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SCA RE-ENTRY PLAN 2020

******The following plan for the reopening of SCA will be consistently reviewed and revised as needed.******

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer, time with family, and staying safe.

Listed below are points of action that will take place upon the reopening of our campus to staff and students for the first day of **TRADITIONAL SCHOOL** on August 7, 2020.

FACEMASKS

- At this time, masks **WILL NOT** be mandatory for students or staff attending the traditional schedule. Masks may be worn by any person that feels uncomfortable with the environment, but they will not be mandatory.
- Any person so choosing to wear a mask must adhere to the uniform policy when it comes to what type of graphics are listed on the mask. (only school themed, or plain colored masks/facial coverings allowed)(Ex: SCA Masks, College, etc.)
- **If a mandatory mask order is placed on Simpson County or the entire state of Mississippi, Simpson Academy will adhere to all state and local regulations.**
- Clear/See Through Face Shields may also be worn if preferred over a mask.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Social Distancing in a school setting is almost impossible with classroom sizes. We will do our due diligence when it comes to making sure students are adequately separated as best as they can be throughout the day.



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TEMPERATURE CHECKS

- Simpson Academy has recently purchased laser thermometers to use in case a child feels sick while on campus.
- In order to protect the learning environment as well as the safety of all students, we are asking parents to please check your child(s) temperature before leaving the house each morning and ask the general questions concerning symptoms of COVID-19 which are listed at the bottom of this plan.
- SCA teachers will be on alert throughout the day checking to make sure each student is not showing signs of illness.
- If your child has fever, or answers yes to any symptoms concerning COVID-19, please keep them home and notify the school. I understand it can be an inconvenience for them to miss school, but it is for the safety of the other students on campus.

CAFETERIA SERVICE

- The Junior High/High School Cafeteria will continue to operate as normal when it comes to student lunches as well as break.
- Students will be required to eat outside or in the classroom for break and lunch.
- The Elementary Cafeteria will operate on a staggered schedule to ensure that as few students as possible are inside the cafeteria.

SCHOOL SANITATION

- SCA is partnering with a cleaning company in order to have hand sanitizing stations spread out around campus as well as fresh floor mats placed at all entries on campus. The restrooms will be supplied with hand soap, as well as disinfectant.
- Teachers and Students will clean rooms periodically throughout the day, and a cleaning crew will clean the buildings each night.
- In order to help our teachers and staff, parents should stress the importance of proper sanitation to their child(ren).



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- Students are encouraged to bring a personal bottle of Hand Sanitizer to school, and use it throughout the day.
- Teachers will take multiple breaks throughout the day to allow students to sanitize and/or wash their hands.
- Water Fountains will be closed for the time being to reduce the risk of transmission. Students are encouraged and allowed to bring their own bottles of water or water in any container as long as it's **CLEAR/SEE THROUGH**.

GENERAL LEARNING PLANS

- Our 2020-2021 daily learning plan will be based on a traditional 7 period day for grades 7-12.
- K3-3rd Grades are in self-contained classrooms, and 4th-6th Grades will only swap classes between two teachers.
- Morning Devotions will be done over the intercom each morning, and followed up by the students 1st period teacher. Chapel, Pep-Rallies, etc. will **NOT** occur until further notice.
- Student traffic will be monitored and enforced as best it can in order to keep students from gathering in the hallways.

DISTANCE LEARNING

- Distance Learning **WILL** be an option for any student not comfortable returning to school.
- Google Classroom, Zoom, Khan Academy, etc will be the platform used in order to offer distance learning.
- Any student wishing to do Distance Learning will be required to take proctored tests based on materials taught.
- Any student choosing this option will need to let the office know by July 27, 2020.
- If a student chooses to do distance learning, he/she will **NOT** be able to participate in any extracurricular activities.



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- If a student chooses distance learning, he/she must stay with this method of education for **ONE** full semester. A student cannot switch tracks in the middle of a semester.
- **REGULAR FULL TUITION will be charged for Distance Learning.**

VISITORS ON CAMPUS

- Visitation to campus by parents, vendors, etc. will be required to give advance notice before arriving.
- Visitors will be stopped at the Elementary Office/High School Office in order to have their temperature checked for the safety of staff/students.
- **NO VISITOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO WALK TO ANY CLASSROOM AT ANY TIME UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- All athletic facilities will be closed on campus to visitors/parents such as track, gym, etc.
- Only students of SCA will be allowed to use any and all facilities.

PLANS OF OPERATION

- Simpson Academy will open school with a **GREEN** plan on August 7.
- Plan sequences are the following:
 - **COUGAR PLAN**- Campus is fully operational as it was before COVID-19 and will be open with no restrictions for on-campus learning.
 - **GREEN PLAN**- Campus is open with limited restrictions such as social distancing as best as possible, limited visitor(s) on campus, cafeteria services, temperature checks as needed.
 - **YELLOW PLAN**- Campus is open with heightened mandated restrictions designed for limited student capacity on campus; modified on-campus and hybrid learning for all students.
 - **RED PLAN**- Mandated distance learning for all students



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**** Simpson Academy will only operate under the Yellow or Red Plan if a statewide mandate is issued by Government Officials ****

COVID-19 STUDENT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Any student experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will be sent to a designated sick room immediately, a parent will be called, and the student will be required to go home immediately.
- A student who experiences any symptoms of COVID-19 should self-isolate and be evaluated by a medical professional as soon as possible.
- Any student or family member who tests positive for COVID-19 is requested to notify the school so the school can protect others. The student will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from the first day of symptoms and be fever free for 72 hours prior to returning to campus.
- Any student who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 will need to be cleared and provide clearance in writing from their physician or medical provider before returning to school..
- Any student who has been exposed to or has a family member who has COVID-19 will be asked to quarantine for 14 days from the first day of symptoms, be free of fever for 72 hours, and have improved symptoms prior to reentry.
- A student living with someone who experiences any symptoms of COVID-19 or has been tested for COVID-19 should self-isolate until that person receives results of a test determining whether or not they are positive or is otherwise cleared by a medical provider.
- Should a student or member of a student's household travel internationally, the student will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days if the household member cannot isolate away from the home.



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RESPONSE TO CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

- Contact local health officials and follow the guidance provided.
- The school will identify any individuals who had regular or close contact with the affected individual. This may include an entire class (students, teachers and staff) and potentially other teachers and staff (if multiple teachers work regularly with the student or staff member). Using the symptomatic approach, any student or staff member who shows symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to quarantine for 14 days and have been fever free for 72 hours or present a negative test result to Simpson Academy.
- The individuals who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 will follow above guidelines to be cleared by a medical professional and provide clearance in writing prior to being allowed to return to campus.
- Individuals who were determined to be exposed to COVID-19 must complete their 14 day quarantine period prior to return to campus. If those individuals experience symptoms of COVID-19 during their quarantine period, they must be evaluated by a medical professional to determine need for further evaluation and potential testing and clearance prior to their return to campus.
- Stricter guidelines may be required on masking and distancing during periods of contact tracing if indicated.
- Positive cases of COVID-19 may be communicated as appropriate.
- The school will clean and disinfect thoroughly:
 - Close off area used by the individual with COVID-19 as appropriate
 - Open doors and windows of area, if appropriate
 - Wait for 24 hours to clean an area, if appropriate
 - Clean all surfaces with disinfectant
- If someone tests positive, whether teacher, staff or student, they will not be allowed to return to campus until they are cleared by a medical professional with written clearance as outlined.



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BUILDINGS/GROUNDS/ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE

- While specific decisions and plans will be finalized over the next several months as more information and updated public health guidelines are issued, strategies are being developed in the following areas including but not limited to:
 - Institution of capacity limits to allow for social distancing in common spaces or large gathering spaces per state regulations:
 - Gym
 - Outdoor Classroom
 - Cafeteria
 - Other Athletic Facilities
- Institution of capacity limits to allow for social distancing during lunch and break
- Teach and reinforce healthy hygiene habits
- Train staff on healthy hygiene habits to teach to students
- Ensure hand washing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, and hands are not visibly dirty, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains a minimum of 60% alcohol.
- Routinely clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched including objects/surfaces not ordinarily cleaned daily (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, desktops, tabletops). Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.
- Teachers will routinely clean all keyboards, desks, etc. before use.
- Ensure adequate supplies to support intensified cleaning and disinfection practices
- All facilities, both indoor and outdoor, will have highly visible signage as appropriate stating common COVID-19 symptoms as information and reminders for employees, students and parents/guardians.
- Changes to campus access for visitors and parents/guardians
- Intensive cleaning and disinfection efforts



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PARENTS

- In an effort to keep all of our students, faculty and staff safe, we ask parents to be diligent in monitoring your child for signs of illness or exposure to COVID-19. While we realize that keeping your child home can be an inconvenience, it is necessary for their safety as well as the safety and wellness of others. We appreciate your support as we continue to provide an exceptional education and environment for our students at Simpson Academy.
- No matter where we go, we are all going to take the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Grocery stores, ball games, restaurants, neighborhood kids playing together, etc.
- There is a level of risk of being exposed whether it is the flu, COVID-19, chickenpox(back then), etc., and we must all accept that we are taking that risk by coming back to school or going out in public in general.
- Our promise at SCA is that we will do everything in our power to limit that risk in order to have our students and staff back on campus in the safest way possible.
- We are all family at SCA, and we must protect our family! By following the above guidelines, I believe that with God on our side, we can achieve great things and turn this year around.
- We ask that you please pray for our school, our faculty and staff, and most importantly our students. Molding young minds is why educators get into this business, and we do not take your child(ren)'s education lightly.



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SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS FOR SCREENING

- Per current CDC guidelines, people are considered “exposed” to COVID-19 if they are within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes of an individual with COVID-19 or meets other criteria for exposure as determined by the CDC. This includes during the time the individual is symptomatic or in the preceding 2 days before the individual became symptomatic. If an individual is confirmed to have COVID-19 but is asymptomatic, their date of testing (and preceding 2 days) is used to determine potential exposures.