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Return to Learn Gore Schools' Plan

This situation changes daily and this plan may be revised at any time when conditions warrant. The goal was to create a careful layered, flexible, and developmentally appropriate plan based on current CDC, state and county health standards. Starting school August 27th, the following protocols will be in place for Gore Schools.

Masks:

- Masks **will not be mandated** to be worn at all times or in the general classroom or activities. Masks are **Highly suggested during these times.**
- Masks **ARE REQUIRED** to be worn by students and staff during the following times:
 - ❖ During times when social distancing cannot be maintained. This includes **for all students on school transportation (bus riders).**
 - ❖ Masks **ARE REQUIRED** for grades **2nd – 12th in the hallways and indoor commons areas.**
 - ❖ Masks **ARE REQUIRED** to be worn during group activities in classrooms such as study groups or lab activities.
 - ❖ Disciplinary rules apply to any student that fails to follow this protocol unless medicinally exempt. (requires doctor note)
 - ❖ Each student will be provided with two washable, reusable masks to start the year. We recommend parents acquire additional masks for their students.

MASKS DO NOT FACTOR INTO EXPOSURE LIMITS OR FOR ISOLATION/QUARANTINE. MASKS ARE A RECOMMENDED LAYER OF PROTECTION FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND TO HELP WITH THE SPREAD.

Quarantine:

Only students or staff that have tested positive for the virus will be required to quarantined for 10 days from the onset of symptoms. Individuals who have tested

positive for COVID-19 and have had symptoms should not return until **all** of the following criteria have been met:

- 10 days since symptoms first appeared (the time it takes to shed the virus) **and**
- At least 24 hours of no fever without fever-reducing medication and
- **Symptoms** improved.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure to the virus**. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. Ref: CDC

- A student that tests positive for COVID 19, but had no symptoms can return to school after 10 days have passed since the test. Two consecutive negative COVID 19 tests, given 24 hours apart, would also indicate that a student/staff may return to school **AFTER TEN DAYS FROM ONSET OR TEST DATE**. The negative tests should be presented to the school if the person is home for fewer than ten days.

From Ok. State Health Dept.

For Anyone Who Has Been Around a Person with COVID-19

If a staff member or student has **known close contact** (defined as greater than 15 minutes of interaction less than 6 feet away) with an individual who has tested positive, they should stay home to quarantine, **self-monitor for symptoms** and be tested. The individual should not return to the school until completing a 14-day quarantine period (the average amount of time it takes for

symptoms to appear) ***beginning with the date the positive individual began having symptoms or the date of a positive test result if the individual is asymptomatic.***

Affected household member is 10 days from onset of symptoms or positive test. If the student was in contact with the household member for more than 15 minutes after symptoms appeared or a positive test, the student must quarantine for the 10 days as with the positive tested individual and then an additional 14 days for their individual quarantine begins. (total 24 days)

Ref: Sequoyah County Health Dept.: 918/775/6201,

Ok. State Health Dept>Phone (405) 485.3319

Oklahoma State Department of Health on-call epidemiologist at (405) 271-4060.

This quarantine period is required regardless of whether the individuals exposed were wearing a face mask. Anyone who develops symptoms during quarantine should contact their health care provider and be tested.

Teams or groups will not be quarantined for a positive test of an individual. Only the person(s) affected will be.

If a student or staff member is in close contact with a confirmed positive case, parent will be notified. Close contact is defined as “within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes without a mask”.

We cannot mandate anyone to take a test. We encourage anyone who is concerned to do so.

For more information, visit the CDC guidelines at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>.

Safety:

Hand washing and keeping hands away from face are the best preventative practices!

We will require all persons entering a building to wash/sanitize hands immediately. Students will be instructed on proper procedures for mask and personal procedures. Washing of hands will be done before meals and after restroom usage. Water fountains may need to be shut down. Bring a bottle of water to school with you.

All students and staff will be scanned for temp. before building admittance every morning. Scans will be done at lunch time as well.

Temperature monitoring stations are in each lobby. Staff will have thermal scan devices for routine and spot checking any student that shows symptoms.

If you are running a temp above 100.4, coughing, sneezing, diarrhea, loss of taste, wheezing, shortness of breath, chills, runny nose, vomiting, congestion, you should not

attend any on camps activities or in person classes. **Contact your building secretary for temporary remote learning so no absences are recorded.**

Any student or staff that scans a temp above 100.4 will be separated, masked, and must leave school immediately. Please keep your contact information current with your student's office. Must be fever free 24 hours before return to school. Please don't make us place your student in an isolation area all day if we cannot get in contact with you to come pick them up.

Bell schedules and meals will be staggered to minimize contact.

We have rearranged rooms and schedules as best as possible to minimize student contact.

Lockers will only be accessible before school, at lunch time, before athletic periods and after last bell for the day.

Surfaces such as fountains, restrooms, door handles, lobbies, and other frequently touched surfaces will be cleaned hourly.

Cafeteria tables and service lines will have barriers in place. LE classrooms have student desk barriers in place.

Bus riders will have hand sanitizer at the entry door when entering a bus, masks are required for entry on school transportation.

Playground, PE equipment, and athletic areas will be disinfected daily.

VISITORS ON CAMPUS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO NEED ONLY. NO VISITORS INSIDE THE BUILDINGS UNLESS SCREENED, MASKED, HANDS SANITIZED, AND WAVER SIGNED AND, ONLY THEN, IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO EAT WITH STUDENTS IN THE CAFETERIA. Meal delivery will be restricted. Bring your lunch with you if you want to.

SNACKS: No outside snack sharing will be permitted. Students may bring snacks as usual, but those may not be shared with others at school.

No sharing of supplies will be permitted. Any equipment or supplies will be sanitized before another student will be permitted to use it.

Recess will be scheduled to minimize large groups out on the playground.

Technology:

If we are forced to move to distance learning due to a severe outbreak of students/staff, teachers will maintain classroom schedules and conference times for

student/parent access. All teachers will be using the Google Classroom format (an online platform specific for education) in each class for lesson presentations, assignments, and grading on campus. Lessons can be recorded and uploaded for student access remotely. Begin the year with this delivery system will allow all students to be familiar with this format if we have to move to all classes on line during the year.

- All students in need will be issued a chrome book.
- Connectivity hot spots will be available for low income students who do not have internet. (Qualify for free/reduced meals) One per household. If you do not have internet and do not qualify for free/reduced meal plans, see your building principal for internet options.
- There will be no cost to a student for a chrome book, hot spot, or thumb drive.
- Parent will be required to sign assurances that the data plan and equipment will only be used for your student's educational tasks. Parents are responsible for loss or damage to these devices just as all school issued equipment. A student may not be issued a second device until the first one is paid for if lost or damaged, so please take care of them. Replacement hot spot is \$60.00 and replacement chrome book is \$250.00.

We can set up your personal chrome book, if needed, for your student.

All curriculum will be aligned with OAS Standards both on line and in person.

Transportation:

All students will be required to wear a mask while on school transportation.

If you can get your students to school without riding the bus, this would be best.

If your student rides the bus, they will have their temp checked before they are allowed to be seated. If they have a fever, they will be required to go back home.

If no one is there at the bus pick up, the student will be required to sit in a seat to themselves if possible. They will be sent to a separate station upon arrival to school, rescanned for temperature, and if their temp. is over 100.4 degrees, you will be called for immediate pick up and the student will be masked and isolated from others. Buses will be wiped down after the routes and each bus will have a hand sanitizer at the door for students' mandatory use upon entry.

We will do temp checks before getting back on buses in the afternoon, as well. Any student that has a fever will not be allowed back on the bus for the afternoon routes.

Buildings:

Every lobby will have a temperature monitoring station and students will be screened in the lobbies before entering the buildings. Parents are the best safeguard here. Check your student before they leave for school. If they are running a temp, (100.4 degrees or more) KEEP THEM HOME! Tylenol will not help prevent the spread of the virus if they are sick. When they get to school and are running a temp, they will be isolated and sent back home immediately.

The biggest issue in preventive protocol I have learned from others, is that the virus is "caught" or self-inflicted by touching your eyes, mouth, nose with your hands after coming in contact with the virus. Hand cleaning is the most vital control in preventing transmission from surface contact. This is why we have the cleaning and hand self-hygiene protocols in place.

HIGH RISK STUDENT:

If you have a student that is at a greater risk of infection or transmission of this virus due to physical or health related issues, you should keep them home. If a student requires high maintenance, we may not be able to offer the care they need at school and maintain safety protocols. If your student cannot keep a mask on, they may be required to go home based. (DL Plan)

Blended or Distance Learning:

Every student has three options on their education plan:

- Full time on campus classes
- All online class option or USB weekly lessons at home, or
- Blended Learning with part of the day on campus and part at home.

You can switch between plans at any time as all our lessons and grading will follow the same format through Google Classroom.

All online may want to go with our DL option of a set curriculum that is "work at your own pace". This will be offered through Edgenuity e2020 courses and requires a semester commitment. E2020 curriculum will allow parents to work with their student on their own schedule at home.

Extracurricular Activities:

Students involved in DL or virtual coursework will still be able to participate in extracurricular activities. They would need to be present during their athletic period, or a minimum of one on campus class each day and parents would have to provide transportation. This is current OSSAA rules for eligibility and may change.

Attendance:

All students will be counted as “PRESENT” while attending in person classes on campus.

If a student is enrolled “On Line” with a blended or virtual model, the student will be counted as “Present” if they have logged on each day and completed the on line coursework for that day. Any student that is counted as “ABSENT” will follow the handbook regular make up work policy.

Credits for coursework:

A student will receive credit for all work completed by the semesters end. Make up work may be done per board policy if a student has excused absences. Please make arrangements with your building principals for after semester credit completion or recovery.

We are open for any and all helpful suggestions and resources.

Suggestions, inquires, or concerns, please email our administrative team at the following:

Superintendent: Imccrary@gorepublicschools.org , contact your building principals at: Ms. Pugh, grades Pre-K – 5th pught@gorepublicschools.org, and grades 6-12, Mr. Bliss: jbliss@gorepublicschools.org , and Counselor: Ms. McFarland: murrayc@gorepublicschools.org. Business office hours M-Friday 7:45am-3:30 pm.

HS office: 918/489/5587 and LE office: 918/489/5638