We are starting school on green on August 13.
(in a modified approach)

Because school life is very different in a COVID-19 world, we are staggering the opening of school, which will allow for our students, faculty, and families to acclimate to the new health protocols and changes in operational procedures.

First Days of School:
Thurs., Aug. 13: EE & ES, full day
Mon., Aug. 17: MS & HS Group A, full day on campus
Tues., Aug. 18: MS & HS Group B, full day on campus
Wed., Aug. 19: All students on campus, virtual option begins*

*We are offering a full virtual option for Pre-K 5 and up for those with underlying health conditions or concerns.
SCS Plan to Reopen

In keeping with our mission to partner well with families, we listened and understood that with appropriate precautions in place, you want your students learning on campus! We agree and cannot wait to welcome students back. While we're starting on green, Middle and High School will begin with an A and B schedule for the first two days to allow students and staff to acclimate to the new health protocols and changes in operational procedures.

Thank you.
Thank you to the many health professionals within the SCS family who have given advice, shared research, and prayerfully provided input.

Important Back to School Dates:

**Orientation** August 10-11
**Thurs., Aug. 13:** EE & ES, full day
**Mon., Aug. 17:** MS & HS Group A, full day on campus
**Tues., Aug. 18:** MS & HS Group B, full day on campus
**Wed., Aug. 19:** All students on campus, virtual option begins

More details coming on mySCS.

**Please Note:**
- There will be no cafeteria lunch on Aug. 13 and 14.
- A/B designations will be communicated via mySCS.
- Orientation days, holidays, breaks, and the last day of school have not changed.

Objectives for the Phased Color Plan
- While keeping students’ schedules the same in any scenario, create a modified system that allows us to reopen in the event of multiple possible scenarios.
- Create a fluid system with easy mobility between the different phases.
- Create a plan that works for all divisions of the school: Early Education, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School.
- Create a plan that meets the various needs represented in our school community.

Considerations for Reopening
- EE and ES will operate on a cohort model.
- MS and HS cannot operate on a cohort model while preserving Honors, AP, Dual Enrollment, and SSS classes.
- We have a number of teachers that serve multiple school divisions (EE, ES, MS, HS).
- We have a number of families with students in multiple school divisions (EE, ES, MS, HS).
Response Scenarios to COVID-19 for the 2020-2021 School Year
(subject to change)

### Green Level Phase
- All students are on campus five days a week (except scheduled holidays).
- **Health protocols include:** Daily pre-screening for all students, staff, and visitors. Face coverings are required at various times depending on age (see face covering guidelines below). Students and staff with COVID-19 symptoms are asked to proactively remain home to limit the spread. A private sick bay is in place on campus for those who develop symptoms during the school day. Employees and students with a confirmed case of COVID-19 will remain home until they are eligible to return per our return to school policy.
- **Gathering Areas:** Lunch and chapels in classrooms. One class on playground at a time.
- **Vendors and Athletics:** Normal operations with pre-screening as needed and according to governing agency recommendations.

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### Yellow Level Phase
- **Staff, Faculty, and Administration:** Employees on campus, provided they pass a daily self-screening and temperature check. All health protocols from the green phase.
- **EE and ES Students:** EE and ES classes will operate on a regular daily schedule 5 days a week (except scheduled holidays), including all health protocols from the green phase.
- **MS and HS Students:** MS and HS students will be assigned to an A or B day. A and B day schedule will alternate every other day. SSS continues on campus. ISP students remain on campus.
- **Parents/Outside Visitors:** Parents/outside visitors are allowed on campus by appointment only after screening. Face coverings are required.
- **Gathering Areas:** Lunch and chapels in classrooms. Single class on playground at a time. Gatherings will be limited per CDC guidelines.
- **Vendors:** Vendors allowed on campus by appointment only and after screening.
- **Athletics:** Allowed to practice/compete per SCHSL guidelines.

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### Orange Level Phase
- **Staff, Faculty, and Administration:** Employees remain on campus with teachers providing online instruction from their classroom. All visits are subject to approval and screening. All health protocols from the green and yellow phases.
- **EE and ES Students:** EE and ES will maintain regular on-campus schedules if determined safe to do so, including all health protocols from green and yellow phases.
- **MS and HS Students:** 100% virtual learning taking place for 6-12th grades. SSS and ISP continues on campus if possible and safe to do so.
- **Parents/Outside Visitors:** Closed.
- **Gathering Areas:** Gatherings will be limited per CDC guidelines.
- **Vendors:** Essential business only by appointment after screening.
- **Athletics:** Allowed to practice/compete per SCHSL guidelines.

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Gathering Areas include the playgrounds, athletic facilities, Fine Arts Center, and lunch room.
Life at SCS

• **Arrival**
  - Separate entrances by school division will allow one-stop drop-off for families with children in multiple divisions by dropping off at the youngest student’s entrance.
  - We are asking each family to complete screening at home each morning before school.
  - On campus temperature screening completed by SCS staff.

• **Dismissal**
  - Use of SafeDismissal system for EE, ES, and MS will keep students better organized for pick-up and to minimize interaction.
  - Updated dismissal times to allow for more buffer between dismissals:
    - EE – 12 p.m. for half day students and 2:30 p.m. for full day students
    - ES – 3 p.m.
    - HS – 3:20 p.m.
    - MS – 3:30 p.m.
    - SKT pick up – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., call SKT phone.

• **EE and ES Related Arts Classes**
  - Related Arts teachers (and 5th Grade teachers) will move to classrooms to keep students in same class locations.

• **Face Coverings**
  - All students in Kindergarten, ES, MS, and HS will wear a face covering during arrival and dismissal.
  - Any teacher entering a classroom or meeting with students pulled out of a classroom (i.e., Related Arts, SSS) will wear appropriate face coverings.
  - MS and HS teachers will wear appropriate face coverings.
  - Kindergarten, EE, and ES students moving to another class location for specific purpose (i.e. Advanced Math, SSS) will be required to wear face coverings during the time outside of their homeroom classroom.
  - MS and HS students will wear face coverings for the entire day.

Sabre Virtual Remote Learning (SVRL)

- We will be set up to accommodate families with students in Pre-K 5 and up who need a virtual option for students and family members with underlying health concerns.
  - One online platform: mySCS.
  - Students log in at designated times for live instruction (Pre-K 5–12th).
  - Families have access to materials that can be printed and/or a packet sent home weekly with physical supplies needed.
  - SVRL follows the same schedule as the regular class and provides some level of interaction with teacher and classmates.
  - SVRL allows for the student to easily transition to the on-campus environment when the family deems it is safe to do so.
  - If you need the virtual instruction option, it will begin on August 19.*

*If you need to have your child(ren) learn from home regardless of on campus instruction, please contact Mrs. Monica Mangum (mmangum@southsidechristian.org) in the Student Success Services office. The deadline to sign up for the virtual option is Tuesday, August 4.
Lunch will be in the classrooms regardless of the phase.

Chapel will not be held in large group gatherings, but will be recorded and live streamed only. Elementary School classrooms will become small groups. Middle and High School will continue with small groups on campus if safe and possible.

Lockers will only be available for students who sign up for one via mySCS. This will help reduce traffic in the Middle and High School hallways.

Cleaning will be a group effort by students, staff, and increased facilities team members to ensure our entire campus is regularly sanitized.

Recess will be available to only one class/cohort on the playground at a time.

**Symptom FAQ**

Parents must self-screen and complete temperature checks on their child(ren) before coming to school. SCS will also be temperature screening all students and adults who enter the building.

- When should I keep my child home from school?
  - Your child receives positive COVID-19 test result or diagnosis from a physician.
  - Your child is experiencing symptoms, including fever, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough, etc.
- How will we determine which phase we are operating in?
  - Because the situation is changing regularly, we will evaluate all relevant data, consulting with health professionals and organizations to make an informed decision. With the overall health and well-being of students and staff in mind, we will continue to make the best decisions we can in real time.
- If a staff or student develops COVID-19 like symptoms during the school day where will they go?
  - We have designated several rooms as sick bays where students and staff with COVID-19 like symptoms can wait to be picked up.

Students and staff should be excluded from school if they have any one of the following symptoms: fever (defined as 100° or higher), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough

Students and staff should be excluded from school if they have any two of the following symptoms: sore throat, muscle or body aches, chills, fatigue, headache, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting