

Somerset Public Schools



SOMERSET BERKLEY REG
AND
SOMERSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"All Students Achieving Excellence"

School Committee Meeting

September 8, 2020

Reopening Update

1. Remote Learning
 - a. Elementary Schools: 130 students (PK-5)
 - b. Middle School: 70 students
2. Professional Learning
3. Instructional Technology
4. Chromebook distribution

Activities and Athletics

- Massasoit League has delayed fall athletics until the Fall 2 season (late February - late April)
 - Recommendation is to continue to run practices and internal scrimmages during the traditional fall season
- Music
- Other extracurricular activities
- A 40' x 60' tent will be set up at each school as a place to hold outdoor music classes and PE classes on poor weather days

Air Quality

Elementary Schools

- Air quality assessments completed Aug 18-21
- Chace Street School
 - several classrooms near sinks
 - two bathrooms
 - Two classrooms near exterior doors
- North Elementary
 - Two bathrooms near cafeteria
 - Boys' locker room
- South Elementary
 - Boiler room
 - One bathroom
 - One classroom near sink

Recommendations:

- Clean then treat with EPA-registered fungicide
- Post remediation air-sampling

Air Quality

Somerset Middle School

“Extremely Elevated”

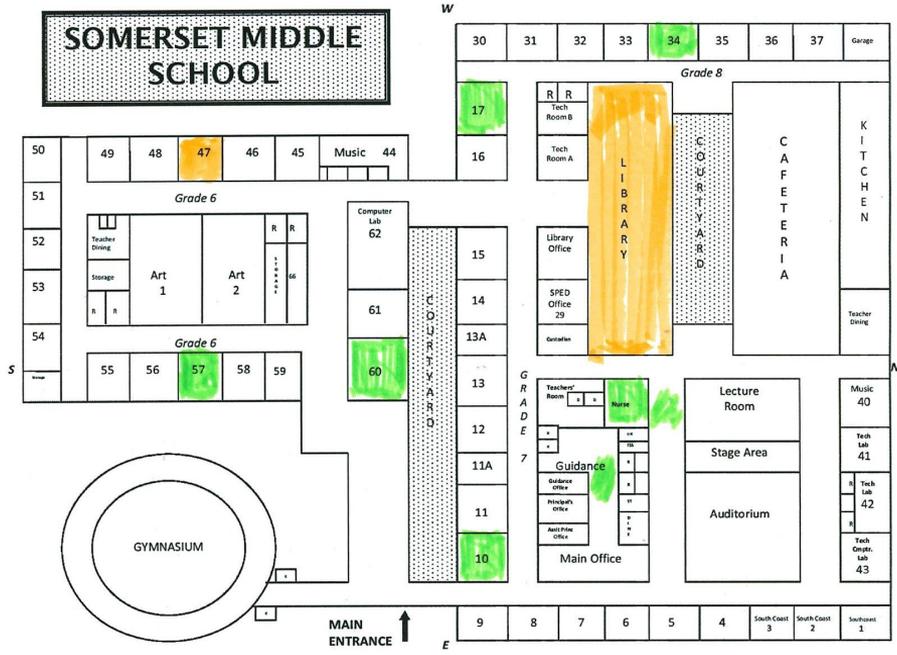
- Library
- Room 47

Elevated

- Room 57
- Room 60
- Room 17
- Room 10
- Room 34
- Nurse’s Office and corridor outside this office
- Corridor in Guidance Dept near bathrooms

Special education programs set to begin on 9/14 will begin at Chace Street School instead

SOMERSET MIDDLE SCHOOL



Procedure for Positive Cases of COVID-19

Self-isolation for COVID-19 positive cases

Most people who test positive and have a relatively mild illness will need to stay in self-isolation for at least 10 days. People who test positive can resume public activities after 10 days and once they have:

- gone for 3 days without a fever (and without taking fever-reducing medications like Tylenol); and
- experienced improvement in other symptoms (for example, their cough has gotten much better); and
- received clearance from public health authority contact tracers (the local board of health or Community Tracing Collaborative).

Repeat testing prior to return is not recommended. Return to school should be based on time and symptom resolution.

Procedure for Positive Cases of COVID-19

Close Contacts of a Positive COVID-19 Case

DPH defines close contact as:

- Being within less than 6 feet of COVID-19 case (someone who has tested positive) for at least 10-15 minutes. Close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with a COVID-19 case while the case was symptomatic or within the 48 hours before symptom onset, OR
- Having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on) while not wearing recommended personal protective equipment.

Procedure for Positive Cases of COVID-19

Close Contacts of a Positive COVID-19 Case

If someone in the school setting tests positive

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, their close contacts will be defined as only those who have been within 6 feet of distance of the individual for at least fifteen minutes, while the person was infectious. The infectious period begins 2 days prior to symptom onset. If someone is asymptomatic, the infectious period is considered to begin 2 days prior to the collection of their positive test.

Policy of when a close contact may return to school

- All close contacts should be tested but must self-quarantine for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who tested positive, regardless of test result. The virus can cause illness from 2-14 days after exposure and even asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus. Even if an individual identified as a close contact receives a negative test result, they must continue to self-quarantine for the full 14 days as the virus may take up to 14 days to cause illness.

Procedure for Positive Cases of COVID-19

Policy of when a student/employee may return to school after COVID-19 symptoms

- If a student or staff member has COVID-19-like symptoms, they may return to school after they have tested negative for COVID-19, have improvement in symptoms, and have been without fever for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications. If a provider makes an alternative diagnosis for the COVID-19-like symptoms, the individual may return to school based on the recommendations for that alternative diagnosis (e.g., influenza or strep pharyngitis).
- If a student or staff member presents COVID-19-like symptoms and chooses not to be tested, they may return to school 10 days from start of symptoms, as long as their symptoms have improved and they have been without fever for at least 24 hours prior to their return to school without the use of fever reducing medication.

Staffing Update

- Kindergarten teacher
- Special Education
- LTS - Grade 4
- Paraprofessionals (8-10)
- Medical Isolation Room monitors
- Bathroom monitors