

## Sabine Pass ISD

### 2023-2024 School Year Health Guidance (Covid, Flu, and Virus Mitigation) - **UPDATED 08/16/23**

#### **Shark On Campus Learning**

- 🦈 Students will attend classes in-person on campus.
- 🦈 The District has adjusted our start times to create flexibility in dealing with the current situation.
  - The first bell will ring at 7:40AM with classes beginning at 7:45AM
  - The final dismissal bell will ring at 3:00PM

#### **Shark Extracurricular Activities**


- 🦈 Students will need to attend in-person classes in order to participate in extracurricular activities.


#### **Shark Screening Procedures**

- 🦈 Faculty and staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before coming onto campus each day. *Symptoms are listed at the end of this document.*
- 🦈 Parents will be required to self-screen their student(s) to ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19. *Symptoms are listed at the end of this document.*
- 🦈 Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school if the child has COVID-19 symptoms.
- 🦈 Should a student develop symptoms during the school day, they will be referred directly to the nurse.


#### **Shark Isolation Screening Procedures**


- 🦈 SPISD is served by a full-time licensed vocational nurse.
- 🦈 When a student displays symptoms of COVID-19 or another virus or reports feeling feverish, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- 🦈 Students who show COVID-19 symptoms while at school will be immediately separated from their peers and should be picked up by the parent or guardian immediately. Other students may be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location (e.g. go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc.) so that the classroom can be disinfected.

 Teachers and staff must report to SPISD if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms or are lab confirmed with COVID-19, and if so, must remain off campus until they meet the criteria for reentry as noted in this document.


 Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to meet the Reentry Guidelines listed in this document.

#### **Shark Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing Procedures**


 Each classroom and restroom will be disinfected throughout the school day.

 Regular hand washing/hand sanitizer use by all students and staff will be required.

 Hand sanitizer will be available throughout the campus.


 Hand sanitizer will be provided upon entry to the classroom in addition to periodic teacher reminders during the instructional day.

#### **Shark Social Distancing Procedures**


 Distancing measures will be in place, to the extent possible, within the school setting.


 The use of outdoor space for learning will be utilized when possible.


#### **Shark Transitioning Procedures**

 Students will follow guidelines established by SPISD administration when transitioning throughout the school.


#### **Shark Face Covering Procedures**

 SPISD will comply with the governor's executive order regarding the use of masks or face shields for adults and students for whom it is developmentally appropriate.


 SPISD will provide clear face shields and/or regular face covering if requested.

 You may choose to bring your own, school appropriate, face covering as well.


#### **Shark Campus Visitor Procedures**


 Schools will utilize virtual meeting options to communicate with parents. This will include parent/teacher conferences and Admission Review Dismissal (ARD) meetings, etc.

#### **Shark Transportation Procedures**

 In the quest for safety, SPISD will provide hand sanitizer upon boarding the bus each morning.


#### **Shark Reporting Procedures**


 The district will report COVID-19 cases consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements.


 SPISD will notify all teachers, staff, and families on campus if a lab confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate in any on-campus activities.


#### **Shark Campus Closure Procedures**

 There may be times when specific areas need to be closed to allow for sanitizing.

 The sanitizing process should not take longer than 12-24 hours.

 We will work diligently to maintain our schedule without disruptions when possible.

 **This document is a work in progress. It will be updated as needed and as situations require.** The District is dedicated to keeping our students, faculty, and staff as safe as possible and will continue to modify our approach based on that goal.

 Please, refer to the school website [www.sabinepass.net](http://www.sabinepass.net) for continuing updates. The district will also be sharing information through our Sabine Pass ISD app and social media outlets.












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### 2022-23 School Year Health Clarification Document

The items in this section clarify guidance items discussed in the *2020-2021 School Year Health Guidance* document.

#### **COVID-19 Student & Staff Self-Screening Checklist**


In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following questions: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

-  Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
-  Loss of taste or smell
-  Cough
-  Difficulty breathing
-  Shortness of breath
-  Headache
-  Chills
-  Sore throat
-  Shaking or exaggerated shivering
-  Significant muscle pain or ache
-  Diarrhea

#### **Lab Confirmed Definition**


A COVID-19 case that is confirmed by one or more of the laboratory methods.

#### **Reentry Guidelines for Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19**

-  Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met
  - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all four of the following criteria are met:
    - at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
    - The individual is symptom free(e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath);
    - At least seven days have passed since a positive test OR at least five days have passed and the individual has taken a lab confirmed or SPISD district issued COVID-19 test that shows them to be NEGATIVE for covid; and
    - The school nurse has cleared the student to return to class.
  - In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the

campus until the individual has completed the same four-step set of criteria listed above.

### **Reentry Guidelines for Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with the Flu or other transmittable viruses**

 Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are confirmed to have a virus; or (b) experience symptoms related to a virus (listed below) must stay at home and cannot return to campus until the school system screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met

#### Symptoms

- Fever
- Vomiting
- Any other symptoms as confirmed by a healthcare professional
  - In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with an infectious virus, the individual may return to school when all four of the following criteria are met:
    - at least one day (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
    - The individual is symptom free(e.g., fever, cough, shortness of breath);
    - The school nurse has cleared the student to return to class.
    - If necessary - cleared by the health care professional that diagnosed the virus
    - The individual can return to school 4-5 days from the start of symptoms.
    - Please note that a doctor's note may be overridden if the student is still having obvious symptoms that could harm other children.