COVID-19 Response Protocols for the 2021-2022 School Year

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Introduction

SCS continues to operate the 2021-2022 school year as “normal” as possible. We are continually monitoring the COVID-19 case trends in our school. As the number of cases, transmissivity, and COVID-19 hospitalizations fluctuate in Greenville County, SCS will update or modify our procedures as needed.

COVID-19 Practices and Policies

- Parents will be asked to screen their children at home for COVID-19 symptoms, proactively keeping children home who exhibit symptoms.
- If a student or employee has a positive COVID-19 test they will be required to isolate for the period of time dictated by SC DHEC, currently 10 days. Please contact the school nurse with specific questions related to quarantine.
- If a non-vaccinated SCS student or employee has a household contact who is COVID-19 positive, that student or employee will have to quarantine for the time indicated by SCDHEC. There are possible exceptions to this policy, and a SCS nurse can discuss those with you on an individual basis. In general, household contacts are close contacts of the COVID-19 positive person. By law, SCDHEC has indicated that these confirmed close contacts should be excluded from school until the appropriate quarantine period is met. Adhering to the SCDHEC school exclusion list is a legal requirement for SCS (updated 8/25/2021).
- Face coverings will be optional for students, employees, and visitors.
- SCS will continue to emphasize hygiene practices with students and employees.

How parents will be notified of positive cases:

- Each student or staff positive case is reported by grade level or staff on mySCS/Resources/Our Response to Covid-19.
- New positive cases in Early Education and Elementary School will prompt an announcement from the principal on the class's bulletin board in mySCS of the appropriate classroom teacher. Meaning parents in EE and ES will be notified via mySCS if a positive case is reported in their child's classroom (updated 8/25/2021).
- When there is a positive case in MS or HS, it will be posted by grade level on mySCS/Resources/Our Response to Covid-19.

Virtual Learning Policies:

- SCS is not contact tracing. Parents are the best authority to decide whether a student has been exposed to a positive case and requires quarantining.
- Sabre Virtual Remote Learning (SVRL) is primarily designed for Kindergarten through 12th grade students who:
- Are currently positive for Covid-19.
- Are a household contact of a positive case.
- Need to remain virtual for an extended period of time (certain conditions apply, please refer to SVRL Resource Board).

- If you would like to request virtual instruction for your child you may do so here: https://southsidechristian.myschoolapp.com/app/parent#resourceboarddetail/19579.

**Ongoing Covid-19 Monitoring**

SCS will use officially provided data to determine the risk to students and employees. Based on this data, the guidance of the CDC and SCDHEC, and our own experience managing COVID-19, we may choose to implement some or all of the policies used during the 2020-2021 school year to mitigate the risks.