

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School



2021-2022
Return to School Plan
July 29, 2021



Summary of 2020-2021 School Year

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School was able to complete the 2020-2021 school year with very few shutdowns of the school. We did shift to virtual learning for the middle/high for two weeks in the beginning of the year and also shifted to virtual learning for the entire school for one week on two separate occasions after Christmas Break. Compared to many others, we would consider our 2020-2021 school year a success with no major outbreaks within the school. We thank all of the staff, students, parents, and community for bearing with us through all of the necessary changes that had to be made throughout the year.

Summary of 21-22 Return to School Plan

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will strive to resume a “normal” school year as much as we possibly can. We will continue to implement many of the same measures during this school year that were in place during the 20-21 school year. Please keep in mind that we will be working closely with the Department of Public Health, as well as using guidance from the CDC, the Governor’s Office, and the Georgia Department of Education to make changes deemed necessary in response to COVID.

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In the event that a student or staff member tests positive, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will continue to contact the parent and send letters home with those that were in **CLOSE CONTACT** with the positive case. **CLOSE CONTACT** can be defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer.



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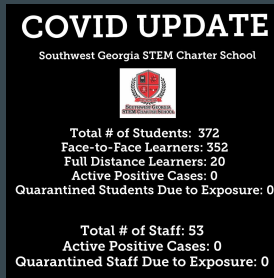
FROM Centers for Disease Control (CDC) related to Quarantining:

[COVID-19: When to Quarantine](#)


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Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will continue to be transparent with the number of students and staff that are positive for COVID throughout the school year. This information will be posted in the Parent Newsletter that is shared each week on the school's Facebook page.

Example:



COVID UPDATE
Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School



Total # of Students: 372
Face-to-Face Learners: 352
Full Distance Learners: 20
Active Positive Cases: 0
Quarantined Students Due to Exposure: 0

Total # of Staff: 53
Active Positive Cases: 0
Quarantined Staff Due to Exposure: 0

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During the 2021-2022 school year, Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School will not offer a Full Distance Learning Model for students. We recognize that our students learn better through Face-to-Face Instruction and all students will be required to attend school in a Face-to-Face setting during the school year. We will make accommodations for any students that must quarantine throughout the school year and in the event of having to move to Virtual Learning due to COVID, we will utilize Google Classroom to deliver instruction and assignments.

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- School: Face masks are encouraged, but are not required at this time
- Bus: Face masks will be required on the bus at this time
- We will not require temperature checks for students at this time
- We will strive to keep students distanced at least 3 feet apart at all times, but cannot always guarantee that this will be an option
- Students will eat breakfast and lunch in the classrooms - exception of Pre-K and Kindergarten
- Sanitizing stations will continue to be available in classrooms, hallways, and restrooms and other highly trafficked areas
- Fogging of the classrooms will continue to be implemented each week
- Students will remain in their homeroom classrooms throughout the day with the exception of special areas. Teachers will rotate into the classrooms to provide instruction
- Lockers will not be used at this time
- Touchless water stations are being installed throughout different areas of the school
- Visitors will be required to have their temperature checked and wear a mask while in the building at this time

CONCLUSION

If you have any further questions, please email Ginger Almon at galmon@sowegastemcharter.org

PLEASE REMEMBER ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PLAN ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON COVID NUMBERS IN THE SCHOOL AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DPH, CDC, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, AND GADOE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!