



# SCOTTSBORO CITY SCHOOLS

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN 2021-2022

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*This Emergency Operations Plan is a working document. SCS Superintendent and Board of Education will closely monitor the COVID data regularly and make adjustments to the EOP as needed following guidance and recommendations from the CDC, ADPH, and Alabama State Department of Education.*

### PREVENTION PROTOCOLS

- Universal masking is mandated for all SCS employees, students, and visitors when indoors of any building on SCS campuses. Consistent and proper wear of these masks is encouraged regardless of vaccination status.
  - SCS will comply with Federal mandate [42. U.S.C. 264\(a\)](#) and [42 Code of Federal Regulations 70.2 71.31\(b\) and 71.32\(b\)](#) mandating masking by all passengers and drivers on public transportation.
- Prevention Strategies at SCS Campuses
- SCS is committed to maintaining healthy environments in each building on SCS campuses by enhancing cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing of surfaces, classrooms, and common areas.
  - Promotion of healthy habits and self-monitoring for symptoms will be posted throughout all buildings on SCS campuses and encouraged through instruction and scheduling. Soap and hand sanitizer will be accessible throughout the each of the SCS buildings. Signage of proper handwashing etiquette will be posted in restrooms.
  - All students and employees of SCS are encouraged to self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms prior sending any student to school or before boarding bus. In the event a student or employee has one of the common symptoms, they are encouraged to remain at home and seek advice of their family physician. SCS will work with students and employees regarding absence coding.
  - Each classroom of SCS are encouraged to physically distance students 3 feet apart when possible.
  - HVAC filters will be replaced regularly and SCS maintenance will prioritize air system malfunctions to provide regular flow of fresh air into the buildings.

- Water fountains will be closed throughout the hallways. Water bottle filling stations will be regularly cleaned throughout the school day.
- Visitors inside the school building will be limited. Faculty and staff are encouraged to conduct meetings through virtual platforms or by phone when possible. Visitors will be asked to report directly to the office and stay within that area.

## LEARNING LOSS PREVENTION

It is the goal of SCS to provide our students with high-quality instruction. SCS teachers are fully equipped to use online platforms such as Schoology and Google Classroom. In the event that a student must be absent from school for an isolation period or due to illness, students will access their coursework and assignments using the online platform to attempt to prevent learning loss. Teachers will post coursework and assignments on the online platform once notified of the student isolation or extended absence. SCS email will be the communication tool used to address any questions or concerns by the student. Students will be given adequate amount of time to complete assignments.

Chromebook devices will be provided for student use during isolation periods at no charge for the student. A signed property pass will be required on file at the school for the device to be released.

## NUTRITION & MEALS

Students are provided nutritional meals for breakfast and lunch daily during schools free of charge. Grab and go options are available for breakfast in the classrooms. Rotating schedules and eating in the classroom is encouraged to reduce capacity within the lunchroom area. CNP staff prepares pre-boxed lunches daily for students to pick up as they enter the serving area to reduce contact. Extra weekend meals are provided for students free of charge to ensure that our students have nutritional choices of meals throughout their out of school time. In addition, SCS is partnered with Nourish One Child to provide weekend bags of food items that meet the suggested nutritional needs of students. Students in isolation

will still be offered meals free of charge. If a student in isolation would like a meal, they may order those online daily using the online platform and picked up their meals daily at Scottsboro Junior High School between 11-11:30 am. In the event of a school shutdown times and throughout the summer, meals are available for students and Nourish One bags will be delivered to their homes weekly.

## SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

SCS is committed to meeting the needs of our students social and emotional health. All SCS faculty and staff are trained in prevention and awareness at the beginning of each school year. SCS employs a full time mental health therapist and a full time social worker. Referrals to provide services can be accessed by the school counselor or administration.

## CDC DEFINITION OF CLOSE CONTACT

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) defines a close contact as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period within the 2 days before the case became symptomatic or tested positive or during the 10 calendar days following symptoms onset or testing positive. Within the classroom setting, the CDC defines a close contact as someone who was within 3 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period that were not engaged in proper, consistent wearing of masks.

## SELF MONITORING

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to self-monitor daily for symptoms of infectious disease such as Influenza and Covid-19. If symptoms are present, individuals should remain at home and contact their healthcare provider for further assessment and guidance. SCS will work with students and employees on absences during illness.

## SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

*The CDC and the ADPH compiled a list of symptoms that could be associated with Covid-19. People with Covid-19 may have mild, severe, or no symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.*

Mild Symptoms could include:	Major Symptoms could include:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fever or chills</li><li>• Cough</li><li>• Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing</li><li>• Fatigue</li><li>• Muscle or body aches</li><li>• Headache</li><li>• Sore throat</li><li>• Congestion or runny nose</li><li>• Nausea or vomiting</li><li>• Diarrhea</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New onset of cough</li><li>• New loss of taste or smell</li></ul>

## SCREENING and ISOLATION PROCEDURES

<p>Symptoms</p>	<p>If symptoms consistent with COVID 19 develop during the school day:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Individual will report immediately to the isolation area and the school nurse will be contacted.</li><li>2. The school nurse will complete the COVID 19 screening tool and provide written notification of symptoms to the employee or parent.</li><li>3. Student or employee will leave the SCS campus.</li><li>4. The individual is encouraged to contact their healthcare provider for further assessment and report results to the school nurse.</li></ol>
<p>Exposure to a Confirmed Positive Covid-19 Case</p>	<p>If an exposure to a confirmed Covid-19 case is reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The school nurse will identify close contacts of suspected individual.</li><li>2. The school staff will notify the contacts in writing that they have been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case.</li><li>3. The school nurse will report the close contact list to the ADPH.</li><li>4. Identified close contacts will be isolated from SCS campuses and events for 10 days.</li><li>5. Close contacts have the option to “test out” of isolation on Day 8 if they are symptom free and receive a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test on Day 5, 6, or 7. *Home Covid test results are not acceptable*</li></ol>
<p>Confirmed Diagnosis</p>	<p>Individuals with a positive diagnosis of COVID will be isolated from SCS campus and events for a minimum of 10 calendar days.</p> <p>Following the 10-day isolation period, the individual must be fever free without fever reducing medication for at least 24 hours before returning to campus.</p> <p>Following the 10-day isolation period, individuals are encouraged to continue monitoring for symptoms for an additional 4 days and contact their healthcare provider if symptoms represent themselves.</p>

## PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS REGARDING VACCINATION STATUS

### **Positive Diagnosis:**

Students with a positive diagnosis for COVID-19, will be isolated from SCS campuses and events for 10 calendar days. They must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications and symptoms improved in order to return to school.

### **Vaccinated Students:**

Vaccinated students who are exposed to Covid-19 do not have to be isolated as long as they are asymptomatic.

### **Unvaccinated Students:**

Students who are unvaccinated and are exposed to Covid-19 will be isolated from SCS campuses and events for 10 calendar days. Unvaccinated students who are exposed to Covid-19 will be notified in writing of exposure and isolation guidelines. Students that have been exposed and identified as close contacts have the option to "test out" of isolation on Day 8 as long as they are symptom free and receive a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test on Day 5, 6, or 7. \*Home Covid test results are not acceptable\*

### **Exceptions to Isolation for Students:**

Unvaccinated students will be excused from isolation if:

- Both the positive student and the exposed student were engaged in consistent and proper wearing of masks.  
AND
- Students were not in contact with the infected individual closer than 3 feet for a total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.

Those who have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 3 months and recovered.

Those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks or more from the last vaccination shot) and are asymptomatic.

## PROTOCOLS FOR FACULTY & STAFF REGARDING VACCINATION STATUS

### **Positive Diagnosis**

Faculty and staff who have a positive diagnosis for Covid-19, will be isolated from SCS campuses and events for 10 calendar days. They must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication and symptoms improved in order to return to work.

### **Unvaccinated Faculty and Staff**

Faculty and staff who are unvaccinated and are exposed to a positive Covid-19 case will be isolated from work for 10 calendar days. They should continue to monitor for symptoms for four additional days to total 14 days. Faculty and staff that have been exposed and identified as close contacts have the option to “test out” of isolation on Day 8 as long as they are symptom free and receive a negative Covid-19 PCR or antigen test on Day 5, 6, or 7. \*Home Covid test results are not acceptable\*

### **Vaccinated Faculty and Staff**

Vaccinated Faculty and staff who are exposed to a positive Covid-19 case do not have to isolate as long as they are asymptomatic. If they become symptomatic, they should be assessed by a healthcare provider.

### **Exception to Isolation:**

- Unvaccinated employees will be excused from isolation if:
  - Both the positive employee and the exposed individual were engaged in consistent and proper wearing of masks.  
AND
  - Employees were not in contact with the infected individual closer than 3 feet for a total of 15 minutes within a 24-hour period.
- Those who have tested positive for Covid-19 within the past 3 months and recovered.
- Those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks or more from the last vaccination shot) and are asymptomatic.



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## Scottsboro City Schools Learning Safety Plan

### Scottsboro City Schools Emergency Operations Plan

The goal of Scottsboro City Schools is to move toward a more traditional school year. The 2021-2022 reopening plan maintains consistent sanitizing of classrooms, buses, and school spaces. This Learning Safety Plan determines our plan for monitoring, notifying, documenting, and instructional adjustments that will be implemented as we move through the school year in accordance with recommendations and requirements from the Alabama Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, and Alabama State Department of Education.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Should COVID 19 create a significant impact on the health and safety of our students and staff, SCS will implement a four-tiered approach, which will include:

- **Level 1- Traditional learning with Covid-19 prevention protocols in place. Masks may be required for all students and staff per SCS Board approval.**
- **Level 2- Traditional learning with minimizing occupancy and additional E-Learning days added to the calendar to allow for increased sanitization measures.**
- **Level 3- Hybrid learning- Schedule of student attendance will be reconstructed to all students attend school in person and through remote learning. Guidance will be given by SCS Superintendent regarding the situation.**
- **Level 4- Remote learning- Students will attend school remotely for a minimum of 10 days.**

*Adjustments to the mode of learning may be implemented on a classroom, grade-level, school, or system level if the COVID 19 spread levels warrant. The SCS Superintendent and Board of Education will closely monitor the COVID 19 spread levels and will adjust instruction delivery levels accordingly.*

## SCS Learning Safety Plan Four-Tiered Instruction

The following criteria will be used to determine the level of operation for each classroom, school and/or the district level:

1. The number of students and/or percentage of current positive cases for students and/or staff.
2. The number of and/or percentage of students and/or staff that are quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure.
3. The number of and/or percentage of overall absences for students and/or staff.
4. Recommendations from the Alabama Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control.
5. Recommendations from the Alabama State Department of Education.
6. Recommendations from Scottsboro City Schools Superintendent and Scottsboro City Board of Education.

<b>LEVEL 1</b> <b>Minimal Spread</b>	<b>Traditional Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will participate in traditional face to face learning with SCS board approved Covid-19 prevention protocols in place.</li> <li>• Students will participate in established monthly E-Learning days in accordance with SCS board approved calendar.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 2</b> <b>Moderate Spread</b>	<b>Traditional Learning with additional E-Learning Days</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will participate in traditional face to face learning with Covid-19 prevention protocols in place.</li> <li>• Implement enhanced social distancing measures for common areas such as hallways, cafeterias, auditoriums and gymnasiums to minimize occupancy.</li> <li>• Additional E-learning days added to isolate the spread of Covid-19 and allow for increased disinfecting and sanitizing measures within the classrooms, buildings, and common areas.</li> </ul>
<b>LEVEL 3</b> <b>Significant Spread</b>	<b>Hybrid Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiate hybrid remote learning (may be initiated by classroom, grade level, school, or district)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Guidance will be provided by SCS Superintendent and may vary based on situation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b> <b>Substantial Spread</b>	<b>Remote Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School building is closed for deep sanitizing and disinfecting.</li> <li>• Implement remote learning for all students for a minimum of 10 days.</li> <li>• Teachers/employees will be allowed to use their classrooms/workspace, if needed, to carry out their duties.</li> </ul>