

# Saint Simons Christian School 2021-22

## “Healthy Only” Campus Protocols

The goal of this document and the protocols outlined within is to create an environment where only healthy people are entering our campus. It is the desire of Saint Simons Christian School (SSCS) to allow the school to remain open and function as normally as possible all school year long. 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. 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.

The protocols created for the 2020-2021 school year created an environment in which our students and faculty were consistently healthy throughout the year. It required vigilance and good communication on the part of parents and staff alike. With the growth of our student population, maintaining our healthy campus will require no less effort.

As you will see detailed below, many of the protocols for staying home when ill, communicating with the nurse, and specific guidelines will remain as they were. There will be a continued rigorous level of cleaning and sanitizing throughout the school day as well as after the school day. 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.

**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
Minimizing Exposure	<u>Screening process</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Parents will be expected to screen students for any signs of illness each morning. Refer to Health Screening Appendix B of this document and to the Sick Policy in the Parent Handbook.</li><li>● In the event of any signs of illness being noted, parents will be expected to communicate with the school nurse for advisement before bringing the student to campus.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearance to attend/return to school will be decided based on the nurse's assessment, the sick policy in the parent handbook, and current public health guidelines.</li> </ul> <p><u>Masks</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The wearing of masks by any person on campus is optional.</li> <li>• Mask shaming will not be tolerated.</li> </ul>
Classrooms and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classrooms are equipped with sanitizing spray.</li> <li>• Common areas and high touch points will be sanitized throughout the day.</li> <li>• Evening custodial staff will be responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the entire campus.</li> </ul>
Health Screening Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students, parents, volunteers, and employees must complete a Health Screening Agreement at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year with required signatures.</li> <li>• Only non-symptomatic and fever-free persons will be allowed to enter the campus.</li> <li>• Health screening will be performed daily at home as explained above.</li> <li>• Any person on campus that exhibits a temperature above <b>99.9</b> will be triaged by the nurse and will be directed to leave campus immediately. Students will be isolated until parents arrive. Parents will be required to pick up the student immediately</li> <li>• Clearance to attend/return to school will be decided based on the nurse's assessment, the sick policy in the parent handbook and current public health guidelines.</li> </ul>
Communication of Positive COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

	<p>school must then release that information to the appropriate classes, without individual identification.</p>
<p>Campus and Classroom Closure Policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● It is the goal of the school to remain open and in full operation for the entirety of the school year.</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● 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.</li> </ul>
<p>Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● COVID-19 related absences will not be considered an absence.</li> <li>● The Good Attendance Award will not be issued this year.</li> </ul>
<p>Parents/Adults on Campus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SSCS values the involvement of our families, so parents/family members will be invited on campus.</li> <li>● Any person coming to SSCS campus will be expected to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Self screen for any signs of illness before coming. (See Appendix B and Parent Handbook)</li> <li>○ Not come to campus if ANY signs or symptoms of illness are present</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicate with the nurse for advisement if there is any question of symptoms</li> <li>○ Sign in at the front desk with an SSCS staff member before participating in any activity.</li> </ul>
Chapel/ Bible Buddies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All-school chapel and Bible Buddies will continue.</li> </ul>
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Athletics will continue as planned. Games/matches will be held at The Club unless otherwise announced. Fan attendance and safety guidelines will be in keeping with the host facility rules.</li> <li>● Coach Moore can be contacted for questions at <a href="mailto:dmoore@sschristianschool.com">dmoore@sschristianschool.com</a> .</li> </ul>
Field Trips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Field trips will continue to be based on what is open and available.</li> <li>● 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.</li> <li>● Field trip drivers will be considered an adult on campus and will be expected to follow the Parents/Adults on Campus protocol listed previously.</li> <li>● In the event a scheduled driver is unable to attend a field trip, he/she will communicate with the school office as soon as possible.</li> </ul>

<p>Distance Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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.</li> </ul> <p><u>Distance Learning is designed for...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Short-term learning opportunities in the event of a quarantine situation or waiting for COVID test results.</li> <li>● Any family that is not comfortable with sending their child(ren) to in-person learning on the SCS campus due to COVID related concerns.</li> </ul> <p><u>Distance Learning is NOT intended for...</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Taking the day off school whenever convenient.</li> <li>● Taking a family vacation while school is in session.</li> <li>● Toggling back and forth between in-person instruction and distance learning at will.</li> </ul>
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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/>