

# Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Southern Fulton School District

**Initial Effective Date: July 21, 2020**

**Date of Last Review: November 16, 2021**

**Date of Last Revision: November 16, 2021**

1. How will the LEA, to the greatest extent practicable, support prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the CDC for the reopening and operation of school facilities in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning?

The Southern Fulton School District recognizes that our schools are a critical community institution. The threat of a highly infectious outbreak could be detrimental to our community. By following the Covid-19 Health and Safety Plan, we are dedicated to ensuring all CDC guidelines are followed within our schools. The students and staff of the Southern Fulton School District will participate in prevention and mitigation strategies training in order to safely return to school in the fall of 2021.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Southern Fulton School District will plan to offer full-time, in-person learning for all students K-12. We understand that many of our students need a face-to-face learning environment to thrive. We are also offering a virtual option for families through Edgenuity.

We are requesting that before students come to school, parents/guardians are responsible for monitoring students' symptoms. If students have a fever of 100 degrees or higher, a cough, shortness of breath, or loss of taste or smell, they must stay home.

We are once again requesting that parents transport their students to school when possible. Students should continue to social distance while waiting at their bus stops and while riding the bus.

Frequent handwashing will be encouraged and sanitation stations will remain available throughout the schools to allow students to use them at their convenience.

.2. How will the LEA ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address the students' academic needs, and students' and staff members' social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services?

The intent of the health and safety plan is to serve as guidelines for a safe and healthy return to school. School counselors are available for students or staff who may need services. In addition, Southern Fulton School District has partnered with True North to provide in house mental health counseling for qualifying participants.

PBIS will be implemented to provide positive support for students.

3. Use the table below to explain how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policy on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

AP ESSER Requirement	Strategies, Policies, and Procedures
a. Universal and correct wearing of <a href="#">masks</a> ;	<p>On August 31, 2021 Governor Wolf announced that all schools K-12 would be mandated to wear a face covering. This order goes into effect on September 7, 2021. This order comes through the authority issued under the Department of Health and specifically through the Secretary of Health. The Department of Health has the authority to take any disease control measure appropriate to protect the public from the spread of infectious disease.</p> <p>Definitions For purposes of this Order, have the following meanings: <i>“Face covering”</i> means covering of the nose and mouth with material that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A “face covering” can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. A “face covering” may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or be improvised from household items, including, but not limited to, scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts,</p>

sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for health care providers and first responders, such as N95 respirators, meet those requirements, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care personnel.

*“Alternative to a face covering”* may include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth, extends below the chin and to the ears, and leaves no exposed gap between the forehead and the shield’s headpiece. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised there is currently not enough evidence to determine how much protection a face shield provides to individuals around the person wearing the face shield because of gaps where respiratory droplets may escape. The CDC does state, however, that face shields may still be an option in situations where wearing a cloth face covering is not otherwise feasible. Starting September 7, 2021, each teacher, student, staff member, or visitor working, attending, or visiting our programs, or a school sponsored activity shall be required to wear a face covering indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except for the following exceptions:

- If wearing a face covering while working would create an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- If wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.

- When necessary to confirm the individual's identity.
- When working alone and isolated from interaction with other people with little or no expectation of in-person interaction.
- If an individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- When the individual is under two (2) years of age.
- When an individual is:
  - Engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating and drinking, or playing an instrument that would be obstructed by the face covering.
  - Participating in high intensity aerobic or aerobic activities, including during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals.
- When a student is participating in a sports practice activity or event, whether indoors or outdoors.

All alternatives to a face covering, including the use of a face shield, should be exhausted before an individual is exempted from this Order for the above reasons.

Please find below the link to the FAQs which were put out by the DOH

on August 31,  
2021. <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID19/SchoolReopeningGuidance/ReopeningPreKto12/MaskingOrder/Pages/FAQs.aspx>

<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for <a href="#">physical distancing</a> (e.g., use of cohorts/podding);</p>	<p>Students are encouraged to social distance when feasible.</p> <p>When feasible, reduce opportunities for close contact</p>
<p>c. <a href="#">Handwashing and respiratory etiquette</a>;</p>	<p>Frequent handwashing will be encouraged. Sanitation stations are located throughout the buildings to allow students to utilize hand sanitizer as needed.</p>
<p>d. <a href="#">Cleaning</a> and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving <a href="#">ventilation</a>;</p>	<p>The custodial staff will continue to clean and disinfect with approved products. In the event, there is an active Covid-19 case, the area will be deep cleaned as soon as possible.</p> <p>Portable HEPA air filters will be utilized throughout the district to encourage clean air exchange.</p> <p>Bottle filling stations are located throughout and are to be used instead of the traditional drinking fountains.</p> <p>Busses will be disinfected each day. Windows will be opened to increase air circulation when feasible.</p>
<p>e. <a href="#">Contact tracing</a> in combination with <a href="#">isolation</a> and <a href="#">quarantine</a>, in collaboration with the State and local health departments;</p>	<p>Contact tracing will be spearheaded by the school nurses in conjunction with the building administrators and pandemic coordinator according to the Department of Health guidelines</p> <p>1) Recommendations for Individuals Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated:</p>

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case must quarantine.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated when 2 or more weeks have passed after the receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series, or 2 or more weeks have passed after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

Quarantine is used to separate someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.

The most protective recommended quarantine period remains at 14 days after the date of last exposure (Day 0) to a person who is infectious with SARS-CoV-2.

Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered do not have to quarantine or get tested again as long as they do not develop new symptoms.

Individuals must show proof that they have tested positive for Covid.

If they do become symptomatic, the person should isolate and seek testing.

DOH recommends that non-healthcare congregate settings, continue to follow recommendations for a 14-day quarantine period. COVID-19 transmission within these settings

can be difficult to control, and the increased transmission risk associated with shortening the quarantine time periods may be problematic in these settings, however this is a personal choice.

## 2) Recommendations for Asymptomatic Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Asymptomatic fully vaccinated people who show proof of vaccination.

- They have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure. The date of vaccination is day 0 when determining if an individual is fully vaccinated (i.e., > 2 weeks post vaccine dose).

Persons who do not meet all of the above criteria should continue to follow the above guidelines for individuals who are not vaccinated after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Do not need to quarantine but are required to wear a mask indoors for 14 days.

Continue to watch for signs and symptoms of Covid such as sore throat, cough, loss of taste or smell, fever. If any of these symptoms persist, seek medical attention immediately.

### ***Updated Procedures as of November 16, 2021:***

#### **Close contacts**

\*An individual who was within 3 feet of the positive individual for 15 minutes.



	<p><b>Fully vaccinated</b> May return to school/work if asymptomatic.</p> <p>It is required to wear a mask for 14 days unless provides a negative COVID-19 test result after day 7.</p> <p><b>Not vaccinated- Mask</b> May return to school/work if asymptomatic after 5 days.</p> <p>Masks should continue to be worn indefinitely.</p> <p><b>Not vaccinate- No Mask</b> May return to school/work if asymptomatic after 10 day quarantine and negative COVID-19 test results after day 9 of quarantine -OR- 14 day quarantine with no COVID-19 testing.</p> <p>It is required to wear a mask for 24 days unless provides a negative COVID-19 test result after day 13.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Only PCR tests will be accepted when presenting proof of negative COVID-19 result. Meritus Health has historically provided quickest COVID-19 test results turnaround.</p>
<p>f. <a href="#">Diagnostic</a> and screening testing;</p>	<p>Parents are encouraged to screen their children before sending them to school. If they have a fever greater</p>
	<p>than 100, shortness of breath, sore throat or loss of taste, students should stay home.</p>

<p>g. Efforts to provide <a href="#">vaccinations to school communities</a>;</p>	<p>The SFSD has worked with the TIU 11 to offer Covid- 19 vaccinations to staff. In addition, Tri-State Community Health Center and the Fulton County Medical Center served as vaccination sites for staff.</p>
<p>h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and</p>	<p>Follow all IEP and 504 accommodations as documented.</p>
<p>i. Coordination with state and local health officials.</p>	<p>This health and safety plan will be shared with the local EMS coordinator and local health officials. Maintain existing partnerships with local and state PA DOH, PDE, and emergency management.</p> <p>Refer to PA DOH as needed for additional guidance.</p>

# Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors/Trustees for **Southern Fulton School District** reviewed and approved the Health and Safety Plan on **November 16, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

  9   **Yes**

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Affirmed on: **November 16, 2021**

By:

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