



## 2022-2023 COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

(updated 8/20/22)

### Introduction

This plan follows the guidelines from local, state, and federal health departments.

As the scientific community's understanding of this virus develops and recommendations evolve, the school will continue to seek the guidance of local, state, and national officials as well as experts in our local community and will update the school's policies accordingly.

Summers-Knoll understands that our decisions and actions have implications far beyond the walls of our school. Through the lens of social responsibility, we understand (and will continue to teach our students) that part of being a citizen in a community is taking measures to care for those who are most vulnerable. Reducing the risk of virus transmission at SK not only keeps us healthier and keeps our school open, but also keeps others in our local and broader community, who are at higher-risk of severe illness, as healthy as possible, too.

Please reference [this link](#) for local data regarding hospitalizations and wastewater samples in Washtenaw County.

### Protocols, policies and procedures

- **Masks**
  - Masks will be optional and the decision for when to mask will be made by the individual/family, except in certain high risk situations, such as returning from isolation (days 6-10)
  - Families are encouraged to discuss with their children their own best approach to masking at school based on their circumstances. Individuals at higher risk for severe illness should consult with their health care provider about masking.
  - Anyone with concerns should wear a well-fitting mask; choose a multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask rather than a cloth mask.
  - Masking will always be supported and affirmed at SK.
  - The CDC currently offers guidance on mask wearing during periods of low, moderate and high community transmission. [CDC recommendations for masking](#).
  - It is strongly recommended that a mask be worn at all times if a person is a household / personal contact of someone who has tested positive for Covid-19.
  - It is strongly recommended that masks be worn in indoor transportation settings including SK buses.

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- **Daily procedures**

- Arrival**

- Morning Health checks - If a student or staff member has symptoms in the morning before school, it is expected that they will take their temperature and do a rapid test before school to confirm that they are Covid-19 negative
      - If a student is Covid-19 negative and fever free, parents/guardians will report the results to the homeroom teacher so that they are aware that the symptoms present are not Covid.
      - If a student is positive, parents/guardians will report the results to Karen ([kbayoneto@summers-knoll.org](mailto:kbayoneto@summers-knoll.org))
      - If a staff member is positive they will report the results to Karen ([kbayoneto@summers-knoll.org](mailto:kbayoneto@summers-knoll.org))
    - If a child seems unwell but may be “well” enough to go to school, parents/guardians are expected to err on the side of caution and keep the child at home.
    - Parents/guardians WILL be allowed in the school this year
      - Parents/guardians should also follow the same guidelines as students and staff regarding symptoms before coming into the school.
      - Parents/guardians who are not feeling well, with or without a positive Covid-19 test, should refrain from entering the building, volunteering, chaperoning field trips, etc in an effort to keep our School Community healthy.

- During the Day**

- Outdoor classrooms will be utilized for learning, activities and breaks whenever possible.
    - Students will wash their hands when they exit the classroom to move to another classroom in the building, go outside and prior to eating.
    - Bathrooms will be assigned to classrooms.
    - There will be no gathering in vestibules.
    - Lunch and Snacks
      - No sharing of food, utensils, etc, from lunch boxes will be allowed.

- Health and Safety Protocol:**

- **Vaccines**
      - SK strongly encourages all staff and students to be up to date on all CDC recommended vaccinations.

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■ **Gatherings / Travel**

- SK strongly recommends that all students and staff take a COVID-19 test after any large gatherings, after any travel that involves public transportation or being indoors with a large group of people and upon returning to school from holidays or breaks.

● **Covid-19**

- **Staff / Student tests positive for Covid-19** The isolation period for a person who is positive is 5 days from the onset of symptoms or positive test results. To return to school one needs to be fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication), have improved symptoms and be able to wear a tight-fitting mask indoors on days 6-10. A multilayer surgical, KN95, or N95 mask rather than a cloth mask should be worn.
- A link for reporting student cases will be provided before school starts
- SK is required to report to the County all Positive Covid-19 cases
- **When SK is aware of a contagious virus (Covid, Flu, Strep, etc.), we will notify the parents/guardians from that classroom to monitor their child's health.**
- **Close contacts (Exposure to a positive case in or outside of school) Summers-Knoll strongly recommends**
  - that you monitor for symptoms for 10 days following exposure
  - testing on days 1, 3 and 5 following exposure
  - wearing a well-fitting mask for 5 days following exposure

■ **The Building**

- Hand sanitizer will be placed at each entry door to the building.
- To the extent possible, teachers will open windows in the classroom.
- HVAC filters will be replaced regularly with recommended filters
- HEPA filter units will be running in all classrooms/gathering areas