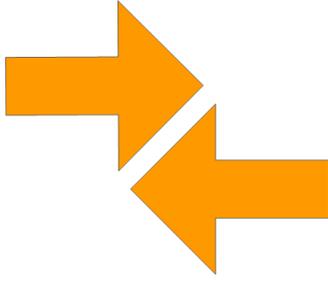


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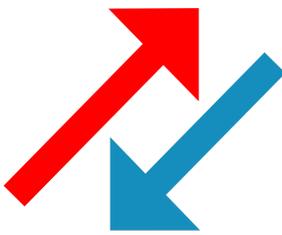
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Forward

Another school year lies ahead with its own set of challenges. The 2020-21 school year taught us much about the strength of the school and its families.

COVID-19 is still with us and with it some of the same concerns. We will be monitoring the CDC, MDHHS, and Genesee County Health Department (GCHD) guidelines closely as we proceed throughout the 2021-2022 school year. We will be using these recommendations to maintain and improve the quality of our current cleaning, health, and safety practices.



Screening & Illness

- The most important screening of a child's health begins at home. Parents should regularly take their children's temperature at home. Additionally, students should be screened for COVID symptoms such as cough, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle pain, nasal congestion, loss of taste or smell, and diarrhea. Individuals that display a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, or are experiencing two or more COVID symptoms, may not return to school until 72 hours have passed after a full recovery from symptoms. [Symptom Checker](#)
- Non-contact thermometers will be utilized in both buildings, and by the athletic department, in order to quickly and safely read a student's temperature if students display possible symptoms.
- In the event that a child feels ill during the school day, parents will be called to pick up their child. GCS will provide in both buildings a staffed quarantine area, as outlined by the CDC guidelines.
- If a child has left school due to illness and they receive an alternate diagnosis other than COVID, they may return to school 24 hours after full recovery.
- Students who are unable to attend school due to illness or self-quarantine may have the option of streamed classes or recorded lessons whenever possible.
- Attendance awards for students will not be in effect for the 2021-2022 school year.

Hygiene

- Regular handwashing times (every 2-3 hours) at the elementary will be implemented.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available in both buildings and ALL staff and students will be encouraged to use them frequently throughout the day.
- Students will be encouraged to carry with them a small package of tissues and sanitizer during the school day. The school will continue to have both of these items in the classroom setting, but a student who has these easily accessible items will be more likely to use them.
- Students should have a personal water bottle and avoid using drinking fountains.

Cleaning and Sanitation

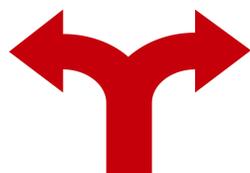
- Building door handles and common areas will be sanitized during the day and at the end of each day. Regular daily cleaning of restrooms and shared spaces will take place at the end of each school day.
- Desks will be sanitized daily. Equipment and devices will be cleaned after use.

Spacing, Movement and Access

- GCS is fortunate to have small numbers of students per classroom as a general practice. For the 2021-2022 school year, desks will be placed in a manner that will maximize the amount of space between each desk.
- Students will have locker assignments to maximize spacing in hallways.
- Visitors, including parents, will be limited in both buildings. Guests entering the building will be screened for symptoms and must wear a facial covering at all times.
- Signs will be posted on restroom doors reminding students of distancing practices.

Food Service, Gathering, and Extracurricular Activities

- Students will eat in the cafeteria with social distancing between cohort groups.



Personal Protective Equipment

Our goal is to provide an environment that is safe in a manner that is achievable by students and staff. Taking advantage of the low number of students and the space/size of our buildings, GCS will capitalize on the ability to distance students from one another. Face masks will be encouraged in common areas and available in schools for student and staff use.

Facial Coverings (per GCHD School Toolkit published on 8/16/2021)

Elementary Students	Grades K-6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students are to wear a facial mask over the mouth and nose while in the school building. Exceptions due to medical or neurodivergent conditions must be documented with the school.
Middle & High School Students	Grades 7th - 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facial masks are encouraged indoors as strongly recommended by the GCHD.
Faculty and Staff	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GCS faculty and staff will wear facial masks while working with K-6th grades. Masks are encouraged in all other indoor settings.
Bussing	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MTA requires masks when using their service.
Visitors	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visitors in the building will be limited and face coverings will be encouraged.

Response to Positive Cases

- If a student, faculty, or staff member tests positive to COVID school administration must be notified immediately. GCS will cooperate with the Genesee County Health Department if a confirmed case of COVID is identified. Students who have been exposed to an individual who has multiple COVID symptoms or a confirmed case of COVID should self-quarantine for a minimum of 72 hours and up to 14 days, according to GCS and GCHD policies, to avoid the possible spread of illness.