



Southern Local Schools **Covid Protocols**



The Southern Local School District will implement the following prevention and mitigation strategies in response to COVID-19 virus.

Masks

- Masks are highly recommended in the classroom, but are optional at this time.
- Masks are required for 14 days when exposed to a positive COVID case in the classroom setting. The student doesn't have to be excluded unless they develop symptoms of COVID. Refer to Mask to Stay/Test to Play Guidelines from ODH.
- Masks are required on school transportation per federal mandate.

Vaccination Status

- If you are fully vaccinated, no exclusion is required when exposed to a positive Covid Case.

Transportation

- Students will have assigned seats on the bus.
- Students will be required to wear a mask to be transported on the bus.
- Buses will continue to be sanitized and cleaned daily.

Building/Facilities

- Students will be 3-6 feet apart as space permits for social distancing.
- We will continue to keep our water fountains closed and use bottle filling stations. Please send a water bottle with your child to school.
- Hand sanitizer will be available for the classroom and high traffic areas.
- Plexiglass dividers will be available for classroom table seating.
- Cleaning and sanitizing will continue daily.
- HVAC settings will be maximized to increase ventilation and air filtration.

Illness

- If your child is sick and having symptoms, please keep them home from school.
- Some common COVID symptoms are: no taste/smell, sore throat, headache, stuffy nose/ congestion, cough, fever, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- If the sickness continues, seek advice from your medical provider.
- If your child has a fever, they have to be fever free for 24 hours without using fever reducing medication to return to school.
- Sick students will be isolated if becoming ill at school while waiting to be picked up.
- COVID at-home tests will be available for staff and students as requested for symptoms.
- Quarantine, isolation and contact tracing guidelines will be followed as directed by the Ohio Department of Health.