Town Hall Meeting

Fall 2020 Safe Return

Recovery, Redesign, Return

July 29, 2020
Fall 2020 Safe Return Planning

https://www.smcps.org/strategic-planning/recovery-plan
Guiding Principles

- Health and Safety
- Equity and Access
- Communication and Engagement
- Engaging and High Quality Instruction
- Technology and Resource Support
- Meeting the Diverse Needs of Students
In the School /At the Workplace

- Hand Washing
- Face Coverings
- Cleaning
- Hand Sanitizer
- Physical Distancing
- Training
Now, with the state firmly in recovery, local systems will have the flexibility to determine, in consultation with their local health officers, how they will open, and which groups of students and staff will be able to re-enter buildings.

Dr. Karen Salmon, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools
St. Mary’s County Health Department

Meenakshi G. Brewster, MD, MPH
St. Mary’s County Health Officer

www.smchd.org

Local COVID-19 Hotline:
301-475-4911
As of July 29, 2020, 11% of the St. Mary’s County population has been tested for the COVID-19 virus.

**Testing sites include:**

SMCHD Leonardtown Office:
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

SMCHD Lexington Park Office:
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Data taken from the St. Mary's County, MD COVID-19 Data Dashboard
St. Mary’s County COVID-19 Data

As of July 28, 2020, St. Mary’s County had a seven day rolling average of positive cases of 4.73%

Data taken from the St. Mary’s County, MD COVID-19 Data Dashboard
As of July 29, 2020, there have been 886 confirmed cases of COVID in St. Mary’s County.

Data taken from the St. Mary’s County, MD COVID-19 Data Dashboard
As of July 29, 2020, there have been 53 COVID related deaths in St. Mary’s County residents.

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SMCPS Staff Return to Worksite

All SMCPS staff returning to the worksite with the following protocols in place:

- All staff follow social distancing protocols of maintaining six feet of separation,
- All staff wear cloth face coverings when entering and leaving buildings and when unable to socially distance or in shared workspaces with others,
- All staff wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer after handling any shared items or surfaces within the school building,
- All staff report COVID symptoms to Human Resources and self quarantine until cleared by a medical professional, as appropriate.
Staff Return Timeline

July 1, 2020  
12-month staff report to worksite (telework up to 50%)

August 3, 2020  
11-month staff report to worksite

August 24, 2020  
10-month staff report to worksite

Options for all staff:

- Families First Coronavirus Relief Act (FFCRA)
- Americans with Disabilities (ADA) workplace accommodations
- Childcare work group outlining options
SMCPS Fall Instruction / Quarter 1

Dates and progress of phases will be reviewed before each step to determine next steps moving forward.

- Each student will have a complete schedule of classes in Schoology
- Each class will be aligned to the Maryland State College and Career Readiness Standards
- Each class will have daily interactive class sessions Mon-Thurs
- Each Friday will be asynchronous (independent) learning with teachers coordinating next week’s interactive lessons and contacting struggling students
- Each class will have multiple graded activities and assessments that will completed by each student within the Schoology platform and will determine the grade earned for the course
SMCPS Fall Instruction Quarter 2

Dates and progress of phases will be reviewed before each step to determine next steps moving forward.

- **September**: All Virtual/Online Learning
- **Oct / Nov**: Phase-In Groups To Hybrid Model
- **Nov / Dec**: Hybrid Instruction Other Grades

Begin with PreK/K, 6, 9, and 12
Fall Instruction for All Students

- Completely Virtual Learning
- Transitioning to Parental Choice
- Hybrid Classroom Instruction
Phasing into a Hybrid Schedule

Step 1: Begin with online learning with consideration for students receiving specialized services.

Step 2: Sequence bringing in grade-level groups starting with Pre K/Kindergarten, 6, 9, 12 grade.

Step 3: Monitor and add additional grades until all levels are back Pre K-12.
Instructional Model

What does learning look like?

Schoology
Schoology Landing Page

Courses

Art - Digital Media
Art
Demo School

Art Grade 3
3rd period
Demo School

Chemistry
2nd Period
Demo School

ELA 7th
1st period
Demo School

Geometry
7th Period
Demo School

Math Grade 3
4th Period
Demo School

Media Grade 3
6th Period
Demo School

Reading - Elementary
Sample
Demo School
Course Navigation Bar

Main Tabs
Courses (all classes)  Calendar
Groups (set by teachers or after-school programs)  Mail
Resources (students can upload files)  Notifications
Grades (students access their gradebook)  Settings
Courses are set up by Unit or Module, then learning sets.
- Getting Started
- Learn About and Practice It
- Show What You Know
Sample Course - Elementary Reading

Activities are built right into the Schoology platform.
Let’s Take a Live Look!

Student login directions will be provided in a few weeks along with parent access information.

Link to the SMCPS Schoology Google Site:

https://sites.google.com/smcps.org/smcps-schoology/home

For further information on Schoology, please visit the Schoology website.

https://www.schoology.com/k-12/instructional-tools
Online Learning Needs

- **Computer?**
  - Laptop, tablet, Chromebook...

- **Internet Access?**

Be sure to complete the survey sent to your email address.
Sample Online Learning Schedule

Monday - Thursday
- Follow your schedule
- Instruction and learning via the Schoology platform
- Interactive sessions with teachers
- May include whole group instruction, small group instruction, discussion groups, and independent work

Friday
- Interventions and individualized support as appropriate