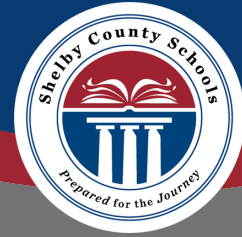


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2021-2022



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In recent weeks public health has become increasingly more challenging. As we prepare for the 2021-22 school year, there is an ever present divide about the safest way to not only open schools but keep them open so that students can receive the education they deserve. The impact of this health pandemic is adversely impacting all of our lives and it is our sincere hope that we can get past this crisis so that our lives can be healthy, productive and prosperous.

Because this issue has a potential impact on schools, Shelby County Schools will implement the following items as an addendum to the 2021 Re-Opening Plan:

- Shelby County Schools welcomes all traditional students to in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year.
- Social distancing (3-6 feet) is strongly encouraged as a viral mitigation strategy.
- Mask wearing is strongly recommended for everyone; however, masks are not required. Please be reminded that based on the guidance from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) School Re-Opening Toolkit, if students are wearing masks the likelihood of isolation or quarantine is minimized.
- Under the current ADPH/CDC guidance, vaccinated persons and persons who have had a positive COVID-19 infection in the last 90 days do not have to quarantine.
- Based on the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements, face masks are required when riding a school bus for any reason. <https://www.transportation.gov/safety/mask-travel-guidance>
- Frequent hand washing is recommended for everyone.
- Students and staff who have symptoms of Covid-19 should remain at home and consult their healthcare provider.
- School visitors will be limited to the front office area at this time. Schools will offer “Meet the Teacher” at a later date or provide an alternative option.
- Large school gatherings, such as pep rallies and assemblies, should be held outside when possible.

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- The consideration for field trips will take place in the second nine-week grading period.
- Mitigation factors such as increased cleaning and ventilation will be continued.
- Shelby County Schools will comply with Alabama law 2021-293 (Vaccine Passport). The COVID-19 vaccine is not required for students to enroll in Shelby County Schools or participate in any school activities. Students/staff are not required to report their vaccination status to the school.
- All staff and students are expected to follow the guidance of the ADPH/CDC for positive case isolations and outside school exposure and quarantine.
- The ADPH Toolkit allowances are for the school setting only. ADPH guidance and contact information can be found at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/index.html>

Any modifications will take place based on the circumstances of public health and the impact on schools.