



Frequently Asked Questions related to the GSIC Return to School Plan

Will there be a virtual learning option?

GSIC will only use a Remote Learning Model if there is a widespread outbreak, a shelter-in place order, or multiple COVID-19 cases on campus that requires us to close part or all of the campus for a short period of time, as determined by the Department of Public Health (DPH) and our local health official.

Will students' temperatures be taken prior to entering the school building?

In line with the Return to School policy, parents will be encouraged to take their children's temperature every morning and monitor them for symptoms before leaving for school. Temperatures will also be taken at school. Students who are symptomatic or have a temperature of 100 degrees or higher must stay home.

Will students and/or faculty be required to wear masks?

Wearing a mask or face covering is allowed, but not required. This will be a family decision, and teachers will not be expected to enforce the optional wearing of face coverings throughout the school day. If worn in the building, they should not have writing or distracting images.

Will social distancing be enforced?

Social distancing will be implemented in common areas such as cafeterias, play areas, and hallways. Students will be separated as much as possible in the classroom settings. Non-essential visitors and/or volunteers will be restricted from entering the facilities until further notice.

What are the class sizes? How will they be arranged?

Class sizes on average have 20 students and will be arranged to provide as much spacing between others as allowable.

Will students change classes?

Students will remain in their homeroom class for all instruction except for Connections classes and resource classes. High school students will travel to all classes.

How will transitions between classes be handled?

Classes will be dismissed at intervals, and hallways will be one way. Additional time will be allowed if needed.

How will lunch be handled? Recess? Break?

Students will eat lunch in one of three cafeterias with their homeroom class in a designated area and outside when weather permits. Times will be staggered to prevent crowding. All students are encouraged to bring a lunch and have their own water bottle every day. Hot lunches will be available for Kindergarten through 5th grade ONLY.

What additional steps will be taken to clean and disinfect?

Frequently touched surfaces and high traffic areas will be cleaned and disinfected multiple times throughout the day. Soap, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and paper towels will be widely available in all areas of the school. Good hygiene practices will be taught and reinforced daily. Deep cleanings will continue to be conducted after hours.

What will be done if a student develops a fever or gets sick at school?

Any child who has a fever or exhibits symptoms at school will be sent to an isolation area; the parent will be contacted immediately, and the student must be picked up within an hour.

What will be done if a student has a fever and/or symptoms associated with Covid-19?

Follow the guidelines required by the CDC as outlined in the Return to School Plan.

What will be done if a student or faculty member is clinically diagnosed or tests positive for Covid-19?

Follow the guidelines required by the CDC as outlined in the Return to School Plan.