

# St. Catharine School

2020-2021 School Reopening Plan Overview



# SCS Contingency Plans

***In order to best prepare our school community for what the future may hold, our school has a flexible approach for reopening our facility based on current New Jersey Department of Education guidance, CDC social distancing guidelines, health conditions in the community, staffing, and building/classroom capacities.***

***It is very important to remember that conditions may change prior to the start of school in September and as a result, plans will likely need to be revised and adjusted accordingly. In addition, we recognize the dynamic nature of our current health environment that will likely lead to necessary adjustments and changes to our plans throughout the school year.***

# Plan A

**School will reopen for in-person instruction for all students everyday on a regular full day schedule.**

Students are arriving at school wearing masks, and wearing masks within situations and periods of the day in which social distancing is difficult. However, students will have the option to remove their masks, under the direction and supervision of their teacher while safely seated in a controlled learning environment, which consists of desks placed 6ft away from other students as recommended by the CDC.

***\*\*\*An optional online learning experience for students that do not feel comfortable returning to school will be provided as needed.\*\*\****

# Plan B

**School will reopen for in-person instruction for all students everyday on a regular full day schedule**, but will require students to wear masks throughout the majority of the school day due to heightened COVID-19 cases within our local area at the recommendation of the Monmouth County Health Department.

***\*\*\*An optional online learning experience for students that do not feel comfortable returning to school will be provided as needed.\*\*\****

# Plan C

**At home virtual learning for specific grade level(s) and/or homerooms in response to a confirmed or potential COVID-19 case within the school will be initiated.** In-person instruction that can safely resume for specific grade levels will continue once approved by the Monmouth County Department of Health.

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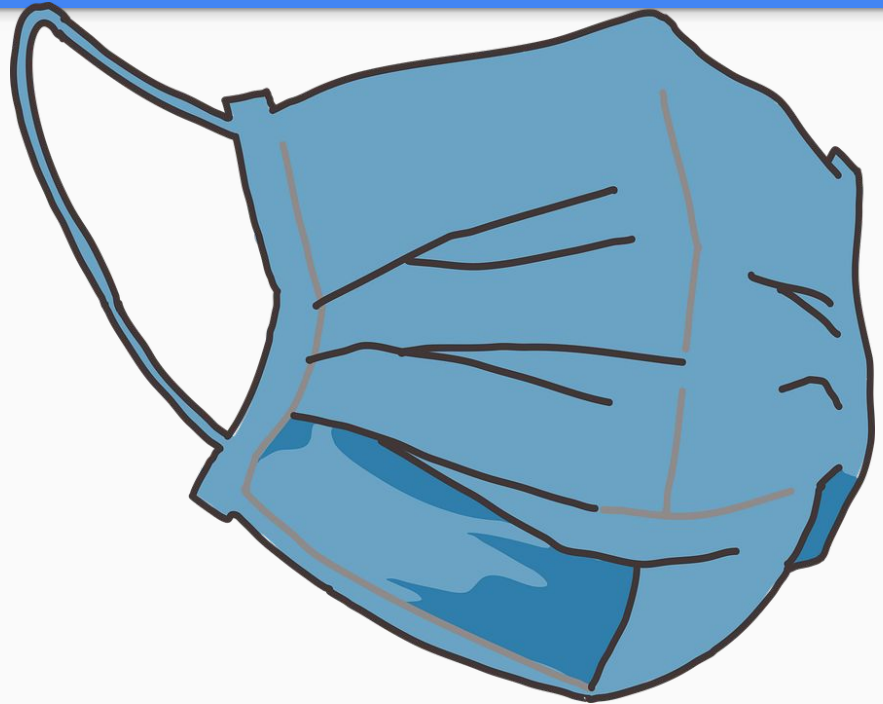
# Plan D

**At home virtual learning for all students everyday on a modified schedule.**

An updated SCS Virtual Learning Plan has been created based off of the feedback from our community, providing a more structured schedule and increased virtual screen time with staff members.

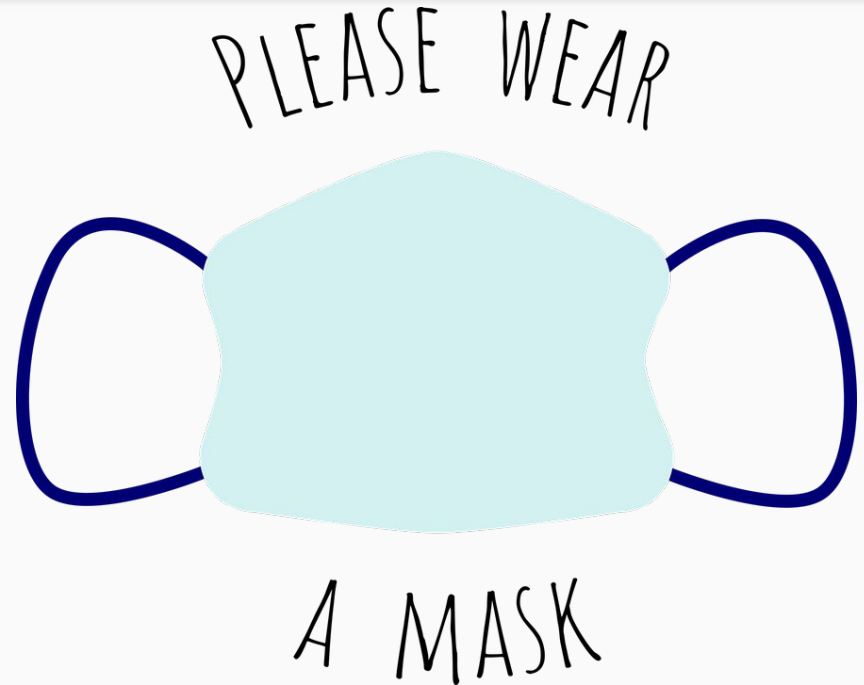
# Face Masks

- **Teachers and staff members must wear face masks at ALL times unless eating/drinking.**
- If it is deemed necessary that a child's health is compromised in wearing a mask, a doctor's note is to be provided to the school nurse.
- "Mask Breaks" will be provided under the direction and supervision of staff when social distancing guidelines permit.



# Face Masks for Parents and Visitors

- Visitors must wear masks at ALL times. **Visitor access will be extensively limited this school year.**
- When parents or “visitors” present on the school grounds - whether inside or outside - they must wear face coverings AT ALL TIMES.
- Failure to cooperate will result in the individual being asked to leave the property and not welcomed back until they come into compliance.





# Transportation

We anticipate several public school districts limiting their bussing services and encourage all families to arrange alternative transportation options to school in advance.

Students that do travel on buses will be required to wear a mask throughout their bus ride.



# Before you send your child to school...

**All students and staff members will be required to conduct an At Home Symptom Screening prior to coming to school each day.**

The school has created a daily checklist for symptoms associated with COVID-19 and will be providing you with a decal prior to the start of school to help embrace this new daily routine.

If a student or staff member shows any of the symptoms, they must stay home.



# Student Arrival

- **All students that are not traveling by bus will enter SCS through our “Carport” Pennsylvania Ave. entrance.**
- Students will be assigned an arrival time between 7:45 A.M. and 8:45 A.M. Arrival times will be assigned in 15 minute blocks. Families will be provided their assigned time a week prior to school starting.
- Masks shall be worn at all times by all members of a family group while outside - even if socially distanced.
- All children who attend SCS will have their temperature checked prior to entering school.

# Student Dismissal

- **Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and First** grade classes/cohorts will dismiss at the CARPORT at 2:15.
- **Second, Third and Fourth** grade students will dismiss at the CARPORT at 2:30.
- **Fifth and Sixth** grade students will dismiss at the Main Entrance at 2:15.
- **Seventh and Eighth** grade students will dismiss at the Main Entrance at 2:30.

Students must maintain social distancing as guided by the floor and wall markings. Face covering must be worn at all times. Students will need to wear their masks until they are safely at their modes of transportation.

# Sanitation

- **SCS is increasing our Cleaning Services Staff to support our increased sanitation measures**
- Restrooms and high contact items such as door knobs, hand railings, etc will be cleaned throughout the school day
- All rooms throughout the building will be sanitized on a daily basis after dismissal
- Each classroom is equipped with contact free hand sanitizer stations for student use throughout the day.

# Sanitation Continued- Chlorinated Electrostatic Sprayers

Chlorinated Disinfecting Cleaning Solutions are EPA registered as a health grade disinfectant and sanitizer. Providing broad spectrum coverage from COVID-19, 40 other pathogens, and a NSF2, no-rinse food-grade sanitizer for all hard non-porous surfaces.

**SCS is equipped with Electrostatic Sprayers for frequent, routine sanitation.**



# Classrooms

- Smaller class sections have been created to help provide a learning environment in which students' desks are arranged 6 ft apart to respect social distancing guidelines. **Example:** previously our 7th grade class had two sections of students, we expanded it to three sections to create more physical space in the classrooms.
- Staff has been increased to support our needs.
- In the event that students do not have 6 ft of space between them and their classmates, protect barriers have been installed.
- All classrooms are equipped with noncontact hand sanitizer stations.
- Students will not move from classroom to classroom to fulfill all of their academic needs. Teachers will move throughout the building to reduce hallway traffic and other concerns.

# Special Area Classes

Students will continue to have Special Area Classes throughout their learning experience, whether at our school facility, or within a virtual experience.

While at our school facility, Special Area teachers will travel to students' homerooms, limiting student travel throughout the building.





# Student Lunch, Food Services, and Recess

- Students will eat lunch in their classrooms, they will NOT eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Students will be permitted to go outside for recess, weather permitting. All indoor recess will occur within student homerooms.
- Our optional food service provider Spring Lake Pizza will continue to provide/deliver lunches to our students 5 days a week when school is in session.
- Special considerations for student seating will be made for all food allergy sensitivities.
- ***\*At this time, we discourage students from bringing in food to share for birthday or holiday celebrations***

# Virtual Learning Plan and Technology

**An updated Virtual Learning Plan has been created to provide further structure for our students' daily schedule as well as increased screen time to connect with staff members.**

SCS has also purchased chromebooks to help make available more devices to our students.



# Response to COVID-19 case within our school

**In the event that a student, family member, or SCS staff member has a confirmed case of COVID-19:**

- SCS will communicate the occurrence to all families. (Please note communication will not reveal specific information regarding the individuals in respect to their privacy)
- SCS will transition to our Virtual Learning Plan, keeping all students and staff members at home until we have approval from the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission (MCRHC) to return to our building.
- ***Further details are provided in our comprehensive Reopening Plan.***

# Continued Planning & Preparation

**Our work to safely and effectively welcome back our students and staff members continues throughout the summer! We anticipate this to be a fluid and eventful summer that leads to further adjustments and changes throughout the weeks leading up to school.**

**Thank you for your continued support, patience, and prayers as we prepare for the upcoming school year.**

