

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

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Seneca R7 School Board
on June 30, 2020.*

Revised and approved by the Seneca R7 School Board using public input on September 20, 2022. The plan will be reviewed and updated as needed every 6 months. District personnel will provide assistance to students, employees, parents, community members, and stakeholder if questions arise or the content is not understandable. If needed the information will be provided in other languages or through verbal communication.

PHASE 1: FULL IN PERSON SCHOOL
Enhanced Safety and Sanitizing protocols

PHASE 2: BLENDED SCHOOL
Follow all safety protocols in Phase 1, as well as additional procedures outlined. Students attend in person 2 days per week either Tuesday/Thursday or Wednesday/Friday. They will complete work virtually or hard copy on the days they are not scheduled to attend.

PHASE 3:
SCHOOL CLOSURE-FULL DISTANCE LEARNING
Full online/alternative learning

PHASE 4: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT QUARANTINE
Student will immediately transition to online/alternative learning.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE ADDITIONAL SAFETY AND SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

P1= PHASE 1

P2= PHASE 2

P3= PHASE 3

P4= PHASE 4

ALL PHASE 1 (P1) PRACTICES WILL BE IN PLACE IF WE ARE IN PHASE 2 (P2).



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SAFETY AND SANITIZATION PROTOCOLS

ATTENDANCE

(P1) Regular attendance required

(P1) If child is sick or showing symptoms please keep them home.

CAFETERIA

(P1) Students will wash their hands before and after eating.

(P2) Additional lunch periods at the JH and HS.

(P2) Breakfast in the classroom starting at 7:30.

(P2) Lunch will be in the classroom.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

(P1) Parents expected to use car rider line ONLY, unless dropping off late or picking up early.

(P1) Students are not to arrive to school prior to 7:30, unless enrolled in before school care.

(P2) Students report to homeroom or first hour when they enter the building.

HYGIENE

(P1) Staff trained on proper precautions to teach to students.

(P1) Student and staff training on proper respiratory etiquette (covering cough with tissue or coughing into elbow).

(P1) Students will wash hands before and after lunch and recess.

(P1) Time scheduled within day to wash hands.

(P1) Teacher training on how to social distance in the classroom.

FACE COVERINGS

(P1) Face coverings are optional for staff and students.

(P2) All employees provided masks and required to wear them when within 6 feet of staff or students.

BUILDING

(P1) Regularly cleaned throughout the day and overnight.

(P1) Schools will be sanitized daily.

(P2) Drinking fountains will be closed, students should bring a water bottle that can be re-filled.

(P2) Sanitize the classroom in between each class.

CLASSROOM

(P1) Seating charts.

(P1) Each classroom will have hand sanitizer to use as needed.

(P2) No carpet time.

(P2) Minimize mass gatherings and school wide assemblies.

(P2) Playground sectioned off to specific classes.

(P2) Shared soft seating removed.

(P2) No more than 2 classes on playground.

(P2) Desks spread out 3 feet.

(P2) Eliminate face to face seating.

SCREENING

(P1) Per recent CDC guidelines any temperature over 100.4 by a student or staff member will require them to stay home fever free for 24 hours.

(P2) Staff and students will be asked to take temperature daily and look for the following symptoms: Fever or chills; Cough; Headache; Muscle aches; Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea; New loss of taste or smell; New runny nose or congestion; Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; Sore Throat; Close contact with a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

(P2) Staff will sign off on a symptom check each day.

TRANSPORTATION

- (P1) Daily bus logs of students riding.
- (P1) Hand sanitizer on every bus.
- (P1) Buses sanitized AM/PM
- (P1) Windows open when weather permits.
- (P1) Parent transportation when possible to minimize bus numbers.
- (P2) Families sit together.
- (P2) Safety goggles for drivers and aids when attending to students in a harness.
- (P2) Fewer students on bus.

SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH

- (P1) The social, emotional, and mental health of our student and staff is a priority for our districts. Concerns have grown significantly throughout the pandemic and our school counselors will be available for in-person and virtual students who need support.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- (P1) Accommodations to meet the individual needs of students will be made in coordination with each student's IEP team.

COVID-19 TESTING

- (P1) Coordinated with the Newton County Health Department and area healthcare providers

VACCINES

- (P1) Will participate in vaccination events for staff and eligible students in cooperation with the Newton County Health Department and area healthcare providers

FAQs:

What is the definition of Exposure?

Known exposure to a positive tested individual. Exposure is defined as contact within 3 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes in a school setting.

What should I do if my child has been exposed to a positive case?

All students and staff members who are contacts to a positive COVID-19 case, determined by being within 3ft of a positive case for more than 15 minutes, should monitor for development of COVID-19 symptoms over a period of 5 days from the last date of contact to the positive case.

Contacts to a positive COVID-19 case may continue to attend school and school activities including actively participating in extra curricular activities as long as they remain symptom free.

What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID-19?

Students or staff members who are excluded from school and school activities due to a positive COVID-19 test should isolate at home for a period of 5 days. To calculate the 5 day isolation period, day Zero is the first day of symptoms. Day 1 is the first full day after symptoms developed. The isolation period will end after 5 days if they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and symptoms have disappeared or have dramatically improved.

What online platform will my child use if he or she is in isolation?

Students in grades 7-12 will access their learning through Canvas, our learning management system. Students in grades PK-6 will utilize access their learning through See-Saw.

What if I do not have reliable internet service at home?

Through a partnership with TMobile, the district has a limited number of hotspots that can be checked out during isolation for students who do not have reliable Internet access at home. TMobile devices have annual maximum capacity of 10GB per device. Hard copy assignments may also be available to send home.

How does the school make decisions to change to another Phase?

Phase changes will be made at the recommendation or decree by the Newton County Health Department or other governmental agencies. We will also use guidance based on percentages of positive cases within a school building during a specific time frame. Phase changes may be specific to individual buildings. Ex: The Elementary may be in Phase 2 while the remainder of the buildings are in Phase 1.