

Health and Safety Plan Summary:

Southern Fulton School District

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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 masks ;	<p>Students and staff who have received their Covid-19 vaccination will not be required to wear facial coverings. Follow any current face covering requirements established by the PA DOH. Effective July 9, 2021 in accordance with the PA DOH.</p> <p>Facial coverings are a personal choice.</p> <p>According to the Federal order issued in January 2021, the CDC requires face coverings, regardless of vaccination status, when on public transportation- this includes on school buses operated by public and private school systems.</p> <p>A driver does not need to wear a face covering if they are the only person on the bus.</p>

<p>b. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (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. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;</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. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation;</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. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, 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.

Out of an abundance of caution and following recommended best practices from PA DOH and CDC, we have made the decision to follow a 14-day school exclusion for students and staff who are identified as close contacts of a case. While these entities allow for shortened quarantines, they both state that the most protective recommended quarantine remains at 14 days following exposure. This means that if a staff member or student who is a close contact chooses to end quarantine early, they will still not be allowed in our building or at school-affiliated events for 14 days after exposure.

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.

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.

	<p>Do not need to quarantine but are required to wear a mask indoors for 14 days.</p> <p>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.</p>
f. Diagnostic and screening testing;	<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>
g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities ;	<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>
h. Appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies; and	<p>Follow all IEP and 504 accommodations as documented.</p>

i. Coordination with state and local health officials.

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.

Refer to PA DOH as needed for additional guidance.

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 **September 21, 2021**.

The plan was approved by a vote of:

8 **Yes**

0 **No**

Affirmed on: **September 22, 2021**

By:



L. Allen Morton

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