

South Hadley Public Schools Community Agreement

Together, we strive to help the local community stop the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. In accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and state and local health and medical professionals, SHPS has created a plan for reopening and returning to school. In many cases, we exceed the recommended guidelines from these entities and professionals in order to do everything possible to protect those who are most vulnerable to the serious consequences of the virus. One element of the return to school plan is for each member of the school community to agree to a set of behaviors that will support keeping themselves, their peers, faculty and staff members, as well as the community beyond our schools safe. Thank you for your commitment to protecting yourself as well as our local communities.

Protect Myself/Protect Others As a member of the South Hadley Schools community:

I AGREE to take active steps to protect the health and safety of every member of our school and local communities in the midst of this global pandemic. I recognize my efforts keep me and those I live with safer and healthier. My success (personal, academic, and/or professional) is dependent on staying healthy and agreeing to shared behavioral changes that will keep me and other members of the local community protected from illness, by doing the following:

1. Protect Myself I will:

- Monitor myself for symptoms of COVID-19 daily and report to my Guardian or the School Nurse if I experience any COVID-19 symptoms. I will not be penalized for missing classes if I take this responsible action.
- Remain home if I am experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms, or if I have been contacted and notified I was in close contact with someone who has tested positive.
- Practice responsible hygiene by washing my hands frequently, especially after being in a public place, before touching food, and after using the bathroom. Use hand sanitizer at times when soap and water are not available. Wear a face mask or covering.
- Avoid touching my face, mouth, eyes, or nose.
- Avoid sharing food, drink, utensils, or similar items.
- Minimize touching surfaces in shared areas.
- Carry hand sanitizer, an extra face covering, and cleaning wipes in my bag/backpack. Make sure I have back-up supplies of these items..
- Keep track of my activities and limit my social contacts to a core group of friends to help protect me and assist with exposure (contact) tracing. Medical professionals and those
- Check email daily, and read all emails to stay informed about health and safety updates or responses to COVID-19.
- Wear a face covering at all times when in public.
- Maintain appropriate social distancing (i.e., remain at least six feet from other people) at all times, especially in classrooms, labs, or in any shared indoor spaces.
- Respect and adhere to each individual's request for personal space and virtual, rather than in-person, meetings.

- Observe the posted public health modified occupancy limits of shared indoor spaces and follow any signage directing traffic patterns or other social distancing precautions.
- Respect social distancing signs, face covering requirements, barriers, and protocols intended to assure social distancing.
- Adhere to isolation and quarantine instructions if I test positive for COVID-19 or if I am exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- Carefully observe instructional signs and follow directions
- Serve as an active bystander for the well-being of myself and others by promoting social distancing and other health guidelines outlined by the School.

I understand SARS-Cov-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) is a highly contagious virus and it is possible to develop and contract the virus even if I follow all of the safety precautions above and those recommended by the CDC, local, state and federal health and medical professionals. I understand that although South Hadley Public School District is following the coronavirus guidelines issued by the CDC, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and other experts to reduce the spread of infection, I can never be completely shielded from all risk of illness caused by SARS-CoV-2 or other infections. I have read, understand, and agree to comply with this South Hadley Agreement above. I further understand that I am subject to the policies in the Student Handbook.

Grade: _____

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Caregiver's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

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