

Southview Day School Fall 2021 Covid-19 Plan

We at Southview Day School understand that the Covid-19 situation is in continual flux. The Covid-19 Plan we are currently implementing is subject to change as recommendations continue to arise from VDH, DSS, and VDOE. Because our startup student numbers are still small, our Covid-19 Plan for the Fall 2021 semester is as follows:

Arrival

- We ask parents and guardians to try their best to maintain a social distance of six feet from one another at drop-off and pick-up.
- Parents and guardians are required to assist their child in washing hands upon arrival at school before leaving that child in our care. Bathrooms are conveniently located near the drop off area.
- Student and staff temperatures will be taken twice during the day: once in the morning upon arrival and once in the afternoon before naptime.

Mask Requirements

- Upon entering the building, it will be required for all parents to wear a mask for the length of time they are dropping off or picking up students at Southview Day School.
- Currently, we are allowing parents to choose whether or not they want their child to wear a mask throughout the day. Should a parent request for their child to wear a mask they must provide the child each day with an appropriate child-sized mask and the said child must be able to maintain the ability to keep the mask on themselves.
- Staff will only be required to wear masks in the specified scenarios mentioned throughout the plan.
- Masks are not required in the instances that teachers can maintain a social distance of six feet from the students. However, as soon as a teacher needs to work in closer proximity to students, such as sitting at the table with students, a mask must be worn.
- The staff member who prepares and serves lunch will always wear a mask.
- Staff members, such as floaters, substitutes, or assistants, who are not designated to a particular group must wear a mask at all times when in the presence of any group. The nature of these roles often requires intermingling between groups, so staff members must be extra cautious.
- Masks will be required for all students and staff to wear during the travel time only on all field trips that require public transportation such as a school bus. Should the venue require masks to be worn, then the policy of the venue will be followed during such field trips.

Group Play

- Children will be kept together in one group until enrollment exceeds ten students. As we gain more students, children will be separated into designated classroom groups that do not exceed 10 students (8 students in order to comply with ratio requirements in the Twos classroom).
- Once classroom groups are established, teachers and students must not intermingle with other classes. Staff and children may intermingle within their designated groups. Classroom center play within the designated groups, will be allowed with a maximum limit of two (2) students per center. These students will be required to wash their hands after classwork is completed and before entering a specific center with another student. This will cut down on the chances of any illness being spread but allow for student interaction at play.

- Lunch and extracurricular activities, such as Spanish and Sign Language, will take place in our largest room, the Fellowship Hall. Here, groups can gather as long as each group maintains a distance of six feet from one another. This separation between groups is crucial to the running of our program and is a tactic that could help prevent the entire school from having to shut down in the event that a child or staff member contracts Covid-19.
- During the time that multiple groups are engaging in outdoor play, numerous play spaces will be offered to help distance the children such as playground, back parking lot, or yard space behind pavilion. Two teachers are required to be on the playground or within close proximity outdoors at any given time for safety.

Cleaning and Hygiene

- The students and staff of Southview Day School will be required to wash hands multiple times a day. Hands must be washed before entering classrooms, before snack, before lunch, after going to the bathroom, after playing outside, in the event of a cough or sneeze into the hands, and whenever we feel that hands must be washed. Staff members such as floaters, substitutes, and assistants, who intermingle between groups must wash their hands before transitioning from one group to another.
- Staff will maintain diligent cleaning practices. Bathrooms and classrooms will be cleaned daily, along with any other toys and surfaces that are continually touched.

Sickness

- Parents are expected to follow all policies stated in the “Health and Safety” section of the Parent Handbook. Be diligent in keeping any student home if they are showing any signs of sickness.
- Parents, guardians, and staff must inform the school within 24 hours or sooner after child or any member of the household contracts Covid-19, as defined by the Virginia Department of Health.
- Temperatures will also be taken any time a staff or student expresses any symptoms of sickness. Any temperature of 100 degrees or above will require a call for the child to be picked up immediately.
- If a student or staff member contracts Covid-19, we will call the Virginia Department of Health and follow appropriate quarantine procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community.
- In the instance there is a Covid-19 case, the school will be cleaned with a disinfectant fogging machine that sanitizes the air and hard to reach surfaces.

We are working hard to make this Fall semester flow as safely and seamlessly as possible with consideration of each individual's principles. We ask that the medical privacy of all students, parents and staff be respected and that all confidentiality policies be followed. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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I have received and read the Covid-19 Plan described for Southview Day School. I agree to follow all policies put in place to keep all students and staff as safe as possible during this time. I will not hold Southview Day School Staff or any participants of Southview United Methodist Church, staff or members, responsible for any sickness or other health occurrences that may arise due to Covid-19.

I agree to monitor my child's health at home and immediately inform Southview Day School of any sickness.

Student's Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date