

September 8, 2021

Dear SHS families,

I hope that this email finds you well and having enjoyed the beautiful holiday weekend. As promised, I want to keep in consistent communication with you about the ways in which we are working to keep our SHS community safe. I am emailing you today to update you on a few Covid-19 protocols that differ from our Reopening Plan and to inform you of our procedure if we have a positive Covid-19 case at SHS. Please read this message carefully and in its entirety.

Worship Wednesdays: Students will attend Worship Wednesday masses on a rotating schedule by level. (Our levels are as follows: Junior High/Grades 3-5/PreK-grade 2.) Those who aren't attending in-person will watch the mass via livestream in their classroom with their classmates and teacher.

Cafeteria: Starting on the first day of school, all lower-level students were all seated facing in the same direction (not on opposite sides of the tables) during lunch. Starting yesterday, this will also be the case for our junior high students. There is a rotating schedule, so only two junior high grades at a time will be in the cafeteria, allowing for more space, seating on one side of the table, and the option to spread out more. Students can still go through the hot lunch line if their grade is eating in the classroom, and all students will still get recess (outdoors when the weather permits) each day.

Curriculum Night/Parent-Teacher Conferences: We will not be having an in-person Curriculum Night this year, as we are not able to socially distance all families in our classrooms. Each teacher/level (for junior high) will be sending home a detailed outline of their curriculum for the year by Friday, September 16.

At this time, we are still working on the format of the October 7th Parent-Teacher conferences. We will be in touch with details once they are finalized.

Communication: Should we have a positive Covid-19 case at SHS (whether it has health impacts on the school community or not), I will send an email out to all families to let them know. Identifying information will not be included in that message, as to protect the privacy of our students and staff.

NH-DHHS is not conducting contact tracing for schools (unless there is a cluster or outbreak on campus), but if your child is a potential direct contact, we will let you know via email and ask that you monitor your child for symptoms and consider a test on or after day 5 of exposure; if you are symptomatic, consider testing at the first sign of symptoms. They are allowed at school during this time if they have no symptoms; as a reminder, all students who have any symptoms of Covid-19 should stay home and contact the SHS Health Office. See "Quarantine" section below for specific guidelines around household contacts.

Masking: If we have a positive case of Covid-19 at SHS that impacts our students/staff directly, and the Rockingham County community transmission level is substantial, we will require all students and staff, *regardless of vaccination status*, to universally mask for 14 days when indoors at SHS. If this situation arises, we will return to lunches in the classroom setting for the duration of the masking period.

If by day 15, there have been no more positive cases within the SHS community, and there have been no major changes in the community's transmission, we will again make masks parental/employee choice. This plan is in place to make sure that should we have a positive Covid-19 case, we are doing all we can to minimize transmission in our SHS community. We are committed to monitoring each situation closely to find the balance between parental choice around masking and the safety and well-being of our entire SHS community.

Quarantine Guidelines: If a student or staff member is exposed to Covid-19 at school, regardless of vaccination status, NH DHHS recommends that they mask for 14 days, monitor for symptoms and consider a test on or after day 5 of exposure; if symptomatic, testing should be considered at the first sign of symptoms. Again, if we have a positive case of Covid-19 at SHS that impacts our students/staff directly, and the Rockingham County community transmission level is

substantial, we will require all students and staff, *regardless of vaccination status*, to universally mask for 14 days when indoors at SHS.

- If an unvaccinated student/staff member is exposed to a family member (household contact) with Covid-19, they must stay at home and avoid other people for 10 days after their last close contact with the household member with COVID-19 while they are considered infectious (their 10-day isolation period). The 10-day period can sooner if the person with COVID-19 sleeps in a different room than you and you can avoid ongoing close contact in your home.
- If a vaccinated student/staff member is exposed to a family member (household contact) with Covid-19, they do not need to quarantine. The student/staff member should get tested for COVID-19 with a PCR-based test on or after day 5 of exposure (even if asymptomatic). The student/staff member should also wear a facemask in indoor public settings for 14 days, or until receiving a negative test result.

Thank you for your time, support, and prayers as we work to navigate this school year in a healthy, happy, and balanced way. I know we are often pulled in a million different directions as families as we work to establish a back-to-school routine. I truly appreciate the SHS community and wish you all well as we move out of summer and into fall.

With blessings and gratitude,

Maegan Koelker

Principal