

SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Weekly Information Blast: June 24, 2020

Tentative Re-Open Plan (Updated)

As it currently stands, schools in Mississippi will be expected to resume this fall. *The SCCSD will now open on August 10, 2020 (this is a change from the original date of August 6th).* The tentative plan will be to divide each school's student population in half. One half will report on Mondays and Wednesdays, while the other half reports on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A group of students from the 4 days will report on Fridays based on needs. While students are away from school, they will be working virtually on assignments from their on-site days. Group determinations are currently being made, with consideration of families. Parents will be notified of the specific days. Children in the same houses are being grouped together. More information will be forthcoming as the plan is further developed. Feel free to contact us with questions/concerns (sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us).

Technology Protection Measures and Internet Safety Policies

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced districts across the country to implement virtual learning opportunities in an effort to continue learning in the event of future shutdowns. Please view policies approved by the SCCSD Board of Trustees at the following link: <u>Technology and Internet Use</u>

Health

The Mississippi State Department of Health is urging parents to schedule their child's age-appropriate immunizations before summer is over. Mississippi state law requires all children to be immunized before entering public/private school, Headstart, or Daycare. Parents should bring the child's social security card and insurance card (if available) to those clinics. Parents and children over 2 must wear masks in these clinics. A list of county health departments can be found here: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/19,0,166.html. For the upcoming school year, masks will be strongly encouraged.

COVID-19 Mythbusters

With so much information regarding the Coronavirus, unfortunately, there is also an abundance of misinformation as well. Check out this week's myth and factual response!

Myth: COVID-19 is a death sentence. If you get it, you're a goner. Fact: Most people who test positive actually survive, as they have mild or moderate symptoms that they recover from with proper care. Those with compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions are at the greatest risk. This is why it is important to wear masks, practice social distancing, and stay at home if you feel less than 100%. Take advantage of testing as well!

Summer School

Summer School is in its final week. We are so grateful for all students and parents who helped make our very first virtual summer school become a success. There were some bumps in the road; however, our staff was committed to make student success a priority. Virtual learning is becoming our new normal and we will work hard to make it better and better as the school year gets kicked off. Practice social distancing, stay safe, and enjoy your summer!

Athletics

Our sports and activities are slowly beginning to resume summer workouts and practices. Coaches are following stringent measures to ensure safe practices in accordance with CDC guidelines. All practices are strictly voluntary. Click here <u>http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/?DivisionID=18832&DepartmentID=29055</u> to gain additional information and also to sign a waiver of liability should parents/guardians give permission for their child to engage in these practices. *Parents/guardians will need to provide transportation to and from practices*.

General Information (Updated)

Summer Hours for schools and offices: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday. The district will be closed the week of June 29 - July 3, 2020.

School contact information as well as school websites can be found here: http://www.sunflower.kt2.ms.us/?PN=Schools2. The Central Office's (Hwy 49) number is 662.887.4919 and the Administrative Building's number is 662.884.1200. If you have additional questions or concerns that a specific school or office is unable to assist you with, please email sccsdmedia@sunflower.kt2.ms.us. The district website is www.sunflower.kt2.ms.us and will have all pertinent information. If you are on Social Media, please check out our district's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/?ref=bookmarks (search "TEAMSCCSD"). Also follow us on Twitter @SCCSD2. Parents/Guardians please update your contact information so that you will be able to receive district information through our call and text systems.