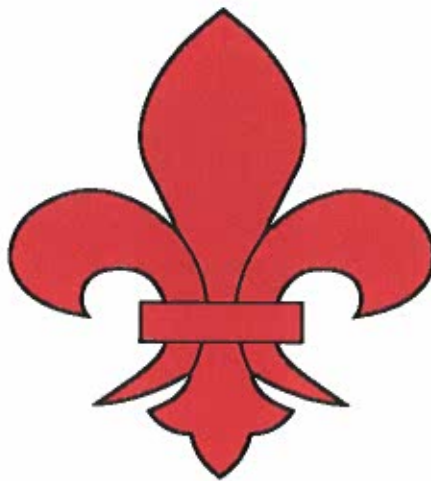


# **Learning Options for Reopening 2020**


## **Saint Clair Area School District**




**SCASD students, families and employees have been at the heart of our decision-making during these uncertain times due to COVID – 19.**

## Learning Options

Based on the information you provided in the parent survey and the teacher survey, we feel it is best to offer options for your student(s) learning in the fall. Final determinations will be made taking into account the state, federal, and local guidelines.


 <p>Traditional (K – 8)</p>	<p>This scenario will enable students to attend school Monday – Friday. Our school will follow traditional hours unless directed by the Commonwealth of PA or a localized emergency occurs that would prevent the operation of the school.</p>
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OR

 <p>Online Instruction (K – 8)</p>	<p>This scenario will enable K – 8 students to learn online through their regularly scheduled classroom teachers. Students using this option will need to abide by our district attendance policy.</p>
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Alternate scenario based on state guidance

 <p>Hybrid (K – 8)</p>	<p>If this scenario needs to take place students will come to school on an alternating weekly cycle. Students with the last name from A – L will attend school Monday – Friday with regular school hours one week and students with the last name beginning M – Z will attend the following week, alternating weekly. When students are not in the school building learning will take place virtually. Students learning through online instruction can continue with online instruction.</p>
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**\* IF THERE IS A MANDATED SCHOOL CLOSURE, ALL STUDENTS WILL LEARN VIA ONLINE INSTRUCTION\***

## SURVEY RESULTS



Thank you to our 188 families who submitted responses, to our survey. We are very fortunate to have such an involved and supportive community!

According to the questions we asked and comments you submitted, we gained the following insights:

1. An overwhelming majority of you want schools to reopen. (65%)
2. A majority of families are comfortable sending their students to school with reasonable health and safety protocols in place. (67%)
3. A majority of families expressed ability and willingness to provide transportation for their students to and from school daily. (65%)



## Health & Safety Protocols

### **Busing**

- Daily cleaning and disinfection
- Masks will be recommended on the bus
- Additional safety training for all drivers related to the pandemic

### **Facilities**

- Increased cleaning for all high frequency areas: hand rails, door knobs, and other touch points
- Increased cleaning of restrooms

### **Classrooms**

- Limited number of students in each classroom
- Nightly cleaning of classrooms
- Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer provided to all classrooms
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing scheduled for all students and staff
- Provide enough supplies to classrooms
- Social distancing protocols

### **Health Services**

- Staff and students will participate in a continuum of screenings
- Staff and students will be highly encouraged to stay home when sick
- Education to staff and students on COVID-19 symptoms and prevention strategies

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

We know this is a lot of information. We also understand that this situation is constantly changing. You and your family might need time to consider these options. Reach out to us with questions or concerns you may have.

When you are ready, we are asking you to take a few minutes and complete the survey that will provide us with the information we need to be ready to accommodate your child(ren) this fall.

Please complete one survey per student to let us know which option you will be choosing for your child(ren) this fall. The survey will be sent through email, along with being posted on our district website and on Facebook.

**Please choose the enrollment option that is best for your student(s) by completing this survey by August 1, 2020. This will give us time to adjust schedules, bus routes, order devices, and make all the other necessary preparations to accommodate all students.**

### **We need your help... to Stay Healthy Together**

- Transporting your child to and from school if possible
- Reinforcing Health & Safety Guidelines with your child
- Taking your child's temperature daily before school
- If your child is sick or exhibiting symptoms, please stay home
- Communicate with the school nurse about illness or exposure

## Contact Information

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### Purpose of the Plan

The Health and Safety Plan is to enact safety and disease mitigation protocols for COVID-19 and ensure a coherent, community - wide, safe approach to reopening schools in the Fall of 2020.

This plan was developed in consultation with local health agencies and is unique to the needs of the Saint Clair Area School District. This plan will be monitored, revised, and updated throughout the school year until normal operations resume.

As decision makers, we are mindful that as long as there are cases of COVID-19 in the community, there are no strategies that can completely eliminate transmission risk within a school population.

The goal is to keep transmission as low as possible to safely continue school activities.

All school activities must be informed by Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania, which broadly categorized reopening into three phases: Red, Yellow, and Green.

Red	Yellow	Green	No restrictions
<p>Stay at home orders, strict social distancing, closures of non-life sustaining businesses, closures of schools and in-person instruction, and building safety protocols. Remote learning opportunities should be the method of providing any instruction to students. Support services for students such as school meal programs and at-risk student check-ins, should be provided as feasible. Large gatherings prohibited.</p>	<p>Stay at home orders lifted but with some restrictions on work and social interactions. Limitations around large social gatherings remain in place. Schools are permitted to reopen for in-person instruction after July 1 provided the school adheres to PDE guidance and after developing a written Health and Safety Plan.</p>	<p>Eases most restrictions, but still encourages social distancing and limitations on large social gatherings to allow the economy to strategically reopen while continuing to prioritize public health.</p>	<p>Resume normal operations with any permanent changes necessary.</p>

### Pandemic Response Team

**Role of Team:** Responsible for facilitating the local planning process, monitoring implementation of the Health & Safety Plan, and continued monitoring of local health data to assess implications for school operations and potential adjustments to the Health & Safety Plan throughout the school year.

Name	Role	Organization
Thomas McLaughlin	Pandemic Coordinator	SCASD
Jennifer Buletza	Principal	SCASD
Kacie Fetterolf	Special Education Supervisor	SCASD
Thomas Dempsey	Maintenance	SCASD
Eileen Tarconish	Teacher	SCASD
Lisa Gasper	Teacher	SCASD
Michele Turnitza	School Nurse	SCASD
Kimberly Wilson	Cafeteria Supervisor	SCASD
Terry Schane	Business Manager	SCASD
Jennifer Lipton	Parent	SCASD
Mindy Zimerofsky	Transportation	SCASD

### Reviews and Submissions

Approved by SCASD Board of Directors: August 12, 2020

Submitted to PDE: August 13, 2020

Posted on website: August 13, 2020



## Resources

This plan has been developed after consulting the following documents: [Governor Wolf's Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#), [Center for Disease Controls \(CDC\) School Reopening Decision Tool](#) and [CDC Interim Guidance for Schools](#), [PA Department of Health guidance](#), [COVID-19 data by zip code](#), and [PDE Guidance for Phased Re-opening of Schools](#).

**CDC - COVID-19 Site:** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
[CDC Guidance for K-12 Schools](#)

**World Health Organization (WHO) - COVID-19 Site:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

**PA Department of Health (PADoH) - COVID-19 Site:**  
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

## Definitions

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)

"A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified. The virus causing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold.

A diagnosis with coronavirus 229E, NL63, OC43, or HKU1 is not the same as a COVID-19 diagnosis. Patients with COVID-19 will be evaluated and cared for differently than patients with common coronavirus diagnosis."

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#basics>

Learning Options Available for the 2020 - 2021 school year			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Teachers will teach from their classroom but will remain socially distant during the school day</p>	<p>Options available for Continuity of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditional or Online Instruction</li> <li>- Hybrid based on state guidance</li> </ul>	<p>Options available for Continuity of Education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Traditional or Online Instruction</li> <li>- Hybrid based on state guidance</li> </ul>	

**Anticipated launch date for in-person learning: August 31, 2020**

Training / Professional Development Required			
Lead Individual and Position: Michele Turnitza, School Nurse			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Essential employees trained on appropriate cleaning, sanitization, and PPE provided</p>	<p>All staff will be trained on the implementation of the health and safety plan prior to the beginning of the school year and before providing services to students</p> <p>All faculty and professional staff will be trained by school nurse about COVID-19, mitigation of the spread, and teaching of appropriate hand washing techniques</p>	<p>All staff will be trained on the implementation of the health and safety plan prior to the beginning of the school year and before providing services to students</p> <p>All faculty and professional staff will be trained by school nurse about COVID-19, mitigation of the spread, and teaching of appropriate hand washing techniques</p>	<p>Power point and review of updated CDC and PA Department of Health guidelines</p>

Transportation			
Lead Individual and Position: Charles Felty, Bus Company			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning	<p>Daily cleaning and disinfection</p> <p>Students will sit one student per seat on the bus (24+-)</p> <p>Masks will be recommended on the bus by all riders</p> <p>Monitor social distancing between students while disembarking from the bus</p> <p>Additional safety training for all drivers related to the pandemic</p>	<p>Daily cleaning and disinfection</p> <p>Students will sit no more than two students per seat on the bus (48+-)</p> <p>Masks will be recommended on the bus by all riders</p> <p>Monitor social distancing between students while disembarking from the bus</p> <p>Additional safety training for all drivers related to the pandemic</p>	

Screening of Students and Employees			
Lead Individual and Position: Thomas McLaughlin, Superintendent			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning Essential employee screening continues	Screening of all students and employees will continue daily prior to entry	Screening of all students and employees will continue daily prior to entry	Screening of students/employees with self-reported review of health and symptoms, CDC tracker and infrared assessment measures

Healthy Hygiene Practices			
Lead Individual and Position: Michele Turnitza, School Nurse			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning	<p><a href="#">Guidelines for hand-washing and other best practices</a></p> <p><a href="#">Posting of signs in highly visible locations that promote everyday proactive practices</a></p> <p>Frequent hand washing and sanitizing for students and staff at the end of each class period</p> <p>Hand sanitizer readily available and/or children may bring individual bottles of hand sanitizer to keep on desk or in backpack</p> <p>Students should be encouraged/permitted to carry fragrance-free 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer. Students under the age of 9 should have supervision</p> <p>Each classroom will be provided with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer</p>	<p><a href="#">Guidelines for hand-washing and other best practices</a></p> <p><a href="#">Posting of signs in highly visible locations that promote everyday proactive practices</a></p> <p>Frequent hand washing and sanitizing for students and staff at the end of each class period</p> <p>Hand sanitizer readily available and/or children may bring individual bottles of hand sanitizer to keep on desk or in backpack</p> <p>Students should be encouraged/permitted to carry fragrance-free 60% alcohol based hand sanitizer. Students under the age of 9 should have supervision</p> <p>Each classroom will be provided with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer</p>	<p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination system</p> <p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p> <p>Water bottle fill up station</p>

Use of Face Coverings			
Lead Individual and Position: Michele Turnitza, School Nurse			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Essential Staff - Required</p> <p>Students - N/A</p>	<p><u>Staff</u> - Face shields or Masks are required unless doing so jeopardizes their health</p> <p>Staff may remove face covering during breaks as long as they remain a minimum of 6 feet from all others.</p> <p><u>Students</u> - Recommended</p>	<p><u>Staff</u> - Face shields or Masks are required indoors unless doing so jeopardizes their health</p> <p>Staff may remove the mask when participating in outdoor activities and remain a minimum of 6 feet from all others</p> <p>Staff may remove face covering during breaks as long as they remain a minimum of 6 feet from all others.</p> <p><u>Students</u> - Recommended</p>	<p>Face masks</p> <p>Face shields</p> <p>Plexi-glass/shields in cafeteria, offices, bathrooms and locker rooms</p> <p>Desk shields for each student</p>

Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfection, and Ventilation			
Lead Individual and Position: Thomas Dempsey, Head of Maintenance			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Daily cleaning and disinfection of all utilized spaces</p>	<p><u>Restrictions:</u> No communal use of water coolers or water fountains</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u> Clean and sanitize each classroom, restroom, hallway, and touch points per <a href="#">CDC requirements</a> for COVID-19</p> <p><u>Classrooms:</u> Nightly cleaning including sanitizing and touch point cleaning</p> <p><u>Restroom Cleaning:</u> Every 2 hours throughout school day</p> <p><u>Hallways:</u> Sanitizing door knobs, handrails and touch points in hallways</p> <p>Use of student lockers is not permitted</p> <p><u>Touch points:</u> (Desks, door knobs, and hand rails) Nightly touch point cleaning</p> <p><u>Nurses Suite:</u> Sanitized each night</p>	<p><u>Restrictions:</u> No communal use of water coolers or water fountains</p> <p><u>Requirements:</u> Clean and sanitize each classroom, restroom, hallway, and touch points per <a href="#">CDC requirements</a> for COVID-19</p> <p><u>Classrooms:</u> Nightly cleaning including sanitizing and touch point cleaning</p> <p><u>Restroom Cleaning:</u> Every 2 hours throughout school day</p> <p><u>Hallways:</u> Sanitizing door knobs, handrails and touch points in hallways</p> <p>Use of students lockers is not permitted</p> <p><u>Touch points:</u> (Desks, door knobs, and hand rails) Nightly touch point cleaning</p> <p><u>Nurses Suite:</u> Sanitized each night</p>	<p>Training of all custodians and utility employees per CDC requirements</p> <p>PPE provided per CDC requirements</p> <p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination system</p> <p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p> <p>Backpacks will be provided to carry supplies/materials throughout the school day</p>

Classroom Restrictions			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning	<p>Limit the number of people to 25 (students + adults) in classrooms and learning spaces to 6 foot distance between students, limit interactions between students, limit the sharing of supplies/materials, staggering start/stop time of classes to limit the number of people transitioning at the same time</p> <p>Windows and classroom doors open for air flow</p> <p>Provide additional supplies to classroom to minimize sharing of supplies</p> <p>Field trips and large group assemblies are cancelled</p>	<p>Limit the number of people to 25 (students + adults) in classrooms and learning spaces to 3 – 6 foot distance between students, limit interactions between students, limit the sharing of supplies/materials, staggering start/stop time of classes to limit the number of people transitioning at the same time</p> <p>Windows and classroom doors open for air flow</p> <p>Provide additional supplies to classroom to minimize sharing of supplies</p> <p>Field trips and large group assemblies postponed until restrictions allow participation without accommodations</p>	

Social Distancing			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p><b>Staff:</b> Essential Staff that report to work must adhere to strict 6' social distancing requirements, adjusted beginning/ending shifts, and staggered lunch and break schedules.</p> <p><b>Students:</b> Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p>	<p>Classroom and learning space occupancy that allows for 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>Classrooms organized with desks in rows at least 6' radius, all facing in the same direction</p> <p>No more than 25 people (students, staff, and faculty) assigned to any classroom</p> <p>Social distancing will continue in lobby with staggered entry times</p> <p>See PE, Recess, and Lunch Sections for additional information</p> <p>Achieve Program – no more than 20 students</p> <p>Maintain social distance of 6 feet</p>	<p>Classroom and learning space occupancy that allows for 3 - 6 feet of separation among students and staff throughout the day to the maximum extent feasible.</p> <p>Classrooms organized with desks in rows at least 3 - 6' radius, all facing in the same direction</p> <p>No more than 25 people (students, staff, and faculty) assigned to any classroom</p> <p>Social distancing will continue in lobby with staggered entry times</p> <p>See PE, Recess, and Lunch Sections for additional information</p> <p>Achieve Program – no more than 22 students</p> <p>Maintain social distance</p>	<p>Training for all staff on social distancing enforcement</p>



Breakfast / Lunch / Cafeteria / Serving of Food			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p><u>Students:</u> Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Meal distribution for Grab-and-Go will continue during the school year on days students are not in session</p>	<p><u>Breakfast</u> Grab-and-go</p> <p><u>Lunch Meals Options</u> Meals will be served as:</p> <p>Grab-and-go bagged meals or Students bring their own lunch</p>	<p><u>Breakfast</u> Grab-and-go</p> <p><u>Lunch Meals Options</u> Meals will be served as:</p> <p>Student bring their own lunch or Tray lunches or Pre-packaged salads</p>	<p>Kiosks</p> <p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination system</p> <p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p> <p>Disinfectant and sanitizing wipes</p> <p>Disposable trays</p> <p>Disposable containers</p>

Movement / Transitions / Hallways			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p>	<p>Students will remain in their classroom the majority of the day with limited transitions</p> <p>Teachers will move classrooms when necessary</p>	<p>Students will remain in their classroom the majority of the day with limited transitions</p> <p>Teachers will move classrooms when necessary</p>	<p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination</p>

			<p>system</p> <p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p>
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Recess, Physical Education (PE) Class, and Athletic Restrictions			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p>	<p>Recommendations consistent with <a href="#">CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</a></p> <p>Outdoor activities whenever feasible is strongly encouraged</p> <p>No team sports at recess or physical education class</p> <p>No sharing of equipment</p> <p>Focus on strength, individual skills, conditioning, agility or technique/strategy only</p> <p>Locker Rooms will be closed unless there is an extenuating circumstance with approval from the principal. Students should come to school dressed to participate</p>	<p>Recommendations consistent with <a href="#">CDC Considerations for Youth Sports</a></p> <p>Outdoor activities whenever feasible is strongly encouraged</p> <p>Some team sports introduced with exchange of equipment (balls/rackets) with sanitizing hands of each participant and equipment <u>before and after</u> each PE or Recess</p> <p>Discourage any unnecessary contact, create distance between players whenever possible, with social distancing to the maximum extent feasible for the sport</p> <p>Clean and disinfect playing surface and equipment between uses and any frequently</p>	<p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination system</p> <p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p> <p>Water bottle fill up station</p> <p>Cups</p>

	<p>in PE or recess.</p> <p>Hand washing/sanitizing prior to and after ending any PE or recess activity</p> <p>Athletics; outdoor practice whenever feasible</p>	<p>touched surfaces</p> <p>Student encouraged to bring own water bottle</p> <p>Consider alternative activities for students who do not want to participate or have an increased risk</p> <p>Hand washing/sanitizing is essential prior to and after ending any PE or recess activity</p> <p>Athletics; indoor facility use limited to 25 people</p>	
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Families and Communication			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p>Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p>Continued communication with families about <a href="#">public service and health announcements</a> (COVID-19 testing, DOH announcements, LVHN announcements, <a href="#">continued communication about continuity of education plan</a>)</p>	<p>Ongoing communication and collaboration with families regarding elements of the local health and safety plan including ways families can practice safe hygiene at home</p>	<p>Ongoing communication and collaboration with families regarding elements of the local health and safety plan including ways families can practice safe hygiene at home</p>	<p>District Website</p> <p>Facebook Page</p>

Visitors & Volunteers			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Visitors by appointment only	<p>Remote appointments required (Parent meetings, IEP meetings, etc.)</p> <p>Other visitors will be prohibited</p> <p>Any visitors requiring entry must be screened before permitting entry</p>	<p>Remote appointments recommended (Parent meetings, IEP meetings, etc.)</p> <p>Other visitors deemed necessary to have in-person meetings will be screened before permitting entry</p> <p>Limited exposure within the building is recommended for all visitors</p> <p><a href="#">Visitors and volunteers will be screened per protocol prior to entry and work with students</a></p> <p>Volunteers must adhere to the same standard of notification and screening as an employee</p>	Infrared screening protocols

Protecting Children and Staff at a Higher Risk for Severe Illness			
Lead Individual and Position: Kacie Fetterolf and Michele Turnitza, Special Education Supervisor and School Nurse			
Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<u>Staff:</u>	<a href="#">Following all procedures for children</a>	<a href="#">Following all procedures for children</a>	Close collaboration with student, guardian

<b>Students:</b> Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning	<a href="#">and staff at a higher risk for severe illness as recommended by the CDC</a>	<a href="#">and staff at a higher risk for severe illness as recommended by the CDC</a>	and health care provider
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### Monitoring Students and Employees for Symptoms and a History of Exposure

**Lead Individual and Position: Michele Turnitza, School Nurse**

Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning	Screening of all students and employees will continue daily prior to entry	Screening of all students and employees will continue daily prior to entry	Monitor absentee rate Phone calls forwarded to nurse for absentees

### When an Employee or Student becomes sick or demonstrates a history of exposure

**Lead Individual and Position: Michele Turnitza, School Nurse**

Red	Yellow	Green	Materials, Resources, and/or Support Needed
<p><b>Students:</b> Schools remain closed for in-person instruction and all instruction is via remote learning</p> <p><b>Employees:</b> Mandatory Report to health care provider for additional advice including recommended quarantine or social</p>	<p>Identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms</p> <p>Report to the Department of Health 1-877-PA-HEALTH</p> <p>Increased cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms every 2 hours throughout the school</p>	<p>Identify an isolation room or area to separate anyone who exhibits COVID-like symptoms</p> <p>Report to the Department of Health 1-877-PA-HEALTH</p> <p>Increased cleaning and sanitizing of classrooms every 2 hours throughout the school</p>	<p><a href="#">Use of COVID-19 Student Tracker to track quarantine dates and exposure</a></p> <p>FDA approved hand sanitizer</p> <p>Clorox and Lysol disinfectant wipes</p> <p>AeroClave room decontamination system</p>

<p>isolation</p> <p>Employee should be referred to HR for COVID-19 procedures including return to work procedures and use of benefitted time for absence</p>	<p>day</p> <p>Notification to individuals who came in contact with exposed individual</p> <p>All persons who have been in the presence of a diagnosed individual up to 48 hours prior to symptoms will be excluded from school for 14 days unless one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation the individuals were practicing social distancing and the diagnosed individual was wearing a face covering</li> <li>- Negative test result provided since exposure</li> <li>- Evidence of video or in-person visit with medical professional that indicates testing is not required</li> </ul> <p>Must be fever free for 48 hours prior to return to school without fever-reducing medication</p> <p>Classroom instruction for quarantined students will move to a 100% remote instruction model</p>	<p>day</p> <p>Notification to individuals who came in contact with exposed individual</p> <p>All persons who have been in the presence of a diagnosed individual up to 48 hours prior to symptoms will be excluded from school for 14 days unless/until one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confirmation the individuals were practicing social distancing and the diagnosed individual was wearing a face covering.</li> <li>- Negative test result provided since exposure</li> <li>- Evidence of video or in-person visit with medical professional that indicates testing is not required</li> </ul> <p>Must be fever free for 48 hours prior to return to school without fever-reducing medication.</p> <p>Classroom instruction for quarantined students will move to a 100% remote instruction model</p>	<p>AeroClave portable applicator hand sprayer</p> <p>Vital oxide disinfectant solution</p>
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Health and Safety Plan Professional Development			
Lead Individual and Position: Thomas McLaughlin, Superintendent			
Topic	Audience	Lead Person / Position	Session Format
Appropriate Hand Washing Techniques	All Students	Classroom Teacher	School Nurse/Classroom Teacher- Handwashing
Mitigation of COVID-19	Faculty and Staff	Tom McLaughlin	In-service from Superintendent
Appropriate hand washing techniques	All staff and students	Michele Turnitza	School Nurse- In-service
CDC recommended cleaning for COVID-19	All Building & Grounds Staff - responsible for cleaning facilities	Tom Dempsey	Tom Dempsey- Cleaning procedures, scheduled meeting for all maintenance and cleaning staff

### Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

The Board of Directors for the Saint Clair Area School District reviewed and approved the Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan on August 12, 2020.

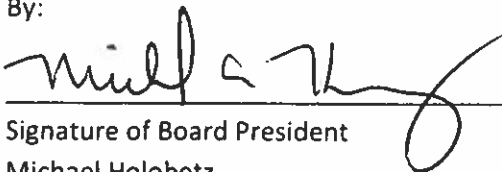
The plan was approved by a vote of: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 0 members absent

Yes

No

Affirmed on August 12, 2020

By:



Signature of Board President

Michael Holobetz

Print Name of Board President





## Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings

COVID-19 is a contagious disease that is rapidly spreading from person to person. People infected are capable of exposing others to COVID-19 even if their symptoms are mild, such as a cough, or even if they are asymptomatic. Additionally, exposure is possible by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching one's mouth, nose, or eyes. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell. Early symptoms may also include chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, and runny nose. Older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk for serious illness.

The first cases of COVID-19 were reported in the United States in January 2020. Since then, multiple areas of the United States have experienced "community spread" of COVID-19, meaning that the illness is being transmitted through unknown contact, and not from contacts with known cases. On March 6, 2020, after the first cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania were confirmed, the Governor issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency. Since that date, the number of positive cases has continued to rise, and community spread has continued in the Commonwealth as well. Case counts rapidly increased throughout the Commonwealth in March and April, 2020. As of July 1, 2020, every county in the Commonwealth has been affected, the number of cases is 87,242, and 6,687 individuals have died from COVID-19.

In order to slow the spread and protect the people of the Commonwealth, the Governor and I issued Orders on March 19, 2020, closing all Commonwealth businesses that are not life sustaining. *See Order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Regarding the Closure of All Businesses That Are Not Life Sustaining*, as amended; *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Regarding the Closure of All Businesses That Are Not Life Sustaining*, as amended. On April 1, 2020, the Governor and I issued Orders directing all individuals in Pennsylvania to stay at home. *See Order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Individuals to Stay at Home*, as amended; *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health to Stay at Home*, as amended.

In addition, I issued an Order on April 15, 2020, requiring mitigation measures to be applied at businesses that are permitted to engage in in-person operations, including a requirement that all customers wear masks while on premises of businesses that serve the public within a building or a defined area and directs businesses to deny entry to individuals not wearing masks, unless the business is providing medication, medical supplies, or food, in which case the business must provide alternative methods of pick-up or delivery of such goods. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition (including children under the age of 2 years per CDC guidance) are permitted to enter the premises and are not

required to provide documentation of such medical condition. *See Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations.*

Those mitigation efforts slowed the spread of the disease, protected our hospitals from being overwhelmed, and enabled our hospitals to care for our ill residents. Accordingly, in Orders on May 7, 2020, the Governor and I suspended restrictions for certain areas instituted in the orders on March 19, 2020, as amended, and April 1, 2020, as amended. *See Order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for Limited Opening of Business, Lifting of Stay at Home Requirements, and Continued Aggressive Mitigation Efforts, as amended; Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health for a Limited Opening of Businesses, Lifting of Stay Home Requirements and Continued Aggressive Mitigation Efforts, as amended.*

These mitigation strategies, practiced by all persons in the Commonwealth, have been successful in slowing the spread of the virus, and have allowed the phased and considered reopening of the Commonwealth, *see Order of the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the Continued Reopening of the Commonwealth* of May 27, 2020, as amended; *Order of the Secretary for the Continued Reopening of the Commonwealth* of May 27, 2020, as amended. Person-to-person spread does continue however, and with the reopening, the Commonwealth is beginning to see increases in new cases. Mindful of the need to slow this increase, in order to avoid the types of stringent Commonwealth-wide mitigation strategies that were discontinued a short time ago, and in order to avoid the resurgence that is overwhelming the health care systems and public health systems in other states, I am ordering that all persons in the Commonwealth wear face coverings in accordance with this Order. Face coverings can decrease the spread of respiratory droplets from people. *See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#recent-studies>.* When used in public settings, face coverings will work to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth.

COVID-19 is a threat to the public's health, for which the Secretary of Health may order general control measures, including, but not limited to, closure, isolation, and quarantine. This authority is granted to the Secretary of Health pursuant to Pennsylvania law. *See* section 5 of the Disease Prevention and Control Law, 35 P.S. § 521.5; sections 2102(a) and 2106 of the Administrative Code of 1929, 71 P.S. §§ 532(a), and 536; and the Department of Health's regulations at 28 Pa. Code §§ 27.60-27.68 (relating to disease control measures; isolation; quarantine; movement of persons subject to isolation or quarantine; and release from isolation and quarantine). Particularly, the Department of Health has the authority to take any disease control measure appropriate to protect the public from the spread of infectious disease. *See* 35 P.S. § 521.5; 71 P.S. § 532(a), and 1403(a); 28 Pa. Code § 27.60.

Accordingly, on this date, July 1, 2020, to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19, I hereby order:

## Section 1: Face Coverings Defined

“Face covering” means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face. A “face covering” can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, or linen. For purposes of this order, a face covering includes a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. “Face coverings” may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or be improvised from household items, including but not limited to, scarfs, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. While procedural and surgical masks intended for healthcare providers and first responders meet these requirements, such as N95 respirators, these specialized masks should be reserved for appropriate occupational and health care settings.

## Section 2: Face Coverings Required

Except as provided in Section 3, individuals are required to wear face coverings if they are:

- A. outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet from individuals who are not members of their household;
- B. in any indoor location where members of the public are generally permitted;
- C. waiting for, riding on, driving, or operating public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service or ride-sharing vehicle;
- D. obtaining services from the healthcare sector in settings including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank; or
- E. engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off-site, when interacting in-person with any member of the public, working in any space visited by members of the public, working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others, working in or walking through common areas, or in any room or enclosed area where other people, except for members of the person’s own household or residence, are present when unable to physically distance.

## Section 3: Exceptions to Face Covering Requirement

- A. The following are exceptions to the face covering requirement in Section 2:
  - i. Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, mental health condition, or disability;

- ii. Individuals for whom wearing a mask while working would create an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
  - iii. Individuals who would be unable to remove a mask without assistance;
  - iv. Individuals who are under two years of age;
  - v. Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- B. Individuals are not required to show documentation that an exception applies.

Section 4: Prior Orders

This Order is intended to be read in concert with my Order Relating to Public Health Safety Measures for Businesses Permitted to Maintain In-person Operations, dated April 15, 2020, and with the Governor's and my Orders for the Continued Reopening of the Commonwealth, dated May 27, 2020.

Section 5: Effective Date

This Order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.



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Rachel Levine, MD  
Secretary of Health



## Attestation Ensuring Implementation of Mitigation Efforts

Whereas, the commonwealth is experiencing its highest daily case counts since the beginning of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, resulting in increased hospitalizations, nearly 10,000 deaths, and heightened risk to the most vulnerable Pennsylvanians;

Whereas, the Wolf Administration has identified new mitigation efforts, including an attestation process for public school entities that elect to continue in-person instruction for students in counties designated as exhibiting "Substantial" transmission of COVID-19 for two or more consecutive weeks based on a disease incidence rate of 100 or more cases per 100,000 residents and/or a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) percent positivity rate of 10 percent or greater;

Whereas, as of November 23, 2020, 59 of Pennsylvania's 67 counties met one or both of these standards;

Whereas, Pennsylvania [recommends that school entities in counties with Substantial disease transmission transition to remote-only instructional models](#);

Whereas, as of November 20, 2020, many public school entities have exercised their local discretion to continue in-person instruction for all or some students;

Whereas, the resurgence of COVID-19 across the nation, region, and commonwealth requires more consistent and intensive implementation of disease mitigation efforts;

Whereas, these mitigation efforts include an attestation process for any public school entity (a "public school entity" is defined as a school district, intermediate unit, charter school, cyber charter school, or a career and technical education center) that elects to continue in-person instruction as of November 30, 2020 while the county in which it is located is under a Substantial disease transmission designation for at least two consecutive weeks; and

Whereas, this attestation process supplements and does not supplant existing public health guidance issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Pennsylvania Department of Education;

AND NOW, THEREFORE, the president/chair of the school entity's governing board and chief school administrator, in accordance with the Order of the Secretary of Health dated November 24, 2020, entitled *Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Public School Entities in Counties with Substantial Community Transmission to Attest to Health and Safety Protocols*, attest to one of the following (SELECT ONE OPTION):

All or some of the students within the public school entity are currently receiving in-person instruction and:

1. We have read the [Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#), effective November 18, 2020, including necessary exceptions and [associated guidance](#), and affirm the public school entity is complying and will continue to comply with and enforce the Updated Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania

Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, including necessary exceptions and associated guidance; and

2. We have read and agree to follow [the Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19](#), when cases of COVID-19 occur within the public school entity.

OR

- The public school entity has transitioned to a fully remote learning model and will continue to use a fully remote learning model until the county (or counties) in which the public school entity is located is no longer experiencing Substantial disease transmission for two consecutive weeks.

\*\*\* A public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission that is currently providing a fully remote learning model and that elects to transfer to in-person instruction must resubmit this attestation prior to providing in-person instruction.

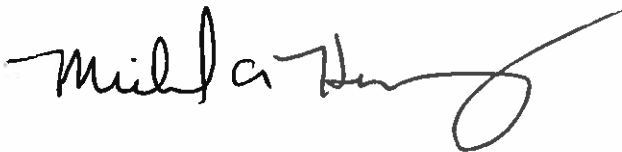
*Saint Clair Area SD*

(Name of Public School Entity)

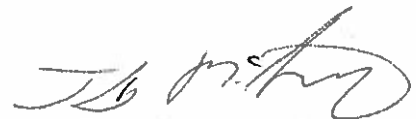
affirms that it has

attached this signed Attestation to its Local Health and Safety Plan (the "Plan") in order to reflect provisions above, and that, by doing so, this attestation becomes part of the Plan and has been or will be fully implemented by November 30, 2020, or three business days after the county in which the public school entity is located has been designated as exhibiting Substantial disease transmission for the first time, should the public school entity in a county with Substantial level of disease transmission for two or more consecutive weeks elect to offer or continue offering in-person instruction for all or some students; and

Further, the Local Health and Safety Plan, inclusive of this attestation, has been posted on the public school entity's publicly accessible website and filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education by email submission at [RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov](mailto:RA-EDCONTINUITYOFED@pa.gov).

Signed: 

(Signature of Governing Board President/Chair)



(Signature of Chief School Administrator)

President, Governing Board

Chair, Governing Board

*Michael A. Holubetz*

(Printed Name of Governing Board President/Chair)

Chief School Administrator

*Thomas McLaughlin*

(Printed Name of Chief School Administrator)

Date Signed: *11/25/2020*

Date Signed:

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