

FAQ

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This re-entry plan is based on guidance provided by the
Louisiana Department of Education
Strong Start 2020 School Reopening Guidelines and Resources.

The Special School District is committed to providing strong instruction in a safe environment for students, staff and families whether we are face-to-face or learning remotely. This document will answer frequently asked questions. Academic and instructional needs, residential living, meal plans, athletics, and healthcare protocol are available by viewing the complete draft of the plan at www.ssdofla.com.

This plan is subject to review/revision based on the latest pandemic information.

What measures have been taken to ensure a safe campus environment? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Operations personnel will continue to provide regular housekeeping/janitorial services, including:
 - Routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched areas and surfaces in high-use areas.
 - Hand sanitizing stations have been installed throughout the campus.
 - Staff within each department should increase cleaning every hour of high-touch areas such as: door handles, light switches, counter tops, and faucets.
 - Plexiglass shields will be installed at each desk
 - Masks and/or face shields will be provided to staff and students
 - Upon being informed that an employee has tested positive for COVID-19, Human Resources and Operations will coordinate the cleaning and sanitizing of the employee's workspace and common areas.

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What procedures will be followed if a student tests positive or is exposed to the coronavirus? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Parents/guardians will be immediately contacted if any cases of Covid-19 are noted on campus.
- Students exposed to a lab confirmed case of Covid-19 must be quarantined and sent home for a minimum of 14 days from the date of exposure and monitor for symptoms.
- A nurse will note any student with any underlying conditions that places them in a high-risk category.
- The high risk category is for students with the following underlying conditions:
 - chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - serious heart conditions



- immunocompromised (cancer treatment, smoking, sickle cell, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications)
- severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
- diabetes
- chronic kidney disease (undergoing dialysis) or liver disease

What steps will be followed if a staff member becomes ill? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

If an employee becomes ill with a sickness the employee must follow the guidance below:

- Staff exposed to a lab confirmed case of Covid-19 will be notified by the SHC nurse manager and must be sent home to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days from the date of exposure and monitor for symptoms.

- The employee must notify his/her manager immediately.
- The employee must arrange to leave the campus immediately

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What precautions are mandated by the SSD for staff members? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Facial Coverings - A mask, scarf, bandana or other such facial covering must be worn upon entering and leaving the campus and when in common spaces such as halls, walkways, kitchens, break rooms, meeting rooms, and restrooms. Employees are encouraged to bring their own facial covering, but supplies will be provided for those unable to do so. The facial covering must fully cover the mouth and nose area and may not contain images or text that is inappropriate or may be offensive to others. Masks should not be worn by anyone who is having trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance whether due to physical or cognitive reasons.
- Physical Distancing - Employees must maintain a minimum distance of six feet from others at all times. If more than one employee shares a cubicle, no more than one employee may use that cubicle at any given time.
- Personal Hygiene - Frequent hand washing with soap and water is required. Vigorous washing for no less than 20 seconds is recommended. Hand sanitizers should be frequently used and will be provided. Coughs and sneezes must be covered.
- Surface Cleaning - Operations personnel will continue to provide regular housekeeping/janitorial services, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched areas and surfaces in high-use areas. Staff within each department should increase cleaning every hour of high-touch areas such as: door handles, light switches, counter tops, and faucets.
- Training for all staff - Training to include Covid-19, PPE use, policy/protocol changes, and preventing infection.
 - Social distancing - https://www.cdc.gov/video/socialmedia/social-distancing_lores-2.mp4
 - Masks - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>



- Handwashing - <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html>

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What precautions are required by visitors? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Visitors will have to request access to campus through the access form online. Staff in contact with the visitor should communicate the screening process prior to the visitor coming to campus.
- Staff and visitors entering campus should have a facial covering on prior to arriving at the security gate, unless they must be provided a mask by LSDVI.
- The AC should be turned off before opening your window.
- If a mask is needed, security personnel will provide a mask. The security staff should step back 6 feet while the staff/visitor positions their mask over their nose and mouth. Once the mask is in place, the screening process may continue.
- All staff/visitors will have a temperature screening at the front gate. If your temperature is 100 degrees or greater, you will not be allowed on campus.
- In addition to the temperature screening, visitors will answer the Covid-19 questionnaire at the front gate.

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What precautions will be taken regarding bus transportation? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Prior to boarding charter buses on Sunday, students will have their temperature checked by a trained LSDVI staff member. Students with a temperature of 100 degrees or greater will not be allowed to ride the bus
- Students and staff shall wear a mask at all times while on the bus. The mask may be removed while using the restroom and eating.
- The following students should not wear masks: those under the age of 2, students who are having trouble breathing, or are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance whether due to physical or cognitive reasons.
- School bus passengers ride one per seat with every other seat empty to ensure physical distance; members of the same household may sit in the same seat or adjacent seats, with an empty seat between household groups.
- During this period, students will not be able to move routes unless space is available.
- To increase airflow on the school buses windows should be open to the maximum extent possible.

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Will training be provided? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Staff will be trained on the plan and safety procedures during the in-service and the first two weeks of virtual learning.
 - Training topics will include:
 - Virtual Learning
 - Safe in person instruction
 - Cleaning protocol
 - Reporting protocol
 - Mask procedures
 - Symptom monitoring and reporting
 - Quarantine procedures
- Students will participate in training when they return to school
 - Training topics will include the following:
 - Covid-19 safety
 - Social distancing
 - Updated school procedures
 - Changes to activities and schedules
 - Handwashing and hygiene
 - Mask procedures
 - What to do if you are feeling sick?
 - Social emotional support
- Families will receive training during the Back to School Bash held on Sunday, July 26 from 4-5 PM
 - Follow up training will be provided to families via Zoom, social media, and mailings.
 - Trainings will help to support students in the areas identified above

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What communication can parents expect? [Click here for the ASL Translation](#)

- Re Entry Plan will be shared via the schools and system websites and JCALL
- Stakeholders will have the opportunity to review the plan at www.ssdofla.com
- Families are invited to attend a virtual back to school bash
- Zoom meetings will be scheduled by each school to address specific concerns
- Weekly updates will be shared through various forms of communication including:
 - JCALLS
 - Emails
 - Social Media



- Schools and system websites
 - Instructional plans will be communicated and adjusted during IEP meetings
 - A designated staff person will be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns (e.g., school nurse). This information will be posted so that all school staff and families know who this person is and how to contact them (per CDC).

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