

Saint Simons Christian School 2020-21

“Healthy Only” Campus Protocols

The goal of this document and the protocols outlined within it is to create a campus where only healthy people are entering our campus. It is the desire of Saint Simons Christian School (SSCS) to allow the school to stay open and function as normally as possible all school year long. The “Healthy Only” framework below provides the greatest level of normalcy but is dependent upon students and employees to remain at home if they display any symptoms of illness. This will take vigilance on the part of the parents and staff alike.

As you will see in the protocols below, there will be an increased level of cleaning and sanitizing throughout the school day as well as after the school day. There will be a new entry protocol in place to ensure, as best we can, a “Healthy Only” campus. Disruption to the typical classroom routine will be minimized to the greatest extent possible in order to support best practices of instruction and a socially healthy environment.

SSCS parents will have the opportunity to choose distance learning for their children until they feel comfortable with their children rejoining their classmates on campus. We will continue with the same basic learning opportunities through Google Classroom and Zoom that we used at the close of the 2019-20 school year. The workload will remain the same as the workload of the campus-based learning students.

It is the desire of the SSCS school board, headmaster, and staff to walk in wisdom and faith while making decisions for the betterment of our school community.

Please note that these protocols are subject to change based on new directives from the Governor and/or guidance from the CDC or Georgia Department of Public Health and will be communicated to SSCS families.

Plan Item	Protocols
Drop-Off, Dismissal, and Minimizing Exposure	<p><u>Screening process</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be a daily screening of all persons entering SSCS. Refer to Health Screening Appendix B. ● The school will be using an app based screening process for entry to the campus.

	<p><u>Early Checkout</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will need to contact the school office for early pickup. Please call the school office when you arrive at the parking lot. Parents will wait in the vehicle while the child is escorted out by SSCS staff. • Dismissal processes will not change, with the exception of social distancing in line. <p><u>Late Arrival</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents must call the school office when they arrive in the parking lot. A staff member will meet the child at the car to escort him/her into the main building lobby for health screening. Parents must wait in the parking lot until the child is cleared to enter the building. <p><u>Social Distancing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will practice social distancing as much as possible on campus. We will rely on parent support and training to reinforce these practices from home. <p><u>Masks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unless mandated by governing authorities, the wearing of masks by any person on campus is optional. • Mask shaming will not be tolerated.
Classrooms and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classrooms will be equipped with sanitizing spray, wipes, and paper towels. • Common areas and high touch points will be sanitized throughout the day. • Evening custodial staff will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the entire campus. • Students may touch and handle their own learning materials. • SSCS will be issuing spray hand sanitizer to all students to be used throughout the day.
Health Screening Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students, parents, volunteers, and employees must complete a Health Screening Agreement at the

	<p>beginning of the 2020-21 school year with required signatures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health screening, including taking the temperature of all persons, will be performed before entering the buildings. ● Only non-symptomatic and fever-free persons will be allowed to enter the buildings. ● Any student or staff member who does not pass the screening process will be triaged by the school nurse. Clearance to attend/return to school will be decided based on the nurse's assessment and current public health guidelines. ● Parents are asked to communicate in advance with the school nurse if they are planning to travel outside of Georgia or North Florida. ● Any person on campus that exhibits a temperature above 99.9 will be directed to leave campus immediately, and self quarantine for no less than 14 days with no symptoms appearing OR present documentation of a negative COVID-19 test. See Appendix A. ● During the school day, students with a temperature greater than 99.9 will be isolated until parents arrive. Parents will be required to pick up the student immediately and follow the early check out process. Clearance to attend/return to school will be decided based on the nurse's assessment and current public health guidelines.
<p>Communication of Positive COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If a student or staff member has a laboratory confirmed COVID-19 positive test, the parent/guardian/staff member must inform the school within 12 hours of said test results. The school must then release that information to the appropriate classes, without individual identification.
<p>Campus and Classroom Closure Policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is the goal of the school to remain

	<p>open and in full operation for the entirety of the school year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If there is a positive case of COVID-19, the school will not close, nor will that grade level be quarantined. If there are multiple cases within one grade level at any given time, that class will be on campus as a cohort (one unit not interacting with any other classes) for a period of 10-14 days, given the Department of Health does not require specific quarantine. ● If there are multiple cases throughout the school at any given time, a determination will be made by the school board whether to remain open or to close for a period of time to slow the spread of the virus in the school, given the Department of Health does not require specific quarantine or closure.
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID-19 related absences will not be considered an absence. ● The Good Attendance Award will not be issued this year.
Lunchroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be no microwave use in the lunchroom. ● No utensils/plates/napkins will be provided for student use. ● Seating will be spaced for appropriate social distancing. ● Friday lunch will occur as usual with social distancing in the line and the use of masks and gloves by all servers. ● Emergency lunches will be available in pre-packaged items. ● A sanitizing spray will be used to clean lunchroom surfaces. Surfaces will be disinfected by cleaning crews daily.
Parents/Adults on Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In an effort to maintain the healthy campus, the number of parents/adults

	<p>on campus will be closely monitored and kept to a minimum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents may not walk students to their classroom but may walk students to the building entry if so desired. It is understood that special circumstances may occur; please communicate with the school office for guidance in a special situation. ● Parents may enter the building only for pre-scheduled meetings with staff and or administration. ● Friday lunch volunteers will continue to enter the building after self-screening and will refrain from attending if any symptoms or fever are noted. They will notify the Friday Lunch Coordinator of any symptoms and their inability to participate that week. A temperature screening will occur upon entering the building.
Chapel/ Bible Buddies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All-school chapel and Bible Buddies will continue, with seating spaced for appropriate social distancing.
Personal Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All personal items brought to the school by a student or staff member should be properly sanitized prior to being introduced to the campus. ● No personal items should be shared. ● All personal items, including all clothing items, must be labeled with the student's name. <p><u>Lost and Found</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All items will be secured, sanitized and held for only one week before being donated.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students and staff will be expected to daily bring their own water bottles <u>clearly</u> labeled with their name. ● Water fountains will not be operational. ● Hands-free water filling stations will be available.

<p>Athletics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletics will continue as planned. Games/matches will be held at The Club unless otherwise announced. Social distancing will apply for fans at home games. • Coach Moore can be contacted for questions at dmoore@sschristianschool.com.
<p>Aftercare</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A limited number of students will be allowed indoors during aftercare and will be distanced properly. • Rainy day aftercare will take place in the lunchroom, and students will be distanced appropriately. • One individually packaged snack will be given by the school. Additional snacks should be provided by the families.
<p>Field Trips</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field trips will largely be based on what is open and available. • Carpooling to field trips will be allowed, but parents may drive their children separately, if they so choose, or they may choose to opt out of field trips and keep their child at home, without attendance penalty. • Field trip drivers will screen themselves according to the daily survey questions prior to coming to the school. If any symptoms or fever are noted, the driver will notify the school office of his/her inability to participate. Upon arrival at the school, healthy field trip drivers will remain outside the building until the students emerge and will drop students off outside when the field trip ends.
<p>Recess</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor recess will largely remain the same. • Students may continue to play sports

	<p>with no physical contact. (i.e. - no contact soccer)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rainy day recess will be in the classrooms.
<p>Transportation</p>	<p><u>Van</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Van service will proceed as planned, leaving from Lanier Plaza at 8:00 a.m. sharp, with the Health Screening Process performed prior to entering the van. <p><u>Carpooling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carpooling will be at the parents' discretion, with the understanding that the Health Screening Process applies. The parent of any student not passing the health screening will be called for pick up.

<p>Distance Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Distance Learning will be made available to all families at any time during the course of the school year through the use of Google Classroom and Zoom. Teachers may utilize additional websites and platforms as they see fit to create the most enriching educational experience. <p><u>Distance Learning is designed for...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Short-term learning opportunities in the event of a quarantine situation or waiting for COVID test results. ● Any family that is not comfortable with sending their child(ren) to in-person learning on the SSCS campus due to COVID related concerns. <p><u>Distance Learning is NOT intended for...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Taking the day off school whenever convenient. ● Taking a family vacation while school is in session. ● Toggling back and forth between in-person instruction and distance learning at will.
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Resources:

- Glynn County Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 Testing: <https://covid19.gachd.org/>
- Georgia Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 resources: <https://dph.georgia.gov/>
- CDC COVID-19 Cases or “Hotspots” by State and County:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>