run low if they have resources available.

ii. Non-COVID-19 health needs

Southampton County Public School Division ensures and maintains typical (non-COVID-19) health services; School nurses continue to be a part of all Southampton County Public Schools and continue to address students' daily medical needs.

iii. Mental health services

Southampton County Public Schools ensures the provision of mental health services. School guidance counselors will administer a social-emotional wellness assessment to in-person students. They will create plans for sessions with students that exhibit the need for individualized services. They will also conduct monthly socio-emotional sessions for student groups. Additionally a behavior specialist/psychologist has been added to personnel to assist with any social emotional needs in the division schools.

Key Elements: Promoting Behaviors that Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

Education/Training Plan for Staff, Students and Families

Information for staff members pertaining to procedures, expectations and guidelines regarding COVID-19 was shared with staff during welcome back programs. Information pertaining to procedures, expectations, and guidelines for health and safety protocols will be shared with students and their families during the first week students return to school. All relevant information was made available electronically on the division website and will include:

i. Hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette

The expectation of students and staff is to regularly wash hands, or utilize hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol content. Students and staff are encouraged to follow CDC guidelines and recommendations for covering coughs with their elbow or with a tissue, throwing away used tissues, and washing hands after a cough or sneeze. Information to be shared will include, but not be limited to; procedures, expectations, & guidelines for hand-washing coughing/sneezing, symptomatic

individuals, and daily health screening routines. All relative information will be shared with staff, students and their families during the first week students return to school.

ii. Use of cloth face coverings

All students and staff in Southampton County Public Schools will wear a facial covering at all times when in any Southampton County Public School building or while riding any transportation vehicle. All students and staff at Southampton County Public Schools will wear a facial covering at all times, regardless of vaccination status. This is in accordance and alignment with Virginia state law, directives from Governor, Dr. Ralph Northam and the CDC. The only acceptable time that masks are not worn are when exercising, eating or using the restroom. In each case, individuals should maintain the appropriate amount of social distancing between themselves at all times.

Beginning Friday, February 25, 2022, all parents will have the choice of their child wearing a mask when at school. Parents are asked to fill out an online form giving their consent, if they are not able to access the online form, they may submit a written letter of consent to the building principal. However, in staying in alignment with the Transportation Safety Authority, masks are still required on school buses, vans and cars operated for student transportation. All staff, when indoors at any school, will continue to wear a mask in alignment with the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry guidelines.

For students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health conditions or other sensory sensitivities parents should consult with their healthcare provider for advice about wearing cloth face coverings and share documentation with the building principal.

In accordance with the recommendations of the CDC, World Health Organization, and AAP, Southampton County Public School's staff and students will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies. Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible but schools should not reduce in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement.

iii. Staying home when sick

All students and staff have the same expectations that if they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, they are encouraged to stay home, and to report symptoms to the school health professional.

iv. Encouraging physical distancing

Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible but schools should not reduce in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement.

For students; whenever possible keep 3 feet apart combined with indoor mask wearing by all students and teachers/ staff, regardless of vaccination status. If maintaining 3 feet distance is not

possible in classrooms, such as when a school is at full capacity, it is especially important to layer other strategies such as masks, screening testing, ventilation, cleaning, staying home when sick etc.

For adults; Maintain at least 6 feet between adults who are not fully vaccinated, and between adults and students, at all times in the school building to the maximum extent possible

Maximize physical distance as much as possible:

When masks cannot be worn, such as when eating. For communal dining, maximize distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines; use additional space outside the cafeteria if possible to help facilitate distancing. Fully vaccinated students, teachers, and staff do not need to distance while eating.

During activities when increased exhalation occurs (e.g., singing, shouting, playing certain instruments, or playing sports). Distancing is not a replacement for mask wearing for those who are not fully vaccinated.

Cohorts can be considered by divisions as a potential prevention strategy. Cohorting means keeping people together in a small group and having each group stay together throughout an entire day. Cohorting can be used to limit the number of students, teachers and staff that come in contact with each other particularly when physical distancing is challenging, such as with young children. Cohorting can limit the spread of COVID-19 but should not replace other prevention strategies within each group.

****Cohorting people separately by vaccination status is not recommended.****

Literature and infographics are displayed throughout the school buildings and on school buses.

Maintain Adequate Supplies to Promote Healthy Hygiene

We have established ordering practices for sanitizing products and supplies and they will be maintained for the foreseeable future, to ensure that all necessary products are available to our students and staff members. Inventory will be checked frequently and maintained.

Provide Signs and Messaging to Promote Healthy Hygiene

Signs regarding hand washing etiquette are posted on mirrors in all bathrooms, and at all classroom sinks as well. Signage that relates to distancing and respiratory etiquette is posted on each division bus. Signage is posted strategically throughout the buildings to remind students and staff of hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette recommendations.

Promote Physical Distancing

Signage is posted strategically throughout the building to remind students and staff of social distancing and mask requirements at elementary schools. School buses have markings on seats to illustrate where students should/are required to sit.

i. Modify Layouts of Spaces to Facilitate Social Distancing Classrooms:

Southampton County Public Schools has established diagram guides within classrooms, outlining positioning of desks to allow for the maintaining of 3 feet of social distancing between students. This requires desks to be aligned in a staggered, row fashion, and prohibits desks from being clustered. SCPS has diagrams of classrooms and desks that will be distributed to teachers upon their return to school.

Elementary communal supply sites were removed. Students have individual supply “buckets” for their necessary instructional supplies. Classrooms have class sets of tablets or laptops to supplement classroom supplies and materials and to eliminate the opportunity for cross-contamination. The school division is completely one-to-one with devices. Each child is responsible for bringing this device to school each day, along with the charger. This minimizes cross contamination.

All secondary school students have their own copies of all materials, and as much as possible, materials are electronically accessible.

When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies. Physical distancing should be maximized to the greatest extent possible but schools should not reduce in-person learning to keep a minimum distance requirement

Communal Areas: Southampton County Public Schools will develop schedules to help stagger the use of communal spaces.

Restrooms: At this time, there are no restrictions to restroom use or occupancy. It will be the expectation that students and staff will maintain their socially appropriate distance as much as possible when using the facilities.

Buses: Southampton County Public Schools in accordance with CDC and VDH requirements and guidelines will require all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, to wear facial coverings while on SCPS transportation vehicles. Proper spacing is necessary however, 6 feet of distancing is not feasible or realistic. In order to transport as many students safely and efficiently, students and staff will exhibit correct mask use, keeping as much distance as possible and following proper respiratory etiquette for the duration of the bus ride.

Cafeteria: Students will maintain appropriate social distancing while in serving lines. Students in elementary school, and secondary students will need to properly wear and maintain their facial coverings while in line. At tables, students will be responsible for keeping an appropriate distance from others. When a student returns from their 5 day Isolation or Quarantine, for days 6-10, the entire class should try and maintain 6 feet of separation during unmasked, meal times.

Strategies for Food/Dining Services

Students are required to wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand sanitizer, before and after meals. These practices are followed at all Southampton County Public School sites.

When masks cannot be worn, such as during communal dining, we will maximize distance as much as possible when moving through food service lines; use additional space outside the cafeteria if possible to help facilitate distancing. Fully vaccinated students, teachers, and staff do not need to distance while eating.

It is strongly encouraged that students eat breakfast and lunch, which are provided by the school division at no cost to students and their families.

Limit Size of Gatherings

Southampton County Public Schools will implement the following strategies in regards to school gatherings.

- The use of staggered schedules for the use of communal spaces.
- Limit assemblies and other school gatherings.
- Limit non-essential interactions among teachers and staff during meetings, lunches, or other situations that can lead to adult-to-adult transmission.

School-related Sports and Other Recreational Activities

Physical activity is a necessary component of the school day. Physical activity in open spaces, granted students maintain a physical distance of 10 feet while playing, is allowed. This type of interaction does not constitute exposure (being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more). Additional playground equipment has been purchased for elementary schools. Storage sheds have been placed at each elementary school to help protect the equipment, keep it organized and readily available for student/staff use.

As of August 4, 2021, the VHSL has not established a set of directives for student athletes and fans in regards to masks, nor have they set a capacity limit for venues. Current guidance states that the site on which the competition/activity is taking place will set the standard for mask wearing and capacity.

At this time, Southampton County Public Schools will adhere to VDH recommendations in requiring all athletes regardless of vaccination status to wear masks at times such as during group training, in locker rooms, and on the sidelines—whenever they are not directly involved in the competition.

Furthermore, Southampton County Public Schools will require spectators of indoor events to wear masks, and maintain 6 feet of distancing with individuals from different households. For outdoor events, spectators are expected to maintain 6 feet of distancing with individuals from a different household. If the 6 feet of separation cannot be maintained, masks will be required to be worn. When a student returns from their 5 day Isolation or Quarantine, for days 6-10, it is recommended that individuals wear a well-fitting mask at all times, including during competition. If mask wearing is not feasible, it is recommended that the individual does not compete in sports until after the full 10 day period is complete.

Low	Intermediate	High
Cross Country	Volleyball (with masks)	Volleyball (without masks)

Golf	Field Hockey	Football
Track & Field	Baseball	Basketball
Tennis	Softball	Wrestling

Key Elements: Maintaining Healthy Environments

Plan for Daily Health Screening

In accordance with CDC and VDH guidance, daily health screening to monitor student and staff health status prior to arriving on campus will be a combined effort between home and school. Literature with helpful screening tips and guidance will be sent home the first week of school, and will be posted on all of our social media, and division websites. Staff, parents and students will monitor their own health when they are at home for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. When staff and students arrive on campus, they will have their temperature checked and be asked if they are experiencing any symptoms. Temperature checks, health questions and screenings will be conducted by staff with a variety of tools, including hand held thermometers and touchless temperature stations.

Screening Testing

Screening testing can help promptly identify and isolate cases, quarantine those who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated, and identify clusters.

This can help reduce the risk to students, teachers and staff, and controlling outbreaks before they expand can help limit any disruption to in-person education.

Screening testing can also be used to help evaluate and adjust prevention strategies and provide added protection for schools that are not able to provide optimal physical distance between students.

	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Students	Do not need to screen students	Offer screening testing for students who are not fully vaccinated at least once per week.		
Teachers and Staff	Offer screening testing for staff members that are not fully vaccinated at least once per week.			

High risk sports and activities	Recommend screening for high-risk sports and extracurricular activities at least once per week for participants that are not fully vaccinated.	Recommend screening testing for high-risk sports and extracurricular activities twice per week for participants who are not fully vaccinated.	Cancel or hold high risk sports extracurricular activities virtually to protect in-person learning, unless all participants are fully vaccinated.
Low and intermediate risk sports	Do not need to screen students participating in low and intermediate risk sports.	Recommend screening for low and intermediate risk sports at least once per week for participants who are not fully vaccinated.	

If screening testing is not feasible, schools can adopt a referral-based diagnostic testing approach. VDH has a testing site locator which may be helpful for schools to use for testing referrals.

Hygiene Practices

i. Cleaning and disinfection protocols

School based custodians have check lists with specific locations within classrooms and throughout the school that require daily sanitization. Classroom teachers are provided with supplies, giving them the ability to sanitize classroom surfaces regularly and as needed.

All schools have custodians assigned to be on campus during the school day, and they monitor the building and focus on continually cleaning high touch areas throughout the school and school day. Sinks, urinals, stools and all handrails in student restrooms are sanitized regularly.

Bus and car drivers sanitize their vehicles after each unloading of students. Door handles, handrails, and seats are disinfected after the morning drop offs, before the afternoon pick-up and after the driver finishes their afternoon route(s).

Perform regular cleaning of frequently-touched surfaces.

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, can be reduced and killed from surfaces, objects, and hands if the right products are used correctly.

We supply our schools with cleaning supplies from the approved EPA list for combating the virus that causes COVID-19.

If there has been a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the school within the last 24 hours, you should clean AND disinfect the space

ii. Hand sanitizer/handwashing stations

Hand sanitizer stations have been placed at entrances of all buildings. Additional hand sanitizing stations have been deployed to areas deemed necessary throughout the division.

Ensure frequent access to handwashing facilities, or hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Teach correct handwashing to students and staff (wash with soap and water for at least twenty seconds).

- Before and after eating food
- After using the toilet
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal feed, or animal waste
- After handling pet food or pet treats
- After touching garbage

iii. Adequate supplies

All Southampton County Public School students will receive their device, upon their return this fall. These will be the same devices that they turned in at the end of the 2021 school year. This is in continuous dedication to Southampton County Public Schools' 1:1 initiative. Additionally, classrooms have dedicated sets of cleaning supplies to include spray bottles with solution, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer.

Operation of Ventilation Systems

At this time, we are in the process of installing a new chiller system at Meherrin Elementary. HVAC systems and components are under continuous monitoring and assessment at all other sites.

Ventilation systems clean and disperse air, decreasing the likelihood that students will inhale particles suspended in the air that are contaminated with the virus that causes COVID-19. In consultation with an HVAC expert, ensure the school building's HVAC system is operating properly. The damper should be adjusted to increase the amount of exterior air that is brought in. Consider additional ways to improve ventilation, such as opening doors and windows, using window fans to direct air out of windows, or using portable room air cleaners using a HEPA filter. If doors and windows are opened, eliminate any safety hazards (e.g., do not open windows if a child could fall out).

Water Systems

At all locations, water fountains have been converted to water bottle filling stations making it convenient for users to fill up water bottles or use disposable cups. By completing these conversions, we ensure that freshwater is present in all buildings.

Key Elements: Maintaining Healthy Operations

Protections for Staff and Children at Higher Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19

i. High risk employees

Employees who are at higher risk for severe illness work with the Human Resources Department.

ii. High risk students

Students who are at higher risk for severe illness work with their parents, the building principal, and nursing supervisor to develop a plan that accommodates their needs.

iii. Facial coverings

All Southampton County Public Schools staff and students are required to wear a cloth facial covering and maintain 3 feet of distance at all times when in the school building or on a school bus.

iv. Disinfecting

All students and staff are required to wash hands, and wipe down workstations as necessary. Classrooms, common areas, hallways, restrooms,

Plans for Gatherings, Field Trips and Volunteer Restrictions Consistent

i. Large gatherings

In accordance with the latest guidelines from VDOE & VDH: large school gatherings are not recommended. However, if a large gathering is necessary, and 6 feet of distancing is not feasible or realistic, correct mask use, keeping as much distance as possible and following proper respiratory etiquette will be required of everyone in attendance.

ii. Necessary gatherings

Nevertheless, for any small necessary gatherings, cloth facial coverings and social distancing measures are followed in accordance with the current CDC/VDH guidelines.

iii. Field trips/Volunteer

At this time no outside volunteers or service groups are allowed in the school buildings.

Sick Leave Policies and Practices When Sick or Have Been Exposed

i. Display of symptoms

If a student or staff member is found to have symptoms of COVID-19, the individual is referred to the nurse. If the nurse determines the symptoms to be COVID-19 related, they are then isolated until they are able to leave campus. As symptomatic individuals wait to leave campus, they must wear a facial covering. Furthermore, siblings and other housemates of a probable case that are in SCPS are also removed from school as they will be considered close contacts until the case test results come back and are confirmed or dismissed.

ii. Isolation

If testing is warranted based on collaboration of the school nurse, the Western Tidewater Health District, and the individual's primary care provider, the student or staff member is to be isolated at home until the results of the testing are returned. For students required to self-isolate at home, within reason, the school will make all efforts to ensure that instruction/support continues throughout the course of the student's isolation. In PowerSchool a COVID-19 code will be created to label these absences.

iii. Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is conducted at the school and division level and led by the Division Healthcare Specialist who works closely with the School Nurse Supervisor and the Western Tidewater Health District. In general, VDH uses proximity of within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more within 24 hours to determine the need for quarantining persons who have had close contact exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

**In indoor K-12 settings, a student who is within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student is not considered a close contact as long as both students are wearing masks and the school has other prevention strategies in place. Update January 5, 2022: This guidance remains in place, even during days 6-10 of the isolation period in which the individual may return to school/work.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in indoor K-12 settings.

Individuals that do not need to stay home after having close contact with someone with COVID-19

- People who have had COVID-19 in the past 3 months as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

- People who have been fully vaccinated for COVID-19 as long as they do not have symptoms.
- If you start to feel sick or test positive for COVID-19, isolate yourself at home even if you are fully vaccinated.
- If you develop symptoms, VDH recommends that you get tested. Please reach out to your healthcare provider.

The student or staff member is not allowed back on school grounds until they are proven to be clear of all infectious symptoms and transmission characteristics for the CDC recommendation of 72 hours, without medicine, 10 days since first signs of symptoms, and an improvement in all other symptoms.

Any direct contact that does not exhibit symptoms may return to campus after:

- 7 days with a negative test after 5th day of exposure **or**
- 10 days with no symptoms, with this option there is no required negative test

VDH Guidance Updated January 5, 2022

✿ On December 27, 2021, the CDC released their updates for recommendations for shortening the Isolation and Quarantine periods for the General Population.

NO BULPH

On December 30, 2021, the VDH released their updated interim guidance for K-12 schools in the form of a FAQ page addressing the updated guidelines.

Isolation for positive Individuals

NO BULPH

If you have a positive COVID-19 test, the isolation time has been shortened from the prior 10 days to 5 days, as long as:

- ▷ You have no symptoms, or your symptoms are getting better.
- ▷ You wear a well-fitting mask when you are around others for an additional 5 days after your isolation period ends

**If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever is gone for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medications.

Quarantine requirements for individuals exposed to individuals that have COVID-19

If you are unvaccinated or have not gotten your recommended booster dose, you should quarantine for 5 days as long as you do not develop symptoms within that time and wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days when you are around others.

If you have received your booster shot or received your second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines in the past 6 months, or you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine in the past 2 months, you do not need to quarantine following exposure.

- ▷ But you should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the exposure when you are around others.
- ▷ For all individuals exposed to COVID-19, VDH recommends taking a COVID-19 test 5 days after exposure. If you do develop symptoms, you should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not from COVID-19.
- ▷ For those coming out of isolation and quarantine: If they cannot consistently wear a mask consistently and correctly, they should remain in isolation/quarantine at home for the full 10 days.

In the absence of further guidance from CDC, if a child was fully vaccinated more than 6 months ago, but is not eligible for a booster (specifically children aged 12-15), they should follow the previous guidance for fully vaccinated individuals, which does not require quarantine after exposure. VDH is making this interim recommendation balancing disruptions to in-person learning with the risk of transmission.

Students/Staff Members that have previously tested positive for COVID-19:

If a student/staff member who previously tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 90 days is exposed again will NOT need to quarantine given that they mask properly and isolate immediately if symptoms develop.

Household Contacts:

In the absence of updated CDC guidance on this topic, individuals would need to quarantine at home until the household member is no longer considered contagious--day 10. At this time, their 5 day quarantine period would begin. **As with previous guidance, IF individuals can maintain complete

separation, including no contact, no communal spaces, no shared bathroom or bedrooms, they may use guidelines for non-household contacts.

If outbreaks occur, collaborate with the local health department to investigate cases and conduct contact tracing.

It is also important to assess the situations where close contact occurred and implement focused interventions to address possible contributors to the outbreak.

For example, determine whether inconsistent or incorrect mask use contributed, and/ or assess the implementation of physical distancing and implement interventions to address issues as appropriate.

iv. Immunocompromised students

It is recommended that medically fragile and immunocompromised students consult their medical provider prior to attending school.

Continuity of Operations

In order to ensure the continuity of instruction, the instructional and human resource departments maintain a list of available substitute teachers.

Division level administrators are on standby to provide administrative support in the instance that site based administrators are unable to perform needed duties.

In the event that the custodial staff is impacted and unable to perform needed duties, Southampton County Public Schools works with state contracted, janitorial service companies or with local temporary employment agencies, to ensure that the cleaning and sanitization of the schools continues.

In the event that the cafeteria staff is impacted and unable to perform needed duties, adjustments are made to ordering practices and meal preparations to lower the amount of needed prep and contact time for food service (safe serv card holding) workers. Additionally, if needed, Southampton County Public Schools works with local temporary employment agencies and if needed, advertise for additional food service personnel.

Key Elements: Protecting Vulnerable Individuals

Policy Options for Higher Risk Staff and Students

i. Telework policy

Currently, Southampton County Public Schools has a Telework Policy. The Human Resources Director works with personnel on their individual situations.

ii. Students with documented illnesses

All schools are flexible and work with parents on providing alternatives for students with documented illnesses.

iii. Policies

Student handbooks have been updated to reflect COVID-19 practices.

Policies for Return to Class/Work after COVID-19 Illness

Southampton County Public Schools will develop policy in accordance with VDH and CDC guidelines, along with legal counsel, for return to work/school for all employees and students. We will follow along with current CDC/VDH Guidance in regards to individuals returning to work/school;

Any individual, positive cases may return to campus after:

- 72 hours symptom free, without medication, 10 days after testing positive **or**
- 10 days with no symptoms, after testing positive, with a negative test, and with physician's note.
- Fully vaccinated individuals that test positive will be allowed back to work/school by either following above guidelines or with a physician's note.

Key Elements: Preparing for When Someone Gets Sick

Those Who Present with Symptoms

Students and staff that are found to have symptoms of COVID-19 are separated from the population immediately. Schools have designated rooms within their buildings that will be dedicated to only housing those that have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19.

School members that have to be isolated to this area will be escorted to the isolation room. In the isolation room, they will be supervised by a health professional outfitted with the proper, medical grade PPE, to include a N95 mask.

After the school member has left the room, and campus, the designated room will be sterilized immediately. This room will also receive a daily cleaning from custodial staff.

Safe Transportation of Those Who are Sick to Home or Healthcare Facility

i. Symptomatic individuals

Students and staff that are found to have symptoms of COVID-19 are isolated immediately, and contact made to parent/guardian or, when needed for faculty, a family member to remove them from campus.

ii. Transporting symptomatic students home

The transportation of students found to have COVID-19 symptoms is the responsibility of parents/guardians. In the event of an extreme circumstance that prevent the parent/guardian from providing the necessary transportation, there are two options.

- 1) The schools provide transportation home for the student in a vehicle that is at the school with the sole purpose of transporting symptomatic individuals. The vehicle is returned to the district parking lot, sanitized, and not used in any capacity for the CDC recommended 24 hours, at a minimum.
- 2) The driver, employed by the school division, transporting a presumed symptomatic individual wears the appropriate PPE.

Cleansing and Disinfection Procedures of Areas Used by Sick Individuals

i. Isolation room

The isolation room is immediately disinfected once the individual exhibiting symptoms has left. Individuals cleaning the isolation room are properly outfitted with medical grade PPE.

ii. Other areas of the building

If an individual is found to have symptoms at the end of the school day, contact tracing is conducted to identify all areas within the building, as well as transportation to ensure that all areas that may have been contacted are cleaned appropriately.

Communications Plan with Local Health Department

If at any time a school community member has been tested and diagnosed with COVID-19, and the school division is contacted with the results, a parallel contact trace investigation occurs within the school division.

SCPS contact tracing will be led by the School Nursing Supervisor in conjunction with the Western Tidewater Health District. If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19, Southampton County Public Schools and the Western Tidewater Health District will determine the next steps.

Key Elements: Planning to Close

Conditions for Reduction of In-Person Classes

If in the course of the school year, the local health department or Southampton County Public Schools determines that the safety of students and staff can be impacted by current community transmission rates, schools will follow alternative plans for the continuity of instruction as outlined in the Southampton County Public School Division *Re-Engaging and Re-Imagining Teaching and Learning* School Resumption Plan.

Conditions for Complete School Closure

If a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19 is found to have been in a school building, the determination of potential partial or full closure of facilities will be made after consultation with the Western Tidewater Health District. The facility may be shut down by the health department or superintendent if doing so is deemed appropriate.

If the decision is made to close down the affected areas or buildings, a deep cleaning of the school will occur with focus placed on the positive individual's homeroom and other visited classrooms, along with high touch areas throughout the building. After cleaning has taken place, staff and students will be allowed to return to the areas of the building.

Decisions by the school division on which, if any, staff should be allowed in the school during a COVID related closure will be made in collaboration with local health officials.

Additional Resources:

CDC Resources:

Informational videos:

- ▶ COVID-19: Parents Supporting Children https://youtu.be/Om_5cVw-pwM
- ▶ Protect Children at School https://youtu.be/_YTR3nt9KVc
- ▶ Social Distancing <https://youtu.be/ynDyeGCruHs>
- ▶ Protect Children from COVID-19 at School <https://youtu.be/SLEmgzazbQ4>
- ▶ What to Know About Kids and Masks <https://youtu.be/dLXbU9xAXwM>
- ▶ Prevent the spread of COVID-19 this school year <https://youtu.be/6880AjOifms>

Print Resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/SCPS-CDCPrintResources>

VDH-When to end isolation or quarantine:

https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2020/04/Home-IsolationQuarantine-Release-Graphic_FINAL.pdf

VDH Interim Guidance (Updated 10/14/21)

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/182/2021/03/Interim-Guidance-to-K-12-School-Reopening.pdf>