



# Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School

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## **Common Communication Regarding Sick Persons at School**

- Persons with a fever of 100.4 or greater, or who are sick, or who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home to avoid infecting others.
- Persons who are determined to be sick while at school must go home. Parents/guardians will be called and required to pick up students from school. Sick students will be placed in a supervised area until their parents arrive.
- Students and employees must be symptom-free and fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school or work.
- Students and employees who are waiting on the results of a COVID-test should stay home while waiting for the results.

## **EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS Who Test Positive for COVID-19**

Following DPH and CDC guidelines, it is **recommended** that those who test positive for COVID-19 stay home 5 days and be fever-free without medication for 24 hours with other symptoms improving before returning to school or work.

- Absences for positive students will be excused with a parent's or doctor's note.
- Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 are required to use sick leave for absences.

## **Masks/Face Covering**

- Masks or appropriate face coverings are optional for all faculty, staff, students, and guests in school district facilities.
- Masks or appropriate face coverings are optional for all persons who ride the school bus.



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## **RECOMMENDATIONS for Measures of Illness Prevention**

- Stay home when sick.
- Maintain at least three-six feet distance between each person when feasible.
- Wear appropriate face coverings that cover nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid sharing items (pencils, other school supplies, food, drinks, etc.)
- Cover cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Cough or sneeze into elbow if tissue is not available.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing.