



2021-2022 RESTART SCHOOL PLAN

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TOP 10 GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Principles guiding overall district planning to restart school, while recognizing that each school building has its own needs

1. Ensure **safety** for all: physical and emotional health and wellness.

2. Prioritize student **wellbeing** and **cultural responsiveness**.

3. Ensure **equity** and access in planning and resources to reach every student.

4. Honor **parents' choices**, circumstances and concerns.

5. Recognize **changing societal realities**, including pandemic flattening or spikes, racial injustice, the November election climate, and other external forces that impact the community.

6. Respect that **routine** and predictable home-school **communication**, relationship, and identity is critical.

8. **Empower professionals** to guide effective learning and planning.

9. Frame curriculum, planning, and teaching for more in-depth learning, authentic engagement, and academic foundations through **blended learning models** for learning in school and at home.

7. Meet students where they are by addressing **individual** academic needs.

10. Reconsider, **policy** and regulations, as necessary.

ESSENTIAL GUIDELINES



To protect the health of students and staff, these are the “must dos” for each school district



CITY OF ST. LOUIS SCHOOLS OPERATION GUIDELINES FOR REENTRY TO SCHOOLS

- Have an **infectious disease plan**;
- Establish a process by which each school in your jurisdiction keeps and maintains **accurate records** of anyone who has been inside a building;
- Comply with the Missouri Revised Statute Section 167.181 and 19 CSR 19c-20-28 which govern **immunization** of students;
- At a minimum, maintain a **3ft radius** around each student’s desk in the **classroom**;
- Conduct daily health and temperature **screening** for students and staff at the beginning of the school day;
- Minimize contact** and social mixing during school hours;
- Consult and obtain approval from the City of St. Louis Department of Health prior to planning any school **assemblies**;
- Work with the City of St. Louis Department of Health to ensure **COVID-19 testing and vaccine** is available and required for all staff prior to returning to work;

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- Require **face coverings** for all staff and students in the **Kindergarten and above** while in the school building and all students when riding school buses;
 - Students with medical conditions** that prohibit them from being able to wear face coverings will be exempt, as long as they have a document from their medical provider.
- Establish an **isolation area** within each school, which will be used to remove the ill person from the school’s general population;
- Require temperature and health screenings and wearing of face coverings for all **essential visitors** (e.g. parents/guardians, health officials, business officials, vendors that provide essential services for the school);
- Restrict in-person **field trips** during the Fall semester of the 2021/2022 school year;
- Comply with the Missouri statutes (19 CSR 20-20.020) governing communicable disease **reporting** requirements;
- Establish protocols for loading and unloading **buses** to minimize person to person contact.

ENSURING SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENTS



Adhere to St. Louis City DOH Guidance, SLPS Recommendations help schools to plan for a safe building reopening



CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Equip classrooms and communal areas with hand sanitizing supplies and disinfectant.
- Install handwashing stations in schools on an as-needed basis.
- Routinely disinfect high-touch-point areas, such as doorknobs, rails, and light switches.
- Use additional measures, such as electrostatic sprayers, foggers, and sponge applicators, for on-the-spot disinfecting.
- Custodial staff are responsible for ensuring spaces are kept clean and disinfected.
- Staff members should assist this effort by cleaning and disinfecting communal areas, including eating spaces, conference room tables, and chairs, after use.
- Facilities will coordinate, schedule and deep clean any classroom, office, or common space suspected of contamination. The area will be closed until proper cleaning procedures are complete.

PRIORITIZING STUDENT WELLBEING



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OVERVIEW OF STUDENT HEALTH GUIDELINES

- All students in grades **Kindergarten** and above are required to wear face coverings in school and encouraged for pre-k.
- All students, regardless of age, must wear face coverings on the bus.
- All students and staff will engage in a daily health screening upon arrival to school each day.
- Parents should be instructed to keep their child at home if they are ill.
- Students will remain together in the same groups as much as possible throughout the day.
- Elementary and middle school students may have breakfast and lunch in the classroom.
- Visitors will be limited in the school building and will be required to wear masks.
- Parents and guardians coming to pick up or drop off students will be asked to stay outside the building in a designated area.

CHOOSING HOW TO ENROLL



Offering enrollment options to meet individual needs

IN-PERSON

- Students will be enrolled at a brick-and-mortar school site and attend school based on the SLPS 2021 - 2022 Academic Calendar.
- All course work will utilize a standards-based curriculum using a Blended Learning Framework.
- Families that select in-person learning may select to switch to online (Edmentum) learning at each quarter.

EDMENTUM

- Students will be enrolled in a school but will engage in all learning online from home using Edmentum, which is a self-driven learning experience administered exclusively online from website-based content that the student may access at any time. Facilitators provide minimal support.
- Edmentum offers families a standards-based curriculum for learning, with minimal connection to a physical school.
- All courses and grade level standards required by Missouri DESE are offered.

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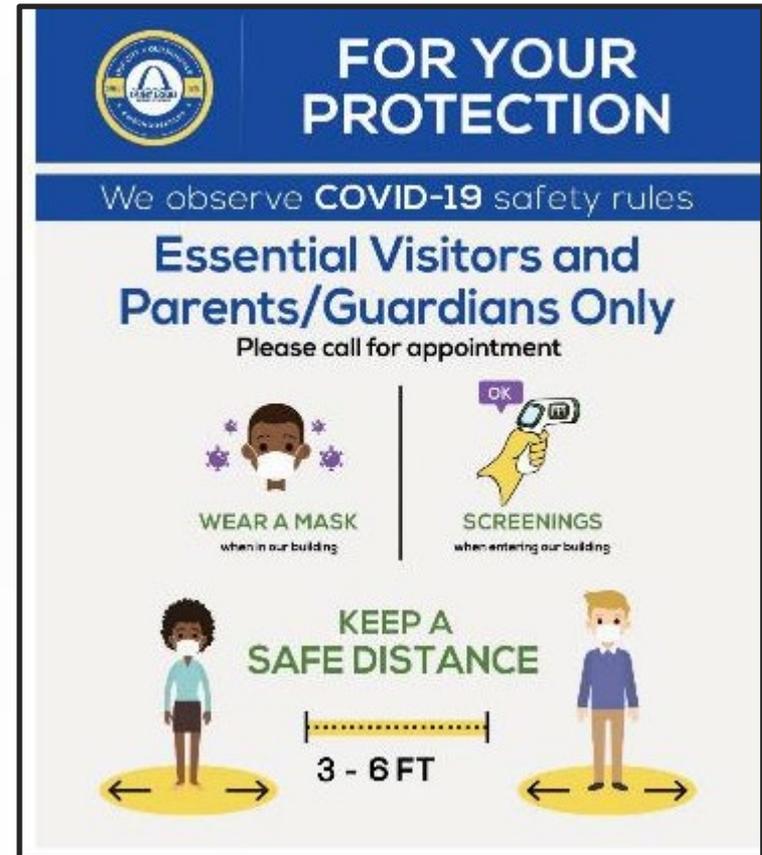


SAFE BUILDING REOPENING

- Cleaning and Disinfecting**
 - Basic recommendations from CDC
 - Daily cleaning and disinfecting checklist

- Operational Systems**
(Maintenance)

- Setting Up for Social Distancing**
 - Classrooms
 - Cafeteria
 - Playgrounds
 - Visitor waiting area
 - Communal areas
 - School buses



SUPPORTING VIRTUAL LEARNING (AS NEEDED)



Ensuring inclusion and equity in learning technology and platform and home-school connection

ONE-TO-ONE TECHNOLOGY FOR ALL

By **September 4, 2021**, all students will have access to devices to support learning both in school and at home.

- K to 8th Grade: iPads
- 9th-12th Grade: Dell Latitude 3310 Laptops
- Wireless hot spots to families in need

CONSISTENT VIRTUAL LEARNING PLATFORM

Microsoft Teams will be utilized as a single platform throughout the District, which will allow for:

- Uniform expectations
- Integrating applications
- Standardized professional development
- Streamlined online communication

HOMEROOM TEACHER FOR VIRTUAL LEARNERS

All students attending school virtually will be assigned to a **homeroom teacher at a school site** to promote a home-school connection and provide social-emotional learning supports.

ESTABLISHING CLEAR COMMUNICATIONS



Allowing staff, students, families and the community to safely re-engage in the education process

Communications to Parents/Guardians

Schools will communicate with families about:

- School start date
- Health and safety measures and protocols in school buildings
- How to enroll and choose an instructional format
- The expectations of parents and students if the School Building Closure/Distance Learning Plan is implemented
- Basic information on COVID-19 and actions families can take to stay safe when not at school
- Clear direction on when to keep a student home and the process for notifying the school
- Information on pop-up clinics for mandatory immunizations and flu vaccinations

Families will receive information about community resources available to assist with:

- Mental health
- Child wellbeing
- Food security
- Medical/dental providers
- Health insurance
- Economic aid
- Internet access
- Avoiding COVID-19 scams



Families can use the District hotline. **(314) 345-5656 daily from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

They can reach out to school principals and teachers through phone calls and emails.



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Communication to Staff Members

School principals will communicate with their staff members about :

- COVID-19 Testing and vaccinations
- School-based action plan
- Health and safety measures and protocols in school buildings
- Personal Protective Equipment
- What to do if someone is sick
- Role of teachers and instructional expectations
- Information on professional development and support
- Information on the District's Employee Assistance Program and other social emotional support

Communication to Students

Schools will communicate with students in methods based on their age and individual needs. Information will be shared inclusively while honoring privacy and identity.

- Posters on social distancing, face masks, hand washing, coughing, etc.
- Information on social emotional support and suicide prevention hotlines
- Information on school safety hotlines
- Information on child abuse/neglect hotlines

Communication to the Public

- Post reminders at entryways not to enter the school if experiencing signs of illness
- Publish the SLPS Restart Framework and other information on the District's website and in other communications

NEXT STEPS



- Regular Updates from the Department of Health**
 - Update to Board and Public on August 10, 2021
 - Parent Digest
- Principals Plans Reviewed but not required to be reviewed by the Health Department**
 - August 6, 2021



QUESTIONS