



SCCSD believes that students, staff, parents, and whole communities benefit from in-person learning. Thus, SCCSD is planning for a 100% in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school term. Safe return to SCCSD is our priority. As such, SCCSD will adopt the following Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recommendations and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) strategies to provide students and staff a safe environment for optimal learning opportunities.



SCCSD supports all eligible students, faculty, and staff **5 years and older** receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. SCCSD will offer convenient on-campus COVID-19 vaccinations through MSDH and trusted community health providers. SCCSD will provide the vaccines with parental consent and regardless of socioeconomic status.

Advantages to fully vaccinated students, teachers, & staff include: Decreased COVID-19 transmission risk and illness severity if infected. No mask-wearing while indoors; No required quarantine or testing is required if exposed to COVID-19 unless the individual develops symptoms; Return to extracurricular activities (i.e., sports) without frequent COVID-19 testing



"Consistent with CDC and MSDH public health guidance, SCCSD will practice universal indoor masking and in crowded outdoor settings for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 school settings when not eating or drinking, **regardless of vaccination status.**"

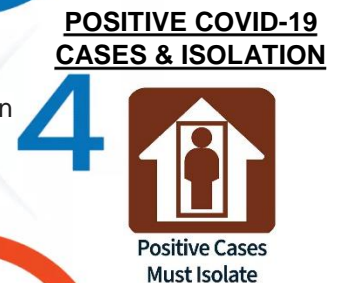


SCCSD will require at least three (3) to six (6) feet of physical distancing between students and staff to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

The legal requirement for COVID-19 leave pay ended March 31, 2021. As a result, any SCCSD staff requiring days off work for quarantining or isolating due to COVID-19 will have to use accrued sick or personal leave.



Students or staff who **test positive** for COVID-19 will be excluded from the school setting and isolate for a full 10 days **regardless of vaccination status.** Students and staff may return to school at the end of their full 10-day isolation unless they develop persistent fever or new symptoms. If the student or staff experiences persistent fever or new symptoms, they will require a medical evaluation and release from their healthcare provider.



SCCSD will continue vigilant contact tracing to identify all individuals who are in close contact with COVID-19 within the school setting or extracurricular activities through the use of class schedules and attendance reports. Students and staff who are not fully vaccinated and come in close contact with an infected person will quarantine at home for 7 days if they do not have symptoms. Contact District Nurse if having symptoms.

- Fully vaccinated students and staff in close contact with an infected person DO NOT have to quarantine but get tested 3-5 after exposure.
- Students or staff who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three (3) months DO NOT have to quarantine or get tested unless they develop symptoms.



SCCSD will collaborate with MSDH and offer voluntary screening testing of **asymptomatic, unvaccinated** students and staff. **Parental consent is required for student testing and screenings.** Weekly screenings of students participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities of any type, including sports. Weekly screenings of asymptomatic teachers and employees. **The test is a rapid antigen test with results in 15 minutes. It is non-invasive and requires inserting a swab a short way into the front part of the nose (NO DEEP INSERTION IS NECESSARY).**

OTHER SAFETY MEASURES: