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S.P.P.S. Plan to Return to School for 2020-2021

These policies have been developed using the guidelines of Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Health and in collaboration with the Putnam County Health Department, and the Diocese of Toledo, to provide a safe, healthy, and realistic return to school. The use of multiple precautions is intended to have a cumulative effect on reducing the spread of the virus. Some level of health risk will be present when children and employees occupy our facility. However, we firmly believe that students need to be in school in a structured learning environment on a regular basis. Because the COVID-19 virus is ever changing, these policies may change at any time.

This document may be amended as the Putnam County Health Department and local administrators evaluate the risk assessment of the area. **As of 7/22/2020, SPPS students will attend school in person 5 days a week.**

Daily Health Assessments

- Students and personnel are expected to take their temperature and conduct daily health assessments prior to coming to school. Additional health monitoring at school may be required due to varying circumstances.
- Health checks will be completed as needed.
 - Anyone with a temperature above 100°F will be required to stay home.
 - Anyone using medication in the morning to decrease temperature must also stay home as per school policy.
 - Anyone exhibiting symptoms or having a temperature above 100°F while at school, will be separated from others, continue to wear a mask, be monitored by a staff member, and a guardian will be notified to pick up the child, who should then be referred to an appropriate healthcare professional.
 - Any student or staff member with a temp above 100°F must stay home until he/she is fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine. If the fever is found to be COVID-related, the time the student or staff member must stay home will be dictated by the Health Department.
 - Symptoms Consistent with COVID-19:
 - Fever or Chills
 - Loss of taste or smell
 - Headache
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea

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Individuals who have been tested for COVID-19

- Pending Test Result -
 - If any student, staff member, or household family member is awaiting a COVID-19 test result, then that person and any household members must remain out of school until results are determined.
 - Positive Test Result or Presumptive COVID-19 Diagnosis -
 - If any student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 they must:
 - Stay home at least 10 days since onset of symptoms or from test date if asymptomatic,
 - AND until no fever for at least 72 hours without fever reducing medication,
 - AND improvement of all other symptoms.
 - Household members living in the home with the positive case must remain out of school for 14 days.
 - Students and staff with known exposure (someone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) to someone with diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 should self-quarantine at home for 14 days since their last exposure to the confirmed case.
 - Health Department staff will provide guidance for the quarantine of household members of a confirmed COVID19 case.
 - Negative Test Result with Other Diagnosis - ex. norovirus, strep throat, influenza A
 - Remain at home until symptoms have improved.
 - Follow school policy for return to school.
- In general, students and staff with known exposure to someone with diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 should remain out of school for 14 days. *Note: All known exposure cases will be contacted by the Health Department. Known exposure is defined as exposure to someone within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer who has been diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 positive.*

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Sanitization:

- Students will be taught proper handwashing procedures.
- Students and staff will be taught precautionary measures such as avoiding touching mouth, nose, and eyes since viruses enter easily through these membranes.
- Students and staff will wash their hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon arrival each day.
- Students and staff will wash and sanitize hands frequently throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided in the classrooms and throughout the building to supplement handwashing.
- Common spaces in the building will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day by the staff.
- The entire school will be sanitized nightly.
- Common surface areas will be cleaned frequently, paying close attention to high touch areas to limit the spread on shared surfaces.
- The sharing of classroom supplies and materials will be minimized or sanitized between use.
- Each classroom and common space will have sanitization products available.

Social Distancing:

- Students will be taught proper social distancing procedures.
- Staff and students will make every effort to maintain 6' social distancing.
- Both school buildings will be opened at 7:30 a.m. Students will go directly to their classroom upon arrival to school. Students will not congregate in the cafeteria or around lockers.
- We will be using the gym, computer lab, and music room for additional classrooms to allow for social distancing.
- We will avoid intermingling of classrooms as much as possible.
- Students in the Locust Street building will not leave classrooms for various subjects. Instead teachers will move from room to room.
- Many classes will eat lunch in their classroom to avoid close contact in the cafeteria at lunch time.
- Recess schedules will be staggered to limit student numbers.

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Face Coverings:

- Students in grades 3-8 are required to wear face masks throughout the day except when at recess, PE, or when social distancing while outside.
 - Students who are unable to wear a mask for health or developmental reasons should bring in a doctor's excuse.
 - Face shields may be considered when masks are not possible.
- Students in grades K-2 are required to wear face masks when in shared spaces like the hallway and bathrooms. It is strongly recommended the students in grades K-2 wear a face mask in classrooms.
- Students will be taught proper face mask procedures.
- It is required that students riding a bus wear a mask.
- Staff members are required to wear face coverings unless it is unsafe or it significantly interferes with the learning process. Note, staff members may remove masks when working alone at their desk.
 - Face shields may be considered when masks are not practical.
- Students must provide a minimum of 3 masks that are cloth/fabric and cover their nose, mouth and chin.
 1. Daily Mask - worn entering the building and throughout the school day
 2. Back-up Mask - to be placed in a zip lock bag in their backpack
 3. Classroom Mask - to be placed in a zip lock bag labeled with the student name and given to the teacher the first week of school. This will be stored in the classroom in case the student loses or breaks his/her mask.
- Masks must be clean and washed or replaced regularly.
- Each student will be issued a lanyard to clip his/her face mask. This is an effort to keep face masks from being mixed up or lost when students are at lunch or outside.

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Additional Information:

- Students will need to bring a water bottle to school daily. We know it is important for everyone to stay hydrated through the day. Drinking fountains will only be available to refill water bottles.
- Visitors will be kept at a minimum and will not go past the school office.
- Birthday treats will be allowed if they are individually wrapped.
- At this time no field trips will be offered by SPPS.
- At this time no volunteers will be in the classroom.
- We will have staggered dismissal; students will stay in their classroom until they are dismissed by method of departure or bus number.

Distance Learning if Needed:

Should COVID-19 numbers increase to the point where a closure is necessary S.P.P.S. will utilize Seesaw (K-2) and Google Classroom (3-8). Zoom meetings will also be held by all grade levels, with a minimum of one zoom meeting per week with their teachers. Teachers will use online assessments to verify students complete the necessary work.

***“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for wholeness and not for evil,
plans to give you a future full of HOPE.”***
Jeremiah 29:11