
ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Re-entry Plan: Frequently Asked Questions Updated on 7-29-20

When should a student or employee (faculty or staff member) stay home? *The following DHEC guidelines are based upon current COVID-19 information, and subject to change. Students or employees should not come to school if they have:*

Any one of the following:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing - or-
- Loss of taste or smell -or-
- New or worsening cough*

Any two of the following:

- Sore throat
- Muscle or body aches
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

*Any student or employee with any one of these symptoms should consider not attending school regardless of meeting the above criteria. *If these symptoms are explainable by an underlying condition (such as shortness of breath or cough for an individual with asthma), staying home from school may not be necessary. Your health care professional and/or the school nurse should be consulted if there are questions.*

What happens if a student/employee has symptoms of COVID-19? *Students or employees who have COVID-19 symptoms will go to the School Clinic to be evaluated by the school nurse. Any area that the student/employee has visited will be cleaned thoroughly.*

- *In order to return to school, students or employees who have been sent home with COVID-19 symptoms must either:*
 - *present a negative COVID-19 test result or*
 - *present a physician statement that the symptoms were diagnosed to be due to another cause other than COVID-19 or*
 - *if not tested, quarantine for 10 days and 72 have passed since last fever without fever reducing medication*

- *Students or employees who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to notify the school nurse and isolate at home until the following criteria is met:*
 - *Ten days have passed since symptoms started*
 - *Three days (72 hours) have passed since last fever without fever reducing medication*

What will the class/school do while we wait for results for the student or employee who was sent home with COVID-19 symptoms? *The class will remain cohorted until a confirmed positive test is communicated.*

What happens if a student or employee is exposed to a COVID-19 positive person at school or in their classroom?

- *Students and teachers in a classroom with a known COVID-19 case in which social distancing was reliably maintained should remain together in the same cohort to the extent that is possible. They should receive screening for fever and symptoms each morning until 14 days after last contact with the case. Note: anyone determined to be a close contact must be excluded.*
- *A student or employee is considered to be a close contact if they are determined to have been within six feet for fifteen minutes or more to a COVID-19 positive person. Close contacts must quarantine at home for 14 days from the last day of contact with the COVID-19 positive person.*
- *For any classrooms where social distancing could not be maintained (classes with young children who do not have assigned seating throughout the day), all children and employees must be considered close contacts and must complete a 14 day quarantine period.*

What is the policy if a Specials teacher tests positive since that teacher will be visiting all classrooms? *If the Specials teacher remains six feet away from the students/employees, using a mask, we will closely monitor the individuals, but they will not be isolated.*

How will the School communicate with parents if their child or children have been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person? *The School will communicate directly with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to determine the next steps in each situation. The DHEC exclusion and notification guidance will be followed. The DHEC re-entry guidance will be followed when a student is ready to re-enter school after being excluded for a case or symptoms of COVID-19. Parents/guardians will be notified if their child has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive person. In all instances, we are required to comply with HIPPA regulations and maintain the privacy of the COVID-19 positive individual.*

Will students or employees be allowed to come to school if someone in their household has been exposed to COVID-19? *If the student or employee lives in the same household as someone in quarantine, they will not necessarily need to quarantine themselves unless the household member in quarantine is then determined to be a COVID-19 case. The school nurse should be contacted for guidance before the student or employee comes to school.*

Is there a set number of students being ill that will warrant shifting to full distance learning? *The most recent guidance from SC DHEC is if more than two cases across the school are identified in 48 hours, DHEC will make a determination if the whole school will close for 14 days or if the closure will involve specific classrooms or other areas of the campus.*

If the Florence County School Systems move to a mandatory close, will All Saints' do the same? *As an independent school we are not bound by what public schools must do. We are able to make decisions based upon what is best for our school community.*

Will there be a requirement for testing the faculty and staff prior to the school year beginning? *This is not recommended by our medical professionals or DHEC.*

Will there be use of higher rated filters and more ventilation? *All HVAC systems have been inspected and will be cleaned and all filters will be replaced.*

What metrics will be used to determine when the School will reduce the restrictions of some mitigation strategies? *We will rely on information about the level of community transmission from DHEC and guidance from the ASEDS Re-entry Task Force to determine implementation or reduction of mitigation measures.*

What are the cleaning guidelines that will be implemented? *We will follow cleaning and disinfecting protocols according to SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines.*

- *All students and staff will be required to wash/clean hands regularly. Each classroom has a sink with soap. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms, throughout the buildings, and on the playgrounds. Students will be reminded to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, particularly after entering a building or classroom. If soap and water are not available, students will use hand sanitizer.*
- *High-touch surfaces (doorknobs, handrails, light switches, etc.) will be cleaned with disinfectants throughout the school day.*
- *Bathrooms will be cleaned before school, on a two hour rotation during school, and after school.*

Will students use the playground equipment? If so, how often will it be sanitized? *Yes. The guidance states that outdoor areas, like playgrounds in schools and parks, generally require normal routine cleaning, but do not require disinfection. High-touch surfaces made of plastic and metal, such as grab bars and railings will be cleaned routinely. Students will be instructed about proper, required hand hygiene after being on the playground.*

What is the mask policy? *The current community transmission level is high. The physicians on our Task Force recommend that we begin school with a mask requirement for all employees, visitors, and students in grades 5K-6th grade. Approved face coverings for students include solid color buffs, masks, and the All Saints' mask offered through the School Store. We recognize that there are many options, please choose one that is most comfortable for your child. While cotton masks are more effective in stopping the spread of COVID-19, the Task Force has approved the wearing of buffs, as they are more age appropriate for our younger students. The mask policy is subject to change, based upon the level of community transmission.*

What if my child has sensory issues or breathing concerns? Will he/she still be required to wear a mask? *If your child cannot wear a mask or you have specific concerns regarding mask use, please reach out to our school nurse.*

Does everyone have to wear a mask all day? *No. We are committed to keeping a safe, but nurturing environment for our school community. We are increasing recess time and frequency, creating outdoor classrooms and lunch spaces, and encouraging teachers to have outdoor classes as much as possible.*

How will recess be impacted by social distancing? *We have created recess schedules by cohorted classes to provide increased time for outdoor play. In addition, teachers will build in extra recess time when possible throughout the day.*

Will there be athletics in the fall? *We will follow SCISA guidelines on athletics, and will continue to share this information as it becomes available.*

Will there still be Chapel and Spirit Day? *Yes! The format and schedule for larger gatherings may be modified, but we will continue these important, weekly activities.*

Will there be Specials classes? *Yes, we will begin this year with a modified Specials schedule, and Specials teachers will travel to each classroom.*

Will student clubs and organizations be available? *Yes, we will continue offering as many extracurricular activities and clubs as possible, and will continue to share this information with our students and families.*

What technology will be provided by the school? *The 1:1 tablets and Chromebooks have been ordered for 5K-6th grade. There is a worldwide shortage of devices and our devices are expected to arrive around October 1st.*

How will attendance be recorded? *Teachers will take attendance daily on campus, through MDL or FDL when mandated. We encourage students to stay home if they are not feeling well. This year, we will not offer perfect attendance certificates.*