



Sessums Elementary School

COVID Mitigation Strategies and Protocols

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Dear Parents,

We will implement social distancing to the greatest extent possible. The following are mitigation strategies we are taking at Sessums:

- We are encouraging handwashing and Providing hand sanitizer stations in multiple locations in the school.
- We have installed touchless water bottle refill stations and will encourage students to bring refillable water bottles daily.
- We have moved student assemblies to the cafeteria and reduced the number of students in attendance and increased the spacing between classes.
- We are encouraging mask wearing for staff and students whose parents have chosen mask wearing.
- Students will sanitize their own space before leaving if another student will be using the space. (Students are taught to clean the computer they have been using, their chair and their desk/table, etc...)
- We have provided visual 'spots' on the ground/floor for students to stand apart in the lunchroom and at breakfast.
- Students having their own supplies in the classroom, when possible. (We eliminated community supplies when possible.)
- Our custodial staff have increased cleaning high touch points during the school day. (hand rails, door knobs, etc.)
- Adults are sanitizing the lunch tables between classes.
- Students will sit by the same peers in classes and lunch, when possible.
- Seating charts will be maintained for busses, carline, line order, computer lab, art, music, small groups.
- In some departmentalized classes the teachers will switch and the students will remain in their class. In the classes where the students will switch rooms the following mitigation strategies will be in place: controlled movement during switching, desks sanitized by the student who was sitting there, supplies travel with each student, desks emptied between groups, mirrored seating between the classrooms with students sitting by the same students, when possible.
- Utilizing walking on the sidewalks using the right side only.
- All custodial staff has been trained on COVID cleaning protocols.
- When students go to art and music, hand sanitizer will be used upon entry and line order will be followed for seating, when possible.

What Parents Need to Do:

Conduct daily self-screening of students for symptoms. For those who do not feel well, they should not come to school. Please call the school attendance line at 813-672-5230 to report a student absence.

Students who have been exposed outside of school to a COVID positive person will need to quarantine for 10 days from the exposure. Please notify Sessums for direction and return date. Parents of students who have been exposed at school to a COVID positive person will be notified by school staff of the need to quarantine and the student's return date.

Students who are waiting the results of a COVID test need to isolate until the test result is received. If the result is positive, contact the school as soon as possible and isolate for 10 days from the beginning of symptoms. The COVID commander will help determine the return date. If the result is negative and the student is symptom free, they may return to school.

Common COVID-19 Symptoms include but are not limited to:

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| • Fever or chills | • Fatigue | • Sore throat |
| • Cough | • Muscle or body aches | • Congestion or runny nose |
| • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | • Headache | • Nausea or vomiting |
| | • New loss of taste or smell | • Diarrhea |

Mrs. Womack serves as our COVID lead. She consistently receives updates from the county. At anytime you can call the school office and an administrator will advise the situation. You can also reach us by email at:

Principal – Allison Norgard at allison.norgard@hcps.net

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We look forward to a safe school year

Sincerely,

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Principal