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Return to Learn Gore Schools' Plan 2023-2024

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 unless a general state order is in place. Masks are ~~Higley 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 medically 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.~~

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. Any child who tests positive or has COVID-19 symptoms may return to school after three days with no fever or diminished respiratory symptoms **and** ten days since the symptoms first appeared.~~

- ~~Two consecutive negative COVID-19 tests given 24 hours apart would also indicate that a student/staff may return to school. The negative tests should be presented to the school if the person is home for fewer than ten days.~~
- ~~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. The negative tests should be present to the school if the person is home for fewer than ten days.~~

Persons must be symptom free for ~~three days~~ before returning to school after a positive test, or two negative tests within a 24 hour spacing period.

~~Teams or groups will not be quarantined for a positive test of an individual. Only the person(s) effected 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 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~~ request that 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. Washing/sanitizing 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, short 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~~.

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

No outside snack sharing will be permitted. Students may bring snacks as usual but those will no be shared with others or stored 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 minimized large groups out on the playground.

Technology:

If we are forced to move to distance learning due to a sever 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. Beginning the year with this delivery system will allow all students to be familiar with this format if we have to move to all classes online 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. Damaged equipment will be charged to the student who was issued the equipment. Damage charges will be paid in full before other equipment may be issued.
- 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.

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 checks 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 stations 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 masked and isolated for 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 viruses 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.

Students involved in DL 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

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