

Seven Hills Preparatory Academy 2021-22 Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan

Seven Hills Preparatory Academy (“SHPA”) is committed to providing a safe and healthy school for all our community members. To ensure we have a safe and healthy workplace, SHPA has developed a Safe Return to In-Person Learning Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan is intended to provide a general summary of the school board approved resolution and related policies. Administration and staff are all responsible for implementing this plan. SHPA’s goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our campuses and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our community members. Only through a cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all community members. *This plan may be updated at any time in response to developments in state guidance or changes in local conditions necessitating more or less restrictive health and safety mitigations.*

This plan is administered by the Executive Director, who maintains overall authority and responsibility for the plan. However, administration and staff are equally responsible for supporting, implementing, complying with, and providing recommendations to further improve aspects of this plan. SHPA’s school board fully support the administration enforcing the provisions of this plan. The wellbeing of students and staff are our greatest responsibility. SHPA is serious about protecting the safety and health of our community, and community involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful plan. We have involved community members in this process through school communications and surveys as well as school board, administration, and staff meetings, which also consider the student voice.

Face Coverings

SHPA requires all students, staff and visitors older than 2 years and regardless of vaccination status to wear face coverings while inside school buildings. SHPA requires all students and staff to wear face coverings while on school transportation vehicles. SHPA will not recommend students or staff wear face coverings while outdoors. As mentioned above, this particular face covering mitigation may be updated in response to federal and state guidance, local conditions, high transmission areas, community outbreaks, and virus variants that may necessitate more restrictive face covering requirements or other mitigations be implemented. Please see the [MDH Executive Summary](#) or [MDE Fall Guidance](#) for more information. To summarize:

Physical Distancing

SHPA will endeavor to maintain at least three feet of physical distancing among students where possible and when feasible while inside the school building or on school transportation. SHPA class sizes and classrooms on average occupy between 60-70% of net square footage allowing for adequate spacing. SHPA will not further limit student transitions or cohort mixing.

Health screening, isolation, and quarantine

Community members are expected to self-monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms per the [home screening checklist](#). Students and staff exhibiting one more or two less common symptoms should stay home. SHPA has a plan to exclude students and staff who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or quarantine students and staff who are identified as a close contact. Exceptions to quarantine include an individual is vaccinated. SHPA has implemented measures to ensure COVID-19 positive students and staff isolate until they are no longer infectious. SHPA has established a protocol for identifying and informing community members who may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 at school and requiring them to quarantine as necessary, whether it be individuals, classrooms, or a campus in the event of an outbreak. Shortened quarantines are possible for asymptomatic persons who receive a negative COVID-19 test and meet other criteria. SHPA [recommends vaccination](#) for eligible persons and [regular testing](#) for unvaccinated persons. Please see SHPA's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information and resources, including the MDH Decision Tree for guidance.

Hand hygiene practices

SHPA has established a daily practice to provide instruction, signage, facilities, and supplies to support the expectation for regular handwashing and sanitizing among students and staff.

Cleaning and disinfecting

SHPA has established a regular custodial schedule and checklist for cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces, shared items and equipment, and high traffic areas. SHPA will perform other routine environmental cleaning according to established schedules and procedures. Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfecting supplies have been purchased and are available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets, and manufacturer specifications, and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product.

Indoor facilities, utilities, and ventilation

SHPA has evaluated the operational capacity of indoor ventilation systems and developed a plan to increase and maintain ventilation in its buildings. Steps have been taken to increase the intake percentage of outside air to increase dilution of contaminants, and minimize recirculation, whenever possible, while maintaining indoor air conditions. SHPA has consulted applicable industry guidance in developing this plan. SHPA works closely with its facility personnel to ensure proper filtration and ventilation and has installed new filters prior to its in-person return

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