Plan for Reopening SFCS

SFCS Board Meeting Report
08-03-2020
Reopening Plan Report

- Provide Overview of State Mandates and County Options
- Review Parent/Guardian and Staff Survey Data
- Share Considerations and Challenges
- Share SFCS Reopening Plan Recommendations
- Discussion and Action
State and County Overview

● Mandates from Governor’s Office
  ○ Mid-July release

● State Monitoring List
  ○ Counties on list required to start school year with distance learning
  ○ Counties not on list permitted to have in-person instruction with safety protocols in place
  ○ Mariposa County not currently on State Monitoring List
    ■ 18 active cases in Mariposa County would place county on the State Monitoring List
    ■ Mariposa County currently has 8 active cases
  ○ Continued increases expected according to Mariposa County Health Officer
  ○ All school must offer distance learning as option for all families
Required Safety Precautions for In-person Learning

- Small cohorts of 10 or less
- Masks for staff and students grades 3 and up (strongly suggested for grades TK-2)
- Maintain 6ft. distance between adults and students
- Maintain 3ft. distance between students
- Sanitize and wash hands hourly
- COVID-19 testing for staff at least bi-monthly
- Temperature and symptoms checks daily
- Isolate and then remove from campus those with symptoms
Distance Learning Standards Summary

- Provide daily live interaction
- Take student attendance
- Provide minimum instructional minutes (instruction plus assignments)
  - Gr. K: 3 hours per day
  - Gr. 1-3: 3 hours and 50 minutes per day
  - Gr. 4-12: 4 hours per day
- Serve students in need
- Prevent disengagement
- Check families’ connectivity
- Submit weekly engagement records
- Approved and submit Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan by Sept. 30
Please indicate the number of children you have enrolled at SFCS for the 2020-2021 school year.

109 responses

- 1 child: 61.5%
- 2 children: 33.9%
- 3 children: 4.7%
- 4 children: 0.9%
- 5 children: 0.9%
SFCS Parent/Guardian Survey

SFCS is currently permitted to consider reopening with distance learning only OR with distance learning and a blended learning model that includes some level of in-person instruction. Please select the option below that represents your preference at this time.

109 responses

- 43.1% SFCS should reopen the school year in the traditional instructional model with safety protocols in place.
- 29.4% SFCS should reopen the school year with a choice for families between learning models: distance learning OR a blended learning model that includes...
- 27.5% SFCS should offer only distance learning at the start of the school year. In-person instruction can be phased in when it is safer and/or more logistically...

The SFCS team is receiving training this summer to prepare an effective and engaging distance learning model that includes daily live instruction with the teacher. What, if any, challenges did/would your family experience with distance learning? Your responses will help us further strengthen our program. Please check all that apply.

109 responses

- No internet connection: 4 (3.7%)
- Weak internet connection: 8 (7.3%)
- Student need for adult support to complete work: 16 (14.7%)
- Student ability level: 57 (52.3%)
- Limited adult support available to support learning: 11 (10.1%)
- Parent/guardian confusion: 41 (37.6%)
- 36 (33%)
- 49 (45%)
- 55 (50.5%)
- 25 (22.9%)
SFCS Parent/Guardian Survey

Please rank your level of comfort with sending your child(ren) to school for a portion of time (with safety protocols in place) and participating online at home for remaining school time each week.

109 responses

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Due to social distancing requirements, bus transportation will be extremely limited, if offered at all. Would you be able to transport your child(ren) if there is teaching and learning offered on site?

109 responses

- Yes: 60.6%
- No: 21.1%
- Maybe: 11%
- Not applicable: 11%
Per state guidelines, masks are required for all staff and students in grades 3 and up for in-person learning, and masks are strongly suggested for students in grades 2 and under. Do you anticipate your child(ren) will be able to comply with this requirement?

109 responses
Please rate your level of stress about starting a new school year.

109 responses

- 12 (11%)
- 8 (7.3%)
- 38 (34.9%)
- 18 (16.5%)
- 33 (30.3%)
Please rate your child(ren)'s current stress level.

109 responses

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Are you in a risk category that would prevent you from participating in tasks or responsibilities at school due to possible contact with students, staff, and community members?

19 responses

- Yes: 68.4%
- No: 21.1%
- Maybe: 10.5%
Is there a personal reason that would prevent you from participating in tasks or responsibilities at school due to possible contact with students, staff, and community members?

19 responses

- Yes: 68.4%
- No: 15.8%
- Maybe: 15.8%
Are you willing to comply with free COVID-19 testing if your work at SFCS puts you in contact with students, staff, or community members during the school year?

19 responses

- **Yes**: 78.9%
- **No**: 10.5%
- **Maybe**: 10.5%
As discussed in our meeting today, SFCS is currently permitted to consider reopening with distance learning only OR with distance learning and a blended learning model that includes some level of in-person instruction. Please check each box below that represents your feelings about these options.

19 responses

- I feel SFCS should offer only distance learning: 7 (36.8%)
- I feel SFCS should offer distance learning and a blended model: 10 (52.6%)
- I feel SFCS should reopen the school year: 5 (26.3%)
- Only if there is staff willing and able: 1 (5.3%)
How would you rate your stress level as we approach the new school year?

19 responses

- 2 (10.5%)
- 2 (10.5%)
- 4 (21.1%)
- 4 (21.1%)
- 7 (36.8%)
Key Considerations for In-person Instruction

- Student academic and social/emotional needs
- Limited space at SFCS
- Staffing needs
- Transportation limitations
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needs
- Staff and students attending SFCS from other counties
- Challenge of providing distance learning and in-person instruction with two grades
- Additional logistical challenges to meet safety protocols
- May be mandated to offer only distance learning due to county case numbers
Recommended Plan

- Distance learning program until mid October
  - Limited in-person learning opportunities with physical distancing for select students as permitted
  - Gradual return to hybrid learning model as data and science suggest safety measures can be met (goal after mid October)
  - Return to full time in-person learning, guided by data and science, while maintaining distance learning option for families (goal after Winter Break)

- Delay the start of school for students to August 24, 2020
  - Provides for three additional days of teacher and staff preparation
  - Adjust the School Calendar by removing Teacher Work Days on 9/28/20, 11/6/20, and 1/4/21
  - Proposed 2020-2021 school calendar
Recommended Plan continued

- Provide further training and support for teachers, instructional aides, and parents/guardians to strengthen distance learning program
- Purchase additional devices - 20 tablets and 15 chromebooks (approx. $3500)
  - Currently have 14 tablets and 137 chromebooks
- Purchase additional supplies and materials to check out to each student/family
- Outreach to families regarding connectivity and support needs
Resources

- [Coronavirus Response and School Reopening Guidance](#) (CA Department of Education)
- [Distance Learning FAQs](#) (CA Department of Education)
- [Mariposa County COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- [Map of Counties on Watch List](#) (CA State Government Website)