



Education Department

## COVID-19 SCC Schools Reopening Plan **Update #6**

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**November 18, 2020**

Greetings South Central Conference Parents,

I pray this correspondence finds you and your family safe, especially during this unprecedented time surrounding the COVID-19 health crisis. Many stakeholders, particularly parents and teachers, have made tremendous sacrifices to engage our students in a level of Christian Education that will continue to strive, not just survive. As we approach the holiday season, family gatherings are sure to take place and students will be returning home from colleges and universities. The aforementioned dynamics have called for the rendering of some very difficult decisions.

Although, remote learning is not the optimal learning environment, the overall safety of the students, staff and community is the ultimate deciding factor. Hence, the reason for the following decision by the Superintendent and K-12 school board concerning the Reopening Plan for the SCC schools. This decision was not made without sincere care and consideration for the needs of working parents.

- **Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays:** E.L. Minnis SDA school will only offer the virtual learning platform after the Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. More specifically, the dates for this platform will be from **November 30<sup>th</sup> – January 18<sup>th</sup>** (*onsite learning will resume on January 19<sup>th</sup> for those who have already elected the traditional platform*).
- **Mandated COVID-19 Testing:** All students will need to have a COVID-19 test administered before returning to the building for instruction on January 19, 2021. Any new students who attend onsite school, a **Waiver of Liability Form** will need to be completed.
- **Further Details:** Further details specific to your local school process will be communicated via your local school administration.

We will continue placing the safety of our students, families, staff and community first, as we carefully plan during these times of uncertainty. For future updates concerning the SCC Reopening Plan, please visit [iamsouthcentral.org](https://iamsouthcentral.org). Thank you in advance for your continued commitment to Christian Education. May God richly bless your families and keep you in His care.

In His service,

Johnny Holliday  
SCC Education Superintendent