



Southmoreland School District Logistics Fact Sheet 1



How To Keep Schools Safe When Reopening

To stay safe, there are a number of steps students, parents, teachers, administrators, and visitors should take to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Parents/guardians are encouraged to review and support these guidelines with your child(ren).

Physical Distancing

Social distancing or physical distancing means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not members of your household. A distance of at least 6-feet apart with a face covering will help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. When possible, outdoor spaces can be used for instruction and activities in small groups.

Face Coverings

Children two-years and older are required to wear a face covering unless they have a medical or mental health condition or disability, documented in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA, that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Face covering means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is wrapped around the lower face.

A face covering can be made of a variety of synthetic or natural fabrics, including cotton, silk, linen, and, for the purposes of the Order, can include a plastic face shield that covers the nose and mouth. Face coverings may be factory-made, sewn by hand, or improvised from household items, including but not limited to scarves, bandanas, t-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels. **Face coverings must be worn at all times, even when maintaining a safe distance of 6-feet apart from others.**

Class Changes and Common Areas

Students in grades K-5 will remain with the same cohort of students throughout the school day; grades 6-12 will transition to their assigned classrooms as scheduled. Face coverings must be worn at all times. Hallways and stairwells will be labeled with one-way signage to cut down on crowding. Signs will be posted throughout each building reminding students and staff of recommended guidelines.

KINDNESS AND COMMON SENSE MUST PREVAIL TO GET US THROUGH THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.