

Secondary Learning Update

Finishing Strong:
All Hybrid Students in
School 4 days a Week for
4th Quarter



So What Has Changed since the Fall of 2020?



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NEW VDH Guidelines

Physical distancing of six feet or more should be maintained to the greatest extent possible. Less distance, to a minimum of three feet, is acceptable, if necessary for a school to continue in-person instruction and combined with other mitigation strategies.

*Revised Interim Guidance for PreK-12 School Reopening,
March 2021*



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American Academy of Pediatrics

AAP Recommendation: “keeping desks at least 3 feet apart, and ideally 6 feet apart.” Maintaining less than six feet of distance should only be considered if all students are wearing masks correctly and do not have symptoms of illness.

Covid 19 Guidance for Safe Schools, January 5, 2021

Masking will continue to be a primary mitigation strategy.



Revised CDC Guidance

In middle schools and high schools, students should be at least 3 feet apart in areas of low, moderate, or substantial community transmission.

Maintain 6 feet of distance in the following settings:

- When masks cannot be worn, such as when eating.
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, such as singing, shouting, band, or sports and exercise. Move these activities outdoors or to large, well-ventilated space, when possible.

Center for Disease Control and Prevention: Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention Updated Mar. 19, 2021



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Students Need to be Physically Present in School

“We also encourage schools to develop mitigation strategies that allow students back in the classroom as many of the problems caused by the lack of socialization, learning difficulties with virtual learning and equity issues can be addressed by getting children back in school.”

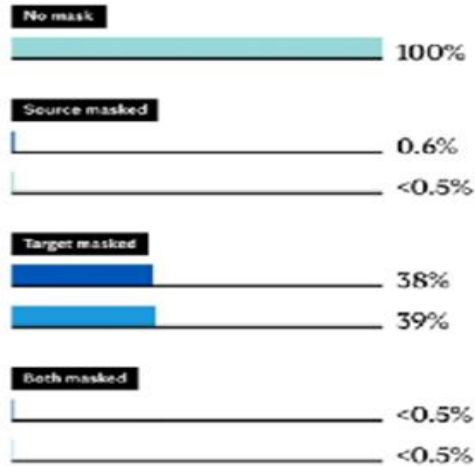
-Virginia Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, COVID-19 School Re-Opening Task Force, December 2020



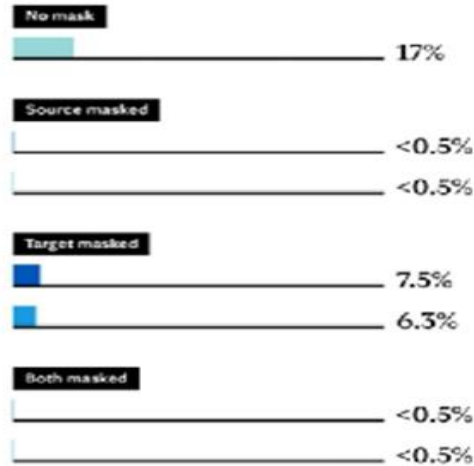
Exposure Risk Based on Masking and Distance

NO MASK EMPLOYABLE MASK FIBROGLASS

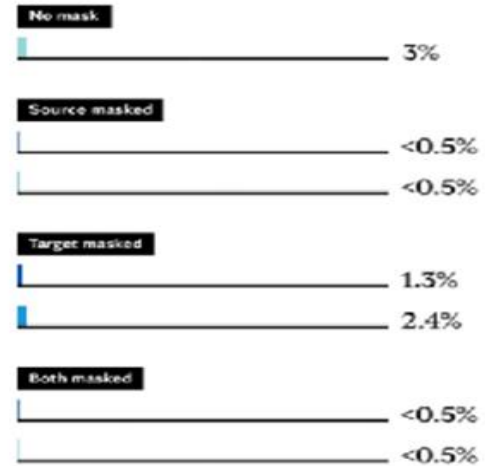
1-foot distance



3-foot distance



6-foot distance



Source = person with active COVID-19

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MASKING IS CRITICAL

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5 Key Mitigation Strategies



Target Date for 4 Day Return for Secondary Students

Tuesday, April 20



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Hybrid Students Returning

- Middle Schools 50% approximately
- High Schools 46% approximately
- Some schools with more students returning require greater flexibility with space
- Most classrooms at HS will maintain 6 feet and most MS classrooms will be 5 - 6 feet



Adjustments

- Maintain 3 - 6 feet social distancing
- Increased number of lunches
- Maintaining 6 feet of social distancing at lunch requires moving some classes to larger classrooms/spaces in the building
- Band and chorus classes remain in classroom and maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing



Phased Approach

Following CDC, VDOE, and VDH guidance, SCPS has followed a phased approach to bring students back into school:

- Started the school year with Internet Cafe, ESOL, CTE, and Students with Special Needs
- In February brought students into school 2 days per week in grades 6-9
- A week later brought students into school 2 days per week in grades 10-12
- Gradually increased 4 days per weeks for At-Risk, CTE, Students with Special Needs, and ESOL students
- Transitioned Internet Cafe students into regular classes 4 days per week



As We Move Forward...

As we bring back more students back in more days per week we will continue to focus on prevention and mitigation strategies.

Throughout the 20-21 school year we have established a culture in which people practice social distancing, wear masks, practice hand hygiene, and clean and disinfect work spaces. With the addition of Cares Act resources we purchased resources and have procedures in place to support students throughout the day including transitions.

We will continue to follow our mitigation strategies to keep everyone safe in SCPS.



Questions?



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