

Southshire Community School Shared Commitment Statement in response to COVID-19 and global pandemic

A Southshire education and experience includes nurturing the woven ways that individuals, family and community interconnect within our learning environment. It is in that spirit that we leverage, in this public health crisis, our sense of community to create a shared culture of safety, responsibility, and accountability as we address ongoing and new challenges of COVID-19.

In order to provide the safest school experience as possible, we, the friends, families, staff, and students of Southshire Community School, agree to this Shared Commitment Statement, outlining the required health and safety protocols and behavioral expectations outside of school, because the individual actions of each of us directly impacts the health and safety of us all.

Southshire Community School will share information about applicable state regulations related to school re-start with the shared understanding that these regulations may change over time. We ask all members of our school community to honor these guidelines.

Social distancing

- I will keep 6 feet / 2 meters apart from others.
- I will observe current local guidelines regarding size and configuration of social gatherings, and when entering businesses, restaurants and other public spaces.

Facial Covering

- I will wear a facial covering, except when eating, in any indoor space other than my home.
- I will wear a facial covering, except when eating, in any outside space (other than my home) where 6 feet / 2 meters of social distance is impossible.
- I will carry a facial covering with me at all times in the event that I encounter a scenario in which one is needed.

General health, temperature and symptom check

- I will complete a daily health screening to include checking for a temperature of 100.4°F/ 38.4° C or greater and observing for any of the following symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell) before leaving my home.
- I will strongly consider getting an influenza vaccination.

Limit exposure

- I will stay at home if I am sick or symptomatic (fever of 100.4°F/ 38.4° C or greater, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell)
- If applicable, I will keep my child/ren home if they are sick or symptomatic (fever 100.4°F/ 38.4° C or greater, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell)

- I will limit commuting/personal travel only to local areas and areas listed in Vermont's [Cross-State Travel Information](#) and other guidance provided by the state in which I reside. If I cannot do so, I, and any others in my household who traveled beyond local and listed areas, will abide by the State mandated quarantine period upon return to the area before returning to in-person school instructions, activities and events.
- I will reduce exposure to visitors and guests who do not live locally or within areas listed in Vermont's [Cross-State Travel Information](#) and other guidance provided by the state in which I reside. If I cannot do so, I, and any other in my household who were exposed to visitors and guests, will conduct a quarantine period before returning to in-person school instruction, activities and events.
- I will cooperate with the Vermont Department of Health's contact tracing efforts if asked.

Hand Washing

- I will wash my hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use 60% or higher alcohol hand sanitizer as an acceptable alternative when hand washing is not available. Shared upholding of the commitment
 - I will honor the guidelines listed in this Commitment.
 - I will engage in direct dialog with any member of the community not following the Commitment, and if others engage me, I will acknowledge the feedback respectfully.
- The best form of upholding this Commitment will *always* be direct dialogue between members of our community but we must acknowledge that there may be situations that could cause someone to feel unable to engage in direct dialogue. Community members can share concerns to Coleen and will be provided with guidance on navigating the next steps. I agree to follow and uphold the Southshire Shared Commitment. Please sign and return Before August 1, 2020

Name _____ Date _____

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Preferred Education Mode

_____ Distance Only _____ On Campus/Distance _____ Campus Only

Name _____ Date _____

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