

Re-Entry Plan Frequently Asked Questions

Answers to many of your questions can be found below. Please review the [Return to School](#) plan for full details. If you are unable to find the answer to your questions, please contact the office 772-567-5457.

Will there be any sports this year?

Current sports programs for January-March are Cross Country, Volleyball and Flag Football. Additional programs may be added. Please check the school website for updates. The principal and the athletic director will regularly review and comply with county and local guidance related to sports programs and COVID-19, as policies may vary from county to county within the diocese.

Does my child have to wear a mask?

*Students in K-8th grade are required to wear a mask anytime 6 feet of social distancing cannot be kept. Face shields and neck gaiters are allowed but a mask MUST also be worn with those items. According to the CDC cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Face coverings may be challenging for students (especially younger students) to wear in all-day school settings. Face coverings should be worn by staff and students (particularly older students) as feasible and are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult. Students will be frequently reminded not to touch the face covering and to wash their hands frequently. It is equally important that face coverings are cleaned on a regular basis.*

Is there a uniform face covering?

There is not a uniform face-covering; however, any inappropriate pictures or sayings are unacceptable. Face shields and neck gaiters are allowed but a mask MUST also be worn with those items. A rule of thumb for appropriate face covering should be...when in question do not wear. If you want to show some school spirit, SHCS face coverings will be available for purchase in the Falcon Shop. Visit the school website at www.sthelen.schoolvero.org to order.

How will students be screened at drop off?

Using the [Self-Screening Checklist](#) parents must conduct a self-screening of their child at home. This includes a temperature screening ([CDC Screening K-12 Students](#)). For additional details, please review the COVID section of the school website.

How is the school addressing classroom arrangements and the need for social distancing?

The spacing between desks will be maximized to the extent possible, with all desks facing one direction. ALL students will work from individual desks and will utilize clear desk partitions. For additional details, please review the Return to School Plan page 9.

How do I request an accommodation for remote learning?

Parents must contact the school office to request the At-Home Learning Request Form and return the completed form to the school office. The need for a remote-learning accommodation and its continuation will be evaluated by the administration at least quarterly or as deemed appropriate by the principal.

Will students still get recess?

Students will participate in recess with staggered times that allow for one class at a time. If playground equipment is utilized, it will be cleaned and disinfected between use.

What happens if someone gets sick at school?

*If an employee or student becomes ill on campus during the school day, he or she will immediately report to the school's **front office for further instructions**. He/she may be directed to the school's sick / isolation area. **Parents, PLEASE HAVE A PLAN FOR AN IMMEDIATE PICK UP OF A SICK CHILD.***

If someone gets sick at school, will the school close?

If any students/employees test positive for COVID-19 based on possible exposure on the school campus, SHCS will follow the recommendations of the Indian River County Health Department in terms of school closing, next steps and procedures. For complete details please review the Return to School Plan, Illness During the School Day on page 7.

If the school has to close, will distance learning be the same as last year?

Our Instructional Continuity Plan (ICP) was updated over the summer with a focus on streamlining our distance learning program. In the event the school is required to move to virtual learning the instructional experiences will include modeling, guided instruction, collaborative work, and independent work. Instruction will be delivered to all students via livestream, and content will be delivered using iPad programs. Detailed information and requirements for distance learning will be provided in the event school is closed for a prolonged period.

Will students participate in physical education class?

All students will participate in P.E. Classes will take place outside or in the parish center for inclement weather. Students will stay with their cohort, and lessons will be geared toward activities that allow social distancing. No equipment will be used. Students in 5-8th grade are required to wear P.E. uniforms. Lessons will be modified as social distancing requirements dictate.

Will students participate in specials?

All students will participate in specials. At least for the first quarter of school, Music class will focus on music appreciation, art, and history utilizing activities that do not provide for instruments or singing. Library, Art, and Spanish classes will remain the same with students staying with their cohort.

Will students still get recess?

Students will participate in recess with staggered times that allow for one class at a time. If playground equipment is utilized, it will be cleaned and disinfected between use.

Where will students eat lunch?

All students will be required to bring a packed lunch for at least the first 30 days of school. There will be three grade levels at each 30-minute lunch (K,1,2...). To allow for social distancing, two of the three groups will eat at the outdoor picnic areas while the third group will eat in the parish center. Students will remain in their cohort group during lunch. Additional time has been allocated so that the lunch areas can be sanitized and cleaned between lunch periods. Additionally, students will be encouraged to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer before and after lunch.

Will students have access to drinking fountains during the day?

Several of the drinking fountains on campus have been updated to touchless water bottle fillers. All students must bring a full water bottle each day. Containers should be marked clearly with the student's name and must be clear and must contain only water. Soda, sparkling water, juice, coffee, or other beverages are not permitted. Approved water bottles are available for purchase at the Falcon Shop. Visit the school website at www.sthelenschoolvero.org to order.

How will students access restrooms?

Pursuant to CDC Guidelines, staff will teach and reinforce good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette. All restrooms have capacity limits visible, and students will not enter while at capacity. Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected pursuant to the Cleaning and Sanitation guidelines in the Return to School Plan. Students in Kindergarten have scheduled bathroom breaks throughout the day and before or after lunch. All other students will continue to access bathrooms as needed at their teacher's discretion.

Is after school care available during this time?

Aftercare will be offered for working parents and guardians from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on full days of school and 12:30-2 p.m. on half days of school. The same guidelines for physical education will be followed for the aftercare program.