

# Covid-19 Guidance

**Southern Fulton School  
District**

# Introductions

- Dr. Tara Will, Superintendent
- Billy Baker, SFSD Pandemic Coordinator
- Berley Souders, Fulton County Coroner
- Brian Barton, Fulton County EMS Director
- Dan McKeehan, School Liaison from The PSP
- Andy Lynn, Sergeant from the McConnellsburg barracks
- Robin Binder Heath, SFSD Solicitor
- Meredith Hendershot and Terry Bard, SFHS
- Kathy Cutchall and Jon Diffenderfer, SFES

# Staff and Visitors

- Signs are posted regarding the facial covering order.
- Visitors are permitted only for essential tasks
- Baskets will be placed outside the entrance to school for homework, lunch or other misc items that need dropped off
- Parents are discouraged from visiting the school unless essential

# Social Distancing

- Maintain at least 6 feet apart whenever possible
- Hold group meetings such as parent teacher conferences, and faculty meetings virtually
- Stagger drop-off and pick-up times for students
- Use physical barriers such as plexiglass when social distancing is not possible
- Discourage congregating in shared spaces such as staff lounges
- Use signage as a visual reminder to social distance
- Encourage parents to transport their children when possible

# Transportation

- Request parents/students to perform a symptom screening prior to arriving at school or the bus stop- Next slide
- Bus and van drivers must wear face coverings while on the bus in accordance to the Secretary of Health's order- July 1, 2020
- Promote social distancing at bus stops
- Load the bus filling the seats from back to front limiting students walking past other students to find a seat
- Assign seats and encourage families to sit together
- Open windows, if weather permit, to improve ventilation
- Disinfect buses after each run

# Parent Screening Checklist

- 1 or more Symptom
- Fever 100.4 or higher
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Difficulty Breathing
- 2 or more Symptoms
- Sore throat
- Runny Nose/Congestion
- Chills
- Lack of Smell or Taste
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Headache

# Desks/seating

- When students are in one enclosed space, seat them 6 feet apart
- Desks should be forward facing
- If possible, hold classes in gyms auditoriums or other large or outdoor spaces
- Masks are not required while in classrooms but are recommended
- Shared seating should be cleaned between uses

# Outdoor Playground Spaces

- Limit the size of groups using the playground at any time
- Reinforce physical distancing using playground when feasible
- Have students wash their hands before and after being on the playground
- Use outdoor hand washing stations as needed
- Clean the playground equipment between use

# Field Trips/Gatherings

- Limit gatherings to those that can maintain physical distancing
- Consider canceling field trips at the start of school and reschedule at a later date when possible
- Use virtual field trips and gatherings to the greatest extent possible
- Outdoor events with over 250 people are prohibited
- If a family travels on an educational field trip, quarantining for 14 days is recommended <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

# Meals/Cafeteria

- Students will be seated 6 feet apart in the cafeteria when feasible
- Require handwashing or hand sanitizing before meals
- Avoid sitting across from one another
- Serve meals individually plated or box lunches
- Avoid buffet style meals
- No family style eating
- No shared snacks in the classroom
- Avoid sharing food and utensils
- No condiment stations

# Research and Articles

It is important to consider community transmission risk as schools reopen. Evidence from schools internationally suggests that school reopenings are safe in communities with [low SARS-CoV-2 transmission](#) rates.

CDC website offers many articles and information

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/reopening-schools.html>

- provides educational instruction;
- supports the development of social and emotional skills;
- creates a safe environment for learning;
- addresses nutritional needs; and
- facilitates physical activity.

# Staff face coverings

- Face coverings must be worn
- Teach and reinforce use of face coverings among staff
- Face coverings may be removed for eating or drinking
- Transparent face coverings should be an option for those who work with students that need to see visual cues

# Student face coverings

- Students must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth
- Children 2 years and older are required to wear face coverings
- Teach students how to use them properly
- Students may remove face coverings:

While eating or drinking

When seats are 6 feet apart

When a face covering creates an unsafe condition

# Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Clean and disinfect high touch surfaces daily
- Disinfect the buses after each run
- Clean and disinfect the bathroom frequently throughout the day
- Limit the use of communal drinking fountains- Use bottle fillers and encourage students to bring water bottles
- Eliminate high touch areas for example: shared condiments
- Ensure ventilation systems are working properly to circulate air
- Use Merv-20 air filters and change every 3 months

# Hallways

- Place markers on the floors to create one-way routes
- Stagger class times to limit the number of students in the hallways at any time
- Assign lockers by cohort or eliminate lockers altogether
- When feasible, keep students in the classroom and rotate teachers instead

# Health and Safety

- Parents are encouraged to keep children home if they have a fever or appear to be ill.
- The district is asking that parents be vigilant on monitoring their child's health prior to sending them to school.
- The district is asking that you monitor your child's temperature prior to sending them to school.
- If a child becomes ill at school, we are asking that someone is available to pick them up in a timely fashion.
- When in doubt, refer to the healthcare checklist

# SFSD Health and Safety Plan

- Overview of the PDE approved Health and Safety Plan
- Approved at the July Board Meeting
- Posted on the SFSD website
- Green Phase- Complete Re-Open following the suggested guidelines
- Yellow Phase- Move to a hybrid approach
- When a case of Covid-19 is identified in a school setting, public health staff from DOH or the local health department will work with school administrators to provide additional guidance related to cleaning and disinfecting, contact tracing and quarantine recommendations and closing certain areas of the school or the entire school building if necessary

# Fulton County Statistics

- Overview of Covid-19 cases-deaths- Berley Souders
- EMS - Brian Barton

# Pandemic Coordinator- Billy Baker

## Covid 19 Deaths USA

As of 08/13/20. CDC Website

Under 1 years old-	16
Ages 1 to 4 -	10
Ages 5 to 14 -	23
Ages 15-24 -	190
TOTAL-	291

## Influenza Deaths USA 2020

As of 08/13/20. CDC Website

Under 1 years old-	15
Ages 1 to 4 -	41
Ages 5 to 14 -	51
Ages 15-24 -	52
TOTAL-	159

AGE	
Age	# of Deaths
<0-4	*
5-9	*
10-14	*
15-19	*
20-24	*
25-29	6
30-34	12
35-39	13
40-44	38
45-49	81
50-54	140
55-59	231
60-64	422
65-69	588
70-74	717
75-79	844
80-84	1,024
85-89	1,251
90-94	1,226
95-99	581
100-104	104

# Building Principals

- Meredith Hendershot-Explanation of alternative options
- Southern Fulton is currently working to provide live streaming/instruction to families who opt out of returning to in-school instruction via Google Classroom. Our goal is for the Southern Fulton teachers to provide that instruction in a way that meets the needs of all students, both in the physical classrooms and virtual classroom.
- The other option is to utilize our partnership with Montgomery Virtual Academy which is an online platform with non-Southern Fulton teachers.
- Both of these options allow students to remain "Southern Fulton" students and do not require a transfer of schools.
- There is another option that is available to any student in Pennsylvania and that is a cyber charter school; however, that does require a transfer of schools and the student would no longer be a member of the Southern Fulton School District.
- The final option is for a parent to home-school their child, which involves the parent providing the instruction and curriculum. The student would transfer out of Southern Fulton and would be considered a home-school student.
- Kathy Cutchall-Transportation