



# Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

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After careful consideration, discussion, and guidance from local health officials, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will begin to implement a mask optional procedure once again. We highly encourage the use of masks, but students and staff will not be required to wear masks - except on the school bus. The school reserves the right to implement the mask mandate at any point that we begin to see a rise in numbers within the school. We ask for your patience and support as we continue to strive to make the best decisions that will keep our students and staff safe and in a face-to-face school setting.

We will also continue to:

- encourage proper handwashing
- fog the classrooms throughout the week
- have students remain in their classrooms throughout the day - with the exception of electives
- eat breakfast and lunch in the classrooms
- encourage social distancing when available
- encourage learning outside when possible
- be understanding of the students needing mask breaks and other opportunities to take off the masks when social distancing is available

Once again, we appreciate all of the support, as we understand that these types of decisions will never make *everyone* happy. We just ask that you all understand that every decision made is keeping your child's safety and ability to learn in a face-to-face setting at the forefront of everything we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ginger Almon", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Ginger Almon