

Greenville Christian School Reopening Plan Current as of 7/27/20

GC is committed to reopen school on August 19 as planned while recognizing health, cultural, and political dynamics continue to change. Our faculty has been working hard to prepare for the multiple scenarios that may arise and are excited about teaching and learning in the classroom again. I know you are grateful, as I am, for their service.

The mission of Greenville Christian School, which is to equip children of Christians with excellent academics, Biblical life applications and leadership skills so they are prepared to excel throughout their lives, remains the same. Our methods of instructional delivery may be more or less fluid than has been typical, and you will find that additional public health steps will be taken.

We will begin the school year providing on campus instruction as well as at home instruction for those who are at high risk for COVID-19. At home instruction will also be provided for those who will need instruction during self quarantine when needed. As the year moves forward, adjustments to instructional delivery may be necessary.

Public and personal health steps will be implemented at the start of the school year. These procedures are not foolproof and do not guarantee absolute protection from the COVID virus. Each decision will help to decrease the potential transfer of COVID-19. The school, each home, and each individual will need to exercise common sense health hygiene and so as to care for one another so that we are able have a successful year.

Though we are an independent school, guidance will be sought from public agencies, and it is expected that we comply with all public authority. Your input and cooperation in the execution of plans will be necessary and essential throughout the school year.

Challenges will certainly come to each of us. Do not let fear grip your heart and mind. Humbly allow God to sanctify and accomplish his good and perfect will in you. "Shine like stars in the universe" (Philippians 2:15).

On Campus Learning

- Students in grades pK-12 will attend class instruction five days a week during normal school hours.
- Additional hygiene and sanitation practices will be exercised during the school day (see below).

- Along with engaging classroom instruction, Google Classroom tools will support instruction to prepare students for at home learning should there be a temporary closure or self quarantine because of a positive COVID-19 test in a student/teacher.
- Classroom lessons, online resources, textbooks, and materials will also be transferable to at home instruction in order to facilitate the transition, if necessary.

At Home Learning for High Risk Students in General

- At home instruction for high risk students will allow them to achieve the same curriculum objectives and maintain relationships with students and teachers.
- At home students will complete independent work and may be instructed via recorded teacher instruction.
- Parents will support students as a “coach” and not the teacher. This is especially important in grades PK-4.
- Assessments and grading for at home students will be as similar to the classroom as possible. Assessments may be monitored by parents or faculty depending on the situation.
- At home student grades will be posted on RenWeb.
- Learning partnership opportunities will be created for parents and at home students to communicate with the teacher, other students, and other parents.
- Tutorial is provided for group activities, project-based learning activities, small group or individual instruction.
- All teachers, grades PK-12, will utilize Google Classroom as their primary learning management system and communication tool for all students during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Google Classroom will use a similar structure among grade levels in order to provide consistency for all students and classes.
- Student assignments will be submitted (as much as possible) through Google Classroom to eliminate unnecessary contact and shared materials.
- Teachers will upload a “Week at a Glance” document in Google Classroom for parents and students to review at the beginning of the week.
- At home students are required to attend scheduled live video instruction.

Grades PK- 4 At Home Instruction

- Subjects such as Math and Bible will use online resources.
- Language Arts and other subject instruction will include recorded teacher instruction.
- Students will be asked to initiate and complete assignments such as writing independently.
- Parents will need to coach their student on reading and other assignments.

Grades 5-12 At Home Instruction

- All courses will be offered for at home instruction.
- Students in grades 5-12 participating in at Home Instruction may be able to participate in on-campus classes or extra-curricular activities (in accordance with TAPPS requirements).
- Within each course/subject, teachers will plan for students to participate in recorded video instruction.
- Students will be asked to initiate and complete assignments such as writing independently.
- Math will use online text resources.

Technology Hardware and Software for At Home Instruction

Each family and student must have their own access to a device which has internet connectivity and supports Google Classroom

Return to School Protocols

The situation with COVID-19 is continuously changing, as are the protocols and measures needed to keep students and staff safe. Plans will remain flexible to accommodate potential changes, and these guidelines may be modified as needed. School and families should be prepared for remote learning if an individual(s) tests positive for COVID-19. As adjustments may be necessary throughout the coming school year, it will be our priority to keep the school community informed of those changes and

updates. The GC website and Facebook page will provide you with the most up-to-date information.

General Preventative Principles

- Exercise care and empathy toward your neighbor.
- Personal responsibility for personal and family health is paramount.
- Parents or guardians will screen their child/ren for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending their student to school.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Social distancing is a primary factor for preventing the spread of COVID-19. Throughout the school day, the student will social distance 3-6 feet as often as possible.
- The mixing of populations will be avoided as much as possible.
- Teachers and students (age appropriate) will participate in cleaning and disinfecting spaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Be outside or get fresh air when possible.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Use a mask (age and health condition) appropriate when social distancing is not possible.
- Families are responsible for self quarantining their student if they are exposed to a person at home or at school who has tested positive for COVID-19. Always consult medical professionals.
- In the case someone in the student's home is exposed to the virus, the School takes the stance that the student has also potentially been exposed. Affected students will be asked to quarantine for the same period of time as the family member who was exposed (you are presumed positive until the test comes back negative), unless the student tests negative.

Protocols for student travel

We respectfully request families with plans to travel domestically and internationally monitor travel advisories and recommendations

Protocols for Screening

A parent or guardian will be required to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending them to school. Parents will need to take their child's temperature daily (refer to the Daily Student Health Screen for GCS 2020 on the following page). Teachers will monitor students and refer them to the front office if symptoms are present.

Staff and students should not enter campus or buildings if any of the following apply and instead should opt to receive remote instruction. The individual is:

- Sick or has been sick in the past 14 days. Symptoms to screen for: fever (100°F or higher), cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
- Has a confirmed case of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a person with a confirmed case of COVID-19. These individuals must follow all isolation and quarantine guidelines from the local health authority or their physician.
- Has a household member who is awaiting COVID-19 test results, or who is awaiting their own test results.
- Has traveled to a hotspot or on a cruise in the past 14 days. These individuals must follow current CDC self-quarantine recommendations.

Daily Student Health Screen for GCS 2020

Prior to attending school each day, a parent must screen their child(ren) for possible COVID-19 symptoms.

Please read the below list of symptoms. If you and your household do **not** currently have one of these symptoms, **please sign below** to confirm your child is healthy each day. If you have one or more of these symptoms, we kindly ask for the health of all students and teachers, please do not send your child to school. We would encourage you to seek medical advice.

- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ☐ Chills
- ☐ Repeated shaking with chills
- ☐ Muscle pain
- ☐ Headache
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ Loss of taste or smell
- ☐ Diarrhea
- ☐ Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- ☐ Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days

If your student has none of these symptoms, please sign and date below.

Thanks

_____ Signature Date

Isolation Protocols

For students displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or who are feeling feverish at school, the front office will provide a symptom assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.

Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus has contacted the parent/guardian.

Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus (go on a walk outside, move to a different classroom, etc) so that the classroom can be disinfected.

If an individual has been in school and is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school will notify its local health department, in accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations, including confidentiality requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

When a student tests positive for COVID-19, the student's contact with others will be identified as best as possible.

GC communication will be provided to the students and parents who came in contact with a student or staff member displaying COVID-19 symptoms. The parents, along with guidance from the school, are responsible for determining if their student will be self-quarantined. In some cases the school may ask for a student, class, or building to be quarantined. The school will receive guidance from health professionals and officials.

Parents are responsible for keeping a sick student at home and notifying the school of the child's medical condition.

Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.

The duration of the isolation/quarantine of students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be determined by test results and medical guidance. It is the parents responsibility to follow medical advice.

In general, individuals will be permitted to return to school when:

They are 3 days (72 hours) fever-free without using fever-reducing medication;
Improved symptoms (cough, difficulty breathing, etc.); and 14 days have passed since symptoms began.

If an individual is tested positive, information will be broadcast of the situation, minus the student's/faculty's name. Each family who may have had contact with the individual who tested positive will make the decision as to whether or not to self quarantine.

Protocols for Personal Protective Equipment

Masks are optional for students in grades PK-4.

All individuals older than grade 4 will wear masks when social distancing is not possible. Individuals that have health conditions where wearing a mask does more harm than good will not wear a mask but will take other precautions. Individual needs regarding face coverings will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Schools are required to comply with the governor's executive order regarding the wearing of masks. These requirements are subject to change.

Masks include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or paper face covers. Face shields, bandanas, neck gaiters, and balaclavas are acceptable if the previous are not available.

Staff and students will appropriately wear face coverings according to activity, age and health.

Students in grades 5 - 12 will wear face coverings when social distancing is less than 3-6 feet. Face masks will be worn in hallways, common areas, close proximity activities and during arrival and dismissal from school.

Students will not be required to wear face coverings while eating but will be distanced 6 feet apart.

With appropriate medical documentation, individuals may be exempt from wearing masks. Time is scheduled throughout the day where a student can be without or take a break from PPE. (Outside or etc.)

Each classroom and restroom will be cleaned and disinfected frequently with commercially approved solutions .

All high-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.

Custodians will be expected to wear PPE (masks and gloves) during work hours.

Protocols for Common Areas and Meetings

Common areas include spaces that are used for meetings and collaboration. This includes computer labs, flexible spaces, and other meeting rooms.

All students and staff will be required to use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the computer lab.

Classes/grade levels will sign up to reserve common areas.

There will be procedures for students to sanitize their spaces before and after usage.

Number of students in a common area will be based upon social distancing practices and government guidelines for occupancy.

Visual reminders will be displayed for social distancing throughout common areas.

Protocols for Positive COVID-19 Cases on Campus

If a classroom or facility is closed due to COVID-19 spread, quaternary disinfectant, which is recommended for use on the virus that causes COVID-19, will be used to disinfect.

Custodial staff will disinfect classrooms, restrooms, athletics and fine arts areas and all additional areas throughout the school facility where the infected student was present.

Protocols for Campus Visitors

All visitors will be subject to self screening by way of a symptom screening form before entering.

Any individuals permitted to proceed beyond the reception area must follow all safety and campus protocols.

All visitors/parents who enter the building will be required to wear a face covering unless exempt or in a situation with students who are social distancing.

Virtual tools should be considered to conduct meetings such as PTA meetings, Athletic Boosters, etc. If meetings must be held in person, all social distancing protocols will be implemented: Facial coverings, six-foot social distancing when possible, and limiting the sharing of materials/supplies.

Protocols for Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing

Frequent disinfection and hand sanitization will ensure health and wellness of students and staff.

Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, and in common areas throughout the campus.

Staff and students will be expected to appropriately wash or sanitize their hands regularly. Thorough hand washing will occur after recess, beforehand after eating, after common items are shared, and following restroom breaks.

Protocols for Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning and disinfection will support a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

Staff will have access to disinfectant solutions to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects frequently.

Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.

Daily Campus Cleaning

Custodians will clean the campus daily.

Training

Beginning the first day of school and regularly thereafter, students will be trained in personal hygiene and public health practices while on campus. This will include social distancing, hand washing, sneezing, coughing and cleaning responsibilities as well as other health practices.

Public health and hygiene practices will also be communicated to parents at parent orientation and by regular reminders.

Teachers and administrators will also be trained by health professionals before school begins.

School Arrival & Dismissal

Arrival: All faculty, staff, and students over grade 4 will wear masks upon arrival until they arrive and are seated in their first class.

Faculty will be utilized for duty to maintain social distancing between students and will hold doors open for entering students.

Students will go straight to the designated areas set by each campus.

Parents may walk their children into the building, but they must wear a mask.

Dismissal: Students will social distance in designated spots at dismissal time. Sibling connections will be made at the car. Staff will hold doors open for exiting students.

Bus Transportation

Students are required to social distance on the bus and if this is not possible they will be required to wear a mask.

Bus seating areas will be disinfected after each bus trip, particularly high-touch

surfaces such as bus seats, steering wheels, knobs and stairway handrail.

Snack and Lunch

Snacks will be eaten in the classroom. Hands will be washed or sanitizer used before and after snack.

Elementary and secondary lunches will be eaten in the classroom. Hands will be washed or sanitizer used before and after lunch.

Lunch items can be purchased from school but all sale items must be individually wrapped.

Due to COVID-19 and minimal space, in general, mealtime visitors will not be permitted in lunch areas.

Lunch and snacks may not be shared.

Standard Classroom Procedures

Classroom protocols and procedures will include expectations regarding not sharing school supplies, social distancing, sanitizing, etc. Teachers will post signs with clear class protocols, and students will be expected to adhere to class and school-wide protocols that are consistent with best health practices. Visual reminders of distancing requirements will be in all classrooms marking off areas for common spaces and distancing best practices.

Working surfaces will be sanitized at the end of class or after using a keyboard.

Whenever possible, students and staff will maintain consistent groupings of people to minimize the spread of the virus.

Group or pair work can be implemented while maintaining physical distancing. Face masks are required for group work when social distancing is not possible (Grades 5-12).

In classroom spaces that allow it, student desks will be placed a minimum of three-six feet apart.

In classrooms where students are six feet from one another, desk facing one direction, and there is little movement; students, grades 5-12, will not be required to wear face masks. They may choose to do so.

The use of outdoor space for learning will be considered when possible.

Students will avoid sharing school supplies and will sanitize shared items after each use.

Students that want to use hand sanitizer should use it at the beginning of class. Hand sanitizer, tissues, and trash cans will be available in several locations throughout classrooms and common areas to limit student and staff movement.

Teachers will limit student movement within the classroom such as turning in assignments, materials being passed out, etc.

Teachers will create assigned seating arrangements to ensure social distancing. All student desks will face the same direction when possible.

Students should avoid touching high-touch areas.

After entering a classroom, students should sit down in their assigned seats to avoid social contact.

Teachers should prop doors open to allow for additional ventilation and avoid touching the door when entering and leaving class.

Library

Visual reminders will be added and furniture rearranged to help students maintain social distancing while in the library.

Students will sanitize hands upon entering and after visiting the library if they are handling books.

High-touch surfaces (e.g., table tops, chairs, door handles, keyboards etc.) will be disinfected regularly.

Occupancy will be limited.

Physical Education

Whenever possible, physical education classes will be held outside to allow for maximum physical distance between students.

Any activities bringing students into close physical contact will be avoided. For students 5th grade and above, masks should be worn if social distancing is not possible.

Visual markers will be on the gym floor and bleachers as reminders of social distancing rules.

Procedures will be implemented in the locker rooms to limit social distancing.

Locker rooms will be disinfected frequently.

Equipment will be disinfected after each use.

Activities requiring multiple students to touch or handle the same equipment will be avoided.

Sanitizing areas and access to handwashing will be provided

Fine Arts

Large group practice sessions, rehearsals, and performances will adhere to social distancing and public health guidelines.

Audience attendance will be limited by room capacity. Social distancing and health guidelines will be practiced if the event is permitted.

TAPPS guidelines will be practiced.

Large /All School Events

Large attendance events such as all-school assemblies, socials, pep rallies, etc. that bring large groups of students together at one time will be limited and must be approved by the administration.

Attendance will be limited by the room's capacity to support social distancing.

Community health agencies and TAPPS guidelines will guide decisions about whether the event can be held and who can attend.

All individuals who attend from outside the school must complete a Self -Screening Survey.

To limit larger gatherings, campus club meetings should be held virtually when possible. If meeting in person is required, groups should utilize larger meeting spaces or multiple meeting opportunities will be provided.

PTA and Boosters meetings must collaborate with the school office and place the meeting on the school calendar prior to any event that is planned.

Back to school and transitional events will be planned in a manner that minimizes large congregation of people in one spot.

Parent conferences will follow visitor protocols.

Class parties and all nonessential group gatherings require administrator permission. If permitted, caution should follow all health protocols.

Off-campus field trips will be scheduled as appropriate to meet curricular needs while maintaining proper social distancing practices.

Water Fountains

Students are expected to bring their own reusable water bottle for use throughout the day and expected to take water bottles home to be cleaned on a daily basis. Other drinking fountains will not be used.

For elementary students, water bottles will be refilled by staff at designated times.

Bathrooms

Students can utilize the bathroom, but the number of students that enter will be limited to 2 students (Secondary) and 3 students (elementary and Jr. High) at a time. Students must observe social distancing while in the bathroom.

Students must wash hands after leaving. If the bathroom door is not propped, students are encouraged to use paper towels when opening a door.

Hallways

Students are encouraged to observe and follow hall traffic directions while maintaining social distancing guidelines.

In two-way halls students are expected to stay to the far right of the hall when walking.

Students will be permitted to bring backpacks to class.

Students and staff must wear face coverings in the halls and avoid gathering in large groups during passing periods.

Students should report to their next class and not congregate in the hallway.

A single person will open and hold the door open to minimize door contact.