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# SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mrs. Miskia Davis, Superintendent  
“United for Excellence”

## Weekly Information Blast: August 19, 2020

**Re-Open Plan:** Based on the rising COVID-19 numbers of individuals in our county and state, the SCCSD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to delay the start of the 2020-2021 school year AND go 100% virtual for ALL students. The new start date for students will now be **September 8, 2020**. Devices have been ordered for all students, and plans are being developed to account for this transition. Parents and Guardians will be notified of the plan for device distribution.

**Registration:** In order to be enrolled in the SCCSD for the 2020-2021 school year, all students must be registered. Even if the learning remains virtual, students must be officially registered. **The registration deadline is August 27st by 4pm.** There will be **no registration on the first two days of school.** Please contact your school’s office to find out more specific information regarding registration. *Homeschool and virtual learning are not the same thing.* Homeschooling requires **withdrawing** from your child’s school and the school district and enrolling in an approved homeschool program at the parent’s expense. Virtual learning is a component of the school district and the public education that it provides. Homeschooled students are not entitled to receive the technology that is being offered by the district. Students must be registered with the SCCSD in order to receive the technology.

**Supplies for Virtual School:** With the transition to virtual learning, school supply lists may look completely different. *One item that everyone will need is a pair of headphones/earbuds so that background noise can be minimized.* Basic school supplies (pencils/pens/paper/notebooks) will continue to be needed, but parents are encouraged to contact their school to find out about any additional supplies.

**Uniform Policy for Virtual School:** The SCCSD will not require students who are engaged in virtual learning to wear school uniforms.

- Virtual learning typically involves a camera that shows an individual's upper body and face.
- Though uniforms will not be worn, students should be mindful of presentation via camera and adhere to the following rules from our traditional dress code policy:
  - Hats, hair rollers, head wraps, bandanas, and "Do-Rags" are not to be worn.
  - Use of dark glasses is limited to students with medical prescriptions.
  - Any accessory or clothing item that advertises drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, obscene language/gestures and/or bullying shall not be permitted.
  - Midriffs shall not be exposed.
  - Tank tops, muscle shirts or halter-tops shall not be allowed.
  - No see-through clothing may be worn.
  - Excessively tight or revealing clothing is prohibited.
  - Mouth pieces/jewelry/teeth coverings will not be allowed.

**Immunizations:** To ease the stress on parents during back-to-school preparation, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) now offers a convenient way for parents to check their child's immunizations record online and print out the required Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) for school registration.

MyIR Mobile allows parents to access their child's official state immunization records based on information housed in the Mississippi Immunization Information eXchange (MIIX).

MyIR Mobile is available at [www.MyIRMobile.com](http://www.MyIRMobile.com). Parents can visit [HealthyMS.com/myIR](http://HealthyMS.com/myIR) for guidelines for using this new service.

**Parent/Guardians of Athletes/Student Activities:** At this time, no decisions have been made regarding athletics for the upcoming school year. If you are a parent/guardian of a student who plays sports or participates in other activities under the Mississippi High School Athletic Activities Association, we are seeking your input regarding potential seasons. A second survey has been created that is school specific. Your child's coach/director will likely be contacting you so that we can gather more accurate information. *As of today, surveys for football, cheerleading, band, choir, and cross country have been sent to coaches for distribution. If you are a parent of an athlete in any of those sports, and you did not receive the survey, please email us at [sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us](mailto:sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us) or inbox us via our district Facebook page.*

## **COVID-19 Mythbusters**

With so much information regarding the Coronavirus, unfortunately, there is also an abundance of misinformation as well. Check out this week's myth and factual response!

*Myth: Being able to hold your breath for 10 seconds or more without coughing or feeling discomfort means you are COVID-19 free.*

*Fact: The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are dry cough, tiredness and fever. Some people may develop more severe forms of the disease, such as pneumonia. The best way to confirm if you have the virus producing COVID-19 disease is with a laboratory test. You cannot confirm it with this breathing exercise, which can even be dangerous.*

**General Information:** School contact information as well as school websites can be found here: <http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us/?PN=Schools2>. The Central Office's (Hwy 49) number is 662.887.4919 and the Administrative Building's number is 662.884.1200. If you have additional questions or concerns that a specific school or office is unable to assist you with, please email [sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us](mailto:sccsdmedia@sunflower.k12.ms.us). The district website is [www.sunflower.k12.ms.us](http://www.sunflower.k12.ms.us) and will have all pertinent information. If you are on Social Media, please check out our district's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TEAMSCCSD/?ref=bookmarks> (search "TEAMSCCSD"). Also follow us on Twitter @SCCSD2. *Parents/Guardians please update your contact information so that you will be able to receive district information through our call and text systems.*