

# SCA COVID -19

In response to COVID-19, Spring Creek Academy plans to open for the 20-21 academic school year for in-person instruction on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Spring Creek Academy will follow all Texas, Collin County, and City of Plano mandates. However, the following policies have been put in place until further notice:

1. Maximum class ratio will now be 7:1 rather than 10:1  
(typical classes have 4 to 6 students)
2. All students and staff will be checked for temperature daily before entering the buildings
3. Students will be required to wear masks while on campus until the governor's mandate is lifted
4. All visitors to our campus during the fall semester must be by appointment only
5. Hand sanitizing stations have been installed in each building
6. Increased cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout each school day
7. Middle School and High School buildings will have one way in/one way out clearly marked throughout the buildings

## **PREVENT: Practices to Prevent the Virus from Entering the School**

Parents must ensure they do not send a child to school on campus if the child has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, and instead should opt to receive remote instruction until the below conditions for re-entry are met. Parents may also opt to have their students receive remote instruction if their child has had close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the 14-day incubation period has passed.

## **Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID-19**

Any individuals who themselves either: (a) are lab-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until SCA screens the individual to determine any of the below conditions for campus re-entry have been met:

o In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all three of the following criteria are met:

- i. at least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
- ii. the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);  
and
- iii. at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

o In the case of an individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who is not evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to the campus until the individual has completed the same three-step set of criteria listed above.

o If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an acute infection test at an approved testing location (<https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/>) that comes back negative for COVID-19.

Consistent with school notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements, school will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in school if a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case is identified among students, teachers or staff who participate on any on campus activities.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- o Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- o Loss of taste or smell
- o Cough
- o Difficulty breathing
- o Shortness of breath
- o Fatigue
- o Headache
- o Chills
- o Sore throat
- o Congestion or runny nose
- o Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- o Significant muscle pain or ache
- o Diarrhea
- o Nausea or vomiting

## **Close Contact**

TEA refers to “close contact” with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19. The definition of close contact is evolving with our understanding of COVID-19, and individual scenarios should be determined by an appropriate public health agency. In general, close contact is defined as: a. being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or b. being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e., both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination. Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming lab test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming lab test.