

COVID FAQ UPDATE
July 16, 2020

As of the middle of July, 2020 there have been ZERO (0) deaths from COVID-19 of anyone in the state of Missouri under the age of 45. <https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-COVID-19-Death-Counts-by-Sex-Age-and-S/9bhg-hcku/data>

1. **Question:** What will be the precautions taken by SPLHS as school begins in August?

Answers:

- a.) Residential students will be asked to stay on the campus grounds for the first two weeks after their arrival. In the third week, they may go in small groups (2-4) to businesses and events in town. After the third week, students may attend events outside the Concordia community if such areas are opening up.
- b.) Day students will be asked to forgo visits to the dorms for the first two weeks.
- c.) Student temperatures will be taken every day for the first week.
- d.) Masks will be made available for students, faculty and staff and encouraged for the first two weeks.
- e.) Chapel seating and other large gatherings will have extra spaces between homerooms and other events that require large gatherings.
- f.) There will be designated entrance and exit areas to certain buildings as well as one-way (up and down) stairwells.
- g.) Areas will be wiped down as much as possible between events.
- h.) Hand sanitizer stations will be available in classrooms and other areas.
- i.) Fresh air and sunshine will be everywhere because this is Concordia, MO.

2. **Question:** What is to be done with someone who becomes ill?

Answer: Residential students will be given the opportunity to return home for as long as it takes for them to recuperate or they will be given a separate room in Heilman or Biltz Hall and cared for by our staff/nurse. Day students will be sent home to be cared for by their family. An 11-day waiting period MAY be applied if COVID-19 is suspected. Becoming “ill” does not always mean that a student will be tested for COVID-19 since MOST illnesses will not fall under that category.

3. **Question:** May a Day student stay in a dorm for a few weeks or a semester so that there is less contact with family members who might be at risk?

Answer: We encourage it.

4. **Question:** Will there be sports camps, sports activities, and travel to sporting venues?

Answer: We are planning on this. We believe that students NEED to exercise, compete and engage in extra-curricular activities ESPECIALLY since they are in such a LOW risk category. Plus, it is fun.

5. **Question:** What should a person do who is afraid of catching COVID-19?

Answer: Stay at home. SPLHS will do what we believe is reasonable to keep students safe and healthy but we cannot and will not guarantee that someone will or won't come down with a virus. There are limited course offerings for those who are able to take online classes for the first semester.