

American Rescue Plan: 2022-2023 Safe Return to School

Face Coverings: Properly fitting face coverings are recommended (optional) for all staff, students, and visitors (CDC recommendation) when indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

PPE: Disposable masks are available in the school office (or when you arrive for school at the drop off zone) for use by staff, students, and patrons electing to utilize a face covering. It is the recommendation of the CDC that a properly fitting mask be utilized in school by all individuals when indoors and in crowded settings, when air flow is inadequate or physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Hygiene: Hand sanitizer will be made readily available throughout the school or students may elect to wash hands as they change activity or location. Each classroom and office are supplied with hand sanitizer. Posters communicating the importance of hygiene (handwashing and respiratory etiquette) will be displayed and communicated.

Social Distancing: Staff will maximize social distancing within classrooms and other inside areas to the greatest extent possible. CDC recommends maintaining 3 feet of physical distance between students.

Symptomatic students/staff: Any student or staff member displaying symptoms of COVID-19 will be quarantined from school and all school related activities for 5 days. When to quarantine: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>

COVID Positive: Students and staff who are COVID-19 positive will be quarantined from school and all school related activities for 5 days from the onset of symptoms.

COVID-19 Testing: Please contact your health provider or South-Central Health District for testing locations. SMS has rapid tests available as supplies last. Order free at home test: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

COVID-19 Vaccines: CDC recommends all students are vaccinated. Please contact your health provider or refer to the below information from the CDC. CDC Vaccination Recommendations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/children-teens.html>

School Cleaning: Extra attention will be given to the cleaning of buildings with products approved to kill the COVID-19 virus. We have a custodian whose job it will be to oversee the cleaning surfaces during the school day.

Opening of School:

SMS will maintain face-to-face instruction to the greatest extent possible utilizing the health and safety strategies outlined above designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Schools will operate educational services in a regular fashion whenever feasible. This includes maintaining open campuses for in-person learning five days a week (except in instances of emergencies).

Continuity of Education: During times students are out of school with sickness or exposure, students will be able to continue in their coursework using a distance learning platform as was made available during the 2021-2022 school year. Educators will provide students with support in these instances. These supports may include and are not limited to live streaming, videos of lessons, recorded tutorials, videos created by other educators on the content, packets of work, or interactive digital activities.

Digital Access: All students will have access to a device to take home to complete work remotely when quarantined. In addition, the district will have access to Hotspots which parents and staff can check out for internet access if needed.

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Addendum added: 3/16/22

Return to School Guidelines

FOLLOW 3520C health related emergency policy

<https://syringamountainschool.org/bylaws-and-policies/>

If a child is ill the teachers will make the call home if the symptoms appeared beyond what they know of the child's usual health. For example, the teachers would know if a child suffered from allergies and, if a child was sniffing during allergy season, they would check with the child and the teacher would decide if a call home was warranted. As usual, admin would be able if a consult was needed. Updated March 2022 These guidelines are subject to change based on federal, state, or local guidance; advice from district health partners; or degree of community transmission.

If you are showing COVID-19 symptoms or Test Positive for COVID-19 (Isolate)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status. • Stay home for 5 days.

- Test on day 5, if possible
 - If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If unable to mask, or choose not to mask, remain home for 10 full days

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until you're fever-free for 24 hours without medications

If you were exposed to someone with COVID-19 (Monitor)

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status. • Monitor for symptoms

- Mask around others for 10 days
- If unable to mask, or choose not to mask, remain home for 10 full days
- Test on day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, stay home, and get a test is possible.

** To calculate your 5-days, day 0 is the first day of symptoms or the date of the day the positive viral (PCR) test for asymptomatic persons.

If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease

- Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions (e.g., testing) •
Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing)
- Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, PrEP, and monoclonal antibodies

What **test** should I take?

Take a *Viral Laboratory Test*. This identifies current infections. The most accurate viral test is a laboratory test, such as the RT-PCR and NAATs, because it identifies both asymptomatic and symptomatic people.

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Antigen tests are only useful, and conclusive if you have symptoms. If you have symptoms and a negative Antigen test, the manufacturer's recommendation is it is best to back it up with a laboratory (molecular) test.