



Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

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Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School 2021-2022 COVID Return

At Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School, our number one priority is the safety of our students. We appreciate all of the support that our parents, students, and community have given us during the beginning of this school year. It certainly has not been the start that we anticipated. During the last three days, teachers have worked to create options for students to stay on track if they are quarantined by accessing Google Classrooms (exception Pre-K which will provide activities for students in quarantine). **As we move forward, we will welcome our students back into the school for Face-to-Face learning on Monday, August 16, 2021. In order for us to continue Face-to-Face Instruction in the safest environment possible, we will require masks for all staff and students - both vaccinated and unvaccinated - to be worn in all areas that appropriate social distance is unable to be obtained.** We will reevaluate requiring the masks on September 18th (midpoint of the quarter). If the numbers are suitable, we may be able to move back to allowing masks to be optional. Please send your child to school each day with a mask.

We are trying everything possible to keep our students in the school. We ask that you support these efforts by doing the following:

- Send your child with a mask each day to school
- Do not send your child to school if he/she is experiencing symptoms related to COVID - www.cdc.gov, if there is a positive case in the home, or if they have been exposed to COVID
- Communicate with the school - keep us informed if there are symptoms, positive cases, etc.
- Trust the school - I know that everyone is fearful right now, but we will always contact you if your child has been exposed to COVID in school or if he/she is experiencing symptoms while at school. Please rely on the school for information rather than individual social media posts, word of mouth, etc.

Once again, thank you all very much for the support. We will do everything that we can to ensure your child's safety in a Face-to-Face learning environment.

Sincerely,

Ginger Almon
Principal
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