

# Elementary Reopening Parent Webinar

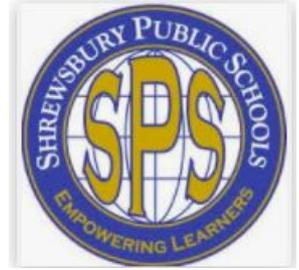
**Welcome, Families!**



**Friday, September 11, 2020**



# 3 Key Messages

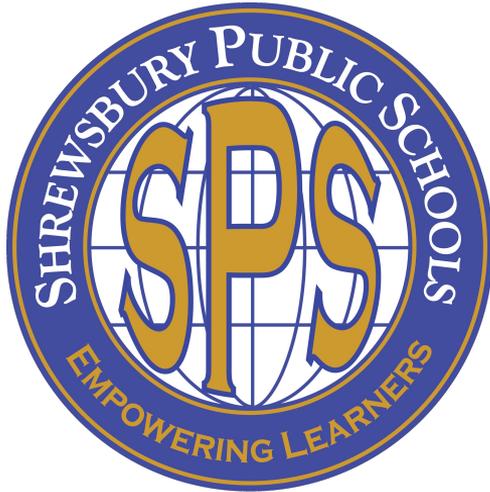


- 1) The health & well-being of students, families, & staff is priority #1.
- 2) Our focus for the coming year is to develop a safe school environment for our students and staff that prioritizes everyone's well-being and enables high levels of learning for all.
- 3) We are planning based on guidance from the MA Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, while closely monitoring the latest information from medical experts and the evolving data regarding the pandemic both in Massachusetts and in Shrewsbury.

# How can we protect ourselves and others?

## A combination of strategies

- A combination of mitigation strategies is required; one will not work on its own
  - All students must wear face masks consistently and in the proper manner
  - Everyone should do their best to avoid "close contact" by not being within 6 feet distance of others for 15 minutes at a time
  - Students should wash/sanitize their hands frequently
  - Students must stay home if they are sick
- We are all in this together and ask that families partner with us in maintaining a safe school environment



More details can be found in the [SPS Reopening Plan](#)

# How can we protect ourselves and others?

## Staying home when sick



- **This is VERY important! Students MUST STAY HOME if they are sick!**
- **The symptoms of COVID-19 (see next slide) overlap with those of many common illnesses or conditions such as seasonal allergies, flu and the common cold**
- **Students who have symptoms must stay home until they are evaluated by a health care provider and may need to be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school**

More information can be found in the [SPS Protocols for COVID-19 Scenarios](#)



# Daily self-assessment of symptoms



- While there is no requirement for in-school screening of body temperatures or illness history, families are required to ask the following questions before sending a student to school:
  - If you answer yes to any of the following, your child should NOT attend school
    - Has the student had any of the following in the last 3 days: fever  $\geq 100$ , cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion or runny nose\*, headache\*, fatigue, unexplained body or muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new loss of taste or smell?
    - Has the student or anyone in the household and/or close contacts\*\* been diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
    - Has the student been told by Dept of Public Health to quarantine or isolate?
    - Has the student traveled outside of Massachusetts\*\*\* within the last 14 days?

\* When combined with at least one other symptom

\*\* "Close contact" is defined as being within 6 feet for a period of 15 minutes or more

\*\*\* Follow [MA Travel Order](#), "lower-risk" states may change based on positive cases, so check for updates if traveling

# What happens if a student becomes ill at school?



➤ The student will be sent to the school nurse so they can be evaluated and appropriate action can be taken



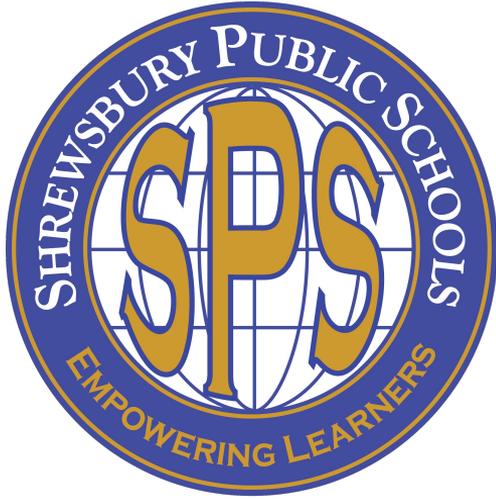
➤ If the nurse determines that the student's symptoms are consistent with possible COVID-19, the student will need to be dismissed and will wait for dismissal in a supervised care space which is separate from the health office



More information can be found in the [SPS Protocols for COVID-19 Scenarios](#)

# How can we protect ourselves and others?

## Student dismissal if ill at school



- Students who are found to have possible COVID-19 symptoms will be dismissed from school
- In order to limit exposure of symptomatic individuals to others, dismissal should occur within 30 minutes of a call to dismiss whenever possible
- Families should provide in PowerSchool a minimum of three (3) emergency contacts (this can include parent/guardians) who are available to pick up the student
- Please verify that the contact information in PowerSchool is up-to-date and accurate by accessing the PowerSchool [Parent Portal](#)

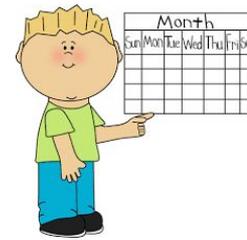
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## Positive COVID-19 at home



- If a student or a member of their household tests positive for COVID-19, we ask that the family notify the school nurse in their building and/or the [Director of School Nursing](#) as soon as possible
- Notification will prompt nursing staff to reach out to you for support, and will also allow for contact tracing to begin as soon as possible. Contact tracing is essential in limiting the spread of COVID-19. Confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Only those staff required to assist in contact tracing will be informed of the identity of the student who is ill.

# Week 1 Schedule



Early dismissal schedule will be in place during the first week of school.

<u>Monday, Sept 14</u>	<u>Tuesday, Sept 15</u>	<u>Wednesday, Sept 16</u>	<u>Thursday, Sept 17</u>	<u>Friday, Sept 18</u>
<b>No school for students- Professional Development</b>	Half day- 12:15 Dismissal	Half day- 12:15 Dismissal	Half day- 12:15 Dismissal	Half day- 12:15 Dismissal
	Cohort <b>B</b> -In school	Cohort <b>B</b> -In school	Cohort <b>C</b> -In school	Cohort <b>C</b> -In school
	Cohort <b>C</b> and <b>D</b> -Remote	Cohort <b>C</b> and <b>D</b> -Remote	Cohort <b>B</b> and <b>D</b> -Remote	Cohort <b>B</b> and <b>D</b> -Remote



## Parent Portal

- Log into the PowerSchool Parent Portal at <https://ps.shrewsbury.k12.ma.us>
- Your child's teacher or team assignment will be on the front page of the Parent Portal.
- While we have taken measures to increase PowerSchool's surge capacity, many parents will be accessing assignments at the same time. If you have difficulty accessing PowerSchool, please try again later.
- Parents can click the "Forgot Username or Password?" link on the sign-in page if they have forgotten their username or password.



# Allied Arts Update



All Allied Arts lessons will be taught synchronously

Classroom teachers will share our your child's allied arts schedule



# School Based Reopening Documents



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## INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL REOPENING PLANS - SEPTEMBER 2020

Please click on a link below to view the Reopening Plan for your school.

[Parker Road & Little Colonials Preschool](#)

[Beal Early Childhood Center](#)

[Calvin Coolidge School](#)

[Floral Street School](#)

[Walter J. Paton School](#)

[Spring Street School](#)

[Sherwood Middle School](#)

[Oak Middle School](#)

[Shrewsbury High School](#)

If you would like to translate the Reopening Plan:

- Click on the link for your school to view the Reopening Plan in Google Docs
- Click on File in the menu and select **Make a copy**

# Shared Student Materials



# SPS Safety Protocols - Creating a Positive Mask Culture

- Students in grades K-4 are required to wear masks daily.
- Send your child with an additional mask whenever possible. Replacement masks will be available for students who require a new mask within the school day.
- Support creating a positive mask culture by partnering with your child's school to normalize and encourage mask wearing.
- Check out [these links](#) to gain more information about how to support your child with mask wearing.
- School based protocols and common language have been developed to support students with mask wearing.

**How to Help Your Child Adapt to Wearing a Mask**  
7 Quick Tips for Parents  
BITS

**Explain WHY**  
Use easy-to-understand language and positive phrasing. For example, "Many people are sick right now. Wearing a mask will protect you from germs."

**Take a Picture**  
Ask family members or friends to take pictures of themselves wearing masks. You can even arrange a virtual get together so everyone can show off their masks.

**Practice Makes Perfect**  
Shape the behavior by breaking it down into smaller steps. Then practice & reinforce each step.  
1. Holding the mask.  
2. Putting it against his or her face.  
3. Securing the elastic.

**Let's Pretend**  
Integrate masks into your favorite pretend play schemes. Encourage your child to dress up as a doctor, nurse, or veterinarian.

**Get Creative**  
Allow your child to decorate their mask using crayons or markers. If you are planning to make a DIY cloth mask, allow him/her to pick the fabric color or pattern.

**Stuffed Animals & Dolls Need Masks Too**  
Put a mask on your child's favorite stuffed animal or doll as a reminder that we are all in this together!

**Start with Familiar Clothing**  
Choose clothing that your child already wears and turn it into a mask. Some ideas include a scarf, balaclava or bandana.

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KIDS WEARING MASKS CLIPART BY: BUNNY ON A CLOUD

# **SPS Safety Protocols - Restrooms**



- **In order to maintain physical distancing in restrooms, an occupancy limit based on the number of stalls in the restroom has been established (for example: 2 stalls = occupancy limit of 2 , 4 stalls = occupancy limit of 4)**
- **Signs reflecting the occupancy limit will be posted at all restroom entrances to indicate that, should the stalls be full, students need wait outside until someone exits.**
- **Floor markings will be used to designate 6 feet distance for those waiting to enter**
- **Sign out from the classroom, and sign in on return, will be required for students in order to track movement in the building**

# SPS Safety Protocols - Lunch



- **The cafeterias, gymnasiums, and/or other designated spaces will be utilized for lunch in order to maximize space and allow for 6 feet distancing**
- **Students will sit at numbered desks or tables that are spaced 6 feet apart, facing the same direction**
- **Masks will be removed after students are seated for eating, and replaced before leaving seat**
- **Students will wash/sanitize hands before and after lunch**
- **The USDA and the National School Lunch Program**
  - **Allows schools to provide free meals to all students up through Dec. 31, 2020.**
  - **During the first several weeks of the school year, students will be served a brown bag lunch.**
  - **There will be no a la carte sales during this timeframe.**

# School Based Reopening Meetings



Thank you for joining us today! Floral families please stay on this meeting. Other elementary school families please login to the meeting link sent by your Principal.