



SOUTHAMPTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-22 REOPENING PLAN

*Approved by
Board of Education:
8/24/21*

2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR – REOPENING PLAN

SUFSD TOP PRIORITY:

We are committed to returning all of our students to full time in-person instruction for 5 days a week

COVID SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDANCE

The safety and well-being of students, staff, parents, and our community continues to be a priority. Practices ensuring individual and group safety are in compliance with the recommendations of the:

- New York State Department of Health - (June 7, July 7)
- Center for Disease Control (CDC)- (July 9, July 28, August 5)
- The American Academy of Pediatrics –(August 4)
- Suffolk County Department of Health-(August 9)
- School District Physician, (Ongoing)
- New York State Department of Education (August 5, August 12)
- Various community physicians (Ongoing)

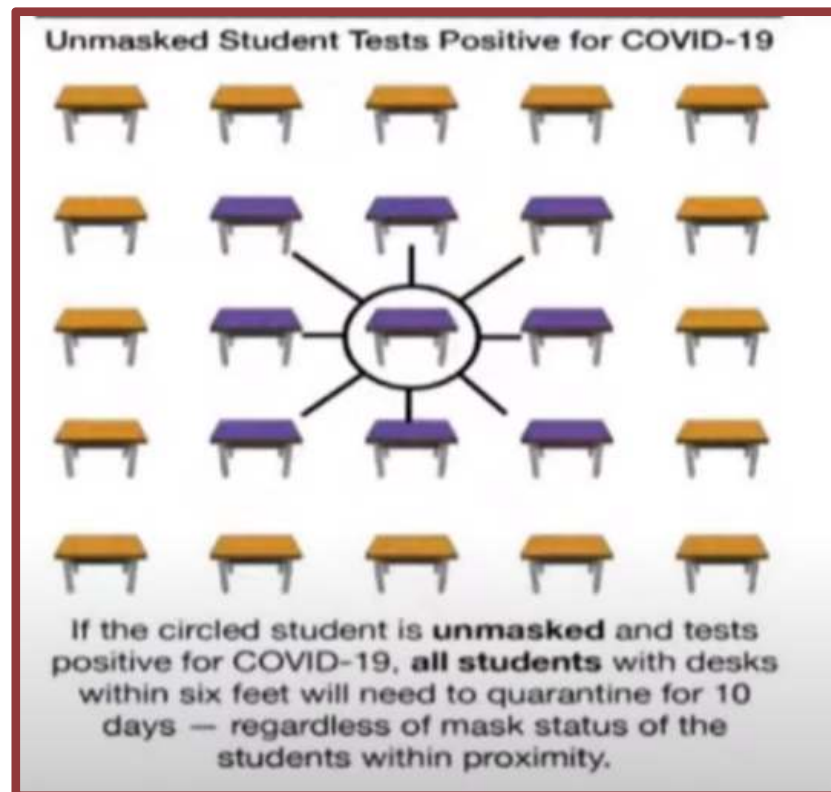
BACK TO SCHOOL – 2021-22

- SUFSD will welcome all staff back on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 and students back on Thursday, September 9, 2021.
- We are planning a return to the many important and “normal” components of successful schooling for 2021-22.
- All buildings will be open for in-person instruction for all students, daily.
- We are planning for transportation, clubs, and athletics to resume for all students.
- We are still required to work with SCDOH to identify individuals who have been in close contact with any person infected with COVID-19 which would result in quarantining or isolation.

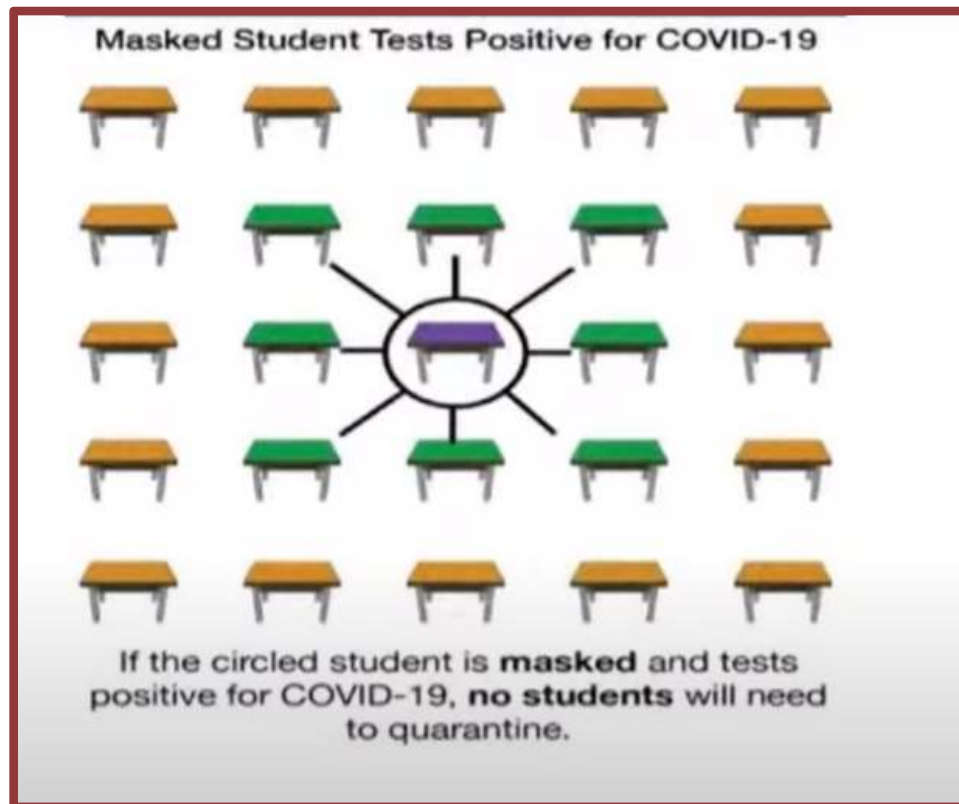
RECOMMENDED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2021

- **100% Masking Inside** *(all will wear masks indoors at all times except when eating)*
- **No Masks Outside** *(individuals may voluntarily wear a mask at any time)*
- **3 feet Distancing at All Times (except on buses)** - *Students and adults must maintain 3 feet distance (6' in performance music)*
- **No Barriers on student desks** – *They may be used on tables or larger surfaces when less than 3' distancing is possible*
- **Temperature Checks may be conducted on a randomized and objective basis**
- **No Weekly or Daily Assurances for students and regular employees** *(Daily assurances will be required of visitors)*
- **Visitors will be allowed by appointment only**
- **No Quarantining if masks were worn properly**
- **Individuals will be reminded to wash hands frequently and practice appropriate hygiene**
- **Any student or adult with a fever, cough, or upset stomach must stay home**
- **A person with pending COVID test results must stay home**

WHY MASKS? EXAMPLE I: UNMASKED STUDENTS



WHY MASKS? EXAMPLE 2: MASKED STUDENTS



STUDENT INSTRUCTION

- The district administration and Board of Education join NYS districts and the Commissioner of Education in prioritizing a return to the classroom setting.
- There will not be a hybrid model or a 100% remote option in place for 2021-22.
- As in the past, students who are medically unable to attend school (with appropriate medical documentation) will review alternative educational options with the administrative team. Non-COVID related absences will be treated as during pre-pandemic times (extended absences, make-up work, etc.)
- Quarantine Instruction will occur via Google Classroom for those students placed on a health-department required quarantine or isolation due to close contact or infection with COVID-19.

CLEANING, SANITIZING AND VENTILATION

- **Hand and Respiratory Hygiene**
 - *Instruction for staff and students on hand washing*
 - *Antibacterial soap and water available in all (bathrooms and classroom sinks where applicable)*
 - *Hand Sanitizer dispensers - (alcohol based) is in all classrooms and offices throughout Schools.*
- **PPE:** *includes masks and face shields*
- **Karcher Bp Mister: 6 per building;** *hospital-grade disinfectant (Vital-Oxide) misting system is applied daily*
- **Annihilite:** *a green sealed EPA registered disinfectant is used on high touch surfaces (door handles, knobs, light switches), through-out the day.*
- **Filtration / ventilation** *in the district includes all **MERV-13 filters.***

SUFSD custodial staff are following new cleaning practices that were instituted during the 2020-21 school year with proven success.

TRANSPORTATION

- Buses are being routed at full capacity, anticipating a full return to school by all.
- Universal masking for students, drivers, and monitors will be mandatory. Masks will be available on the buses if needed.
- Assigned seating and attendance charts will be maintained for contact tracing purposes.
- Windows/hatches open, weather permitting.
- Buses will be disinfected twice daily, or as necessary.
- Challenges continue to include anticipated protocol changes by CDC, DOH, and SED. Will respond accordingly



ATHLETICS

- Athletes will follow protocols established by SCDOH and Section XI
- Indoor spectator – 3' distancing and proper wearing of masks are required
- Space will determine number of spectators indoor or outdoor



OTHER ITEMS OF CONCERN

- Orientation Programs and open houses will be held in person with all individuals required to wear masks in the buildings.
- All clubs will be in person
- Student lockers will be utilized
- Facilities will be made available for evening use per our building use policy



MODIFICATIONS TO PLAN

Plan will be modified and/or updated as New York State releases mandates and guidance determined by New York State, New York State Department of Health, New York State Education Department and/or Suffolk County Department of Health Services.