



## Georgetown Community School Restart Plan

Based on guidance and current direction of CCSD, our plan is to bring all students back on August 18th, utilizing the **In-Person Learning\*** model.

Additionally, we will offer families the choice of an **Online Learning\*** option in lieu of In-Person Learning. Families will be asked to let us know which option they intend to use beginning late July. The Online Learning partner for CCSD and GCS will be Colorado Digital Learning Solutions.

If we are unable to continue In-Person Learning, GCS will begin a **Remote Learning Plan\*** for our students already participating in In-Person Learning. Online Learning students will remain in the Online Learning plan until the end of the agreed upon predetermined time (semester) ends.

(\* to be differentiated in the section below)

GCS will also follow the Guiding Principles listed for CCSD:

- Employ strategies that minimize risk: risk from COVID-19 but also risk of learning loss
- Elevate health and safety as a top priority, including social emotional health
- Accept that the year will include change; plan for such & stay flexible
- Educators are essential: they need to be able to plan & deliver great instruction, while balancing their health & safety
- Families have choice

Absolute compliance with every recommended measure will be impossible: instead our goal is to reduce risk as much as we can, working together and addressing issues as they arise.

This plan could change based on data related to COVID-19, including communication and recommendations from Clear Creek County Public Health Department, Executive Orders of the Governor of Colorado, Colorado Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Board of Education for Clear Creek RE-1 School District, and Board of Education for Georgetown Community School.

For more information on COVID-19 Resources for School Q&A, please visit the Colorado Department of Education website: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/planning20-21/reopeningschools-faq>

### **3 Different Types of Learning Plans for the Restart of Fall 2020:**

**In-Person Learning** is any form of instructional interaction that occurs “in person” and in real time between educators and students. Students will follow traditional classroom instruction and schedules.

**Online Learning** is any form of instructional interaction that occurs between a provider and student using the internet. Format and requirements will vary depending on age of the student.

#### Important notes:

- ❖ GCS curriculum subjects and online provider curriculum subjects may be taught at different times, but all content will adhere to the Colorado Academic Standards. More information available at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaq-standards>
- ❖ If you enroll at GCS and choose the Online Learning option, semester tuition fees for Colorado Digital Learning Solutions will be paid by GCS. If you choose to enroll your student in an online course on your own accord, or select another education online provider, GCS is not responsible for paying your students tuition fees.

**Remote Learning Plan** is where the student and the educator are not physically present in a traditional classroom environment, but the instruction will be administered by GCS educators using multiple platforms. If we are required to move to Remote Learning due to health concerns and/or a school closure is mandated, detailed plans on remote learning will be given by your students teacher.

## **What will look different for starting the year for In-person learning at GCS**

The following items have been put in place for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. If we are notified that changes, updates, or alterations to this plan are needed, we will notify GCS parents of the changes and time line for those changes to occur.

### **General -**

School will begin at 8:00 A.M.

Any students arriving after this time must report to the office. Depending on the number of people in the office, you may be asked to wait outside for safety reasons.

Parents will be asked to drop students off at designated points. If you are waiting with your child on school property, you must wear a face mask and distance yourself from children that are not your own.

Visitors entering the lobby or office for any reason must wear a face mask.

We ask that you start having your child wear a face mask prior to school starting. This will allow them to become comfortable wearing them, and familiar with how they feel. Please do not wait until the first day back at school to begin this practice.

Face mask wearing requirements and recommendations for staff and students:

- ❖ Health officials continue to stress the importance of wearing face masks as a preventative measure. This is especially true indoors. All students will be required to wear a face mask during class transitions. <https://covid19.colorado.gov/mask-guidance>
- ❖ Staff will wear face masks at most times during the day and we will expect students to do the same with limited exceptions (youngest learners, i.e. preschool-first grade, as well as those with health conditions in consultation with families & health experts).
- ❖ Preschool students under 3 years old are not required to wear a mask. For Preschool students ages 3 - 5 years, face masks will be optional. Face masks will not be worn during rest periods for any age student in preschool.

No visitors to the classrooms, and minimal physical contact with the staff during school hours. This includes parent volunteers. If there is any reason we should have to deviate from this protocol, all persons would complete a health screening before proceeding past the lobby.

Common area water fountains will be turned off. Water dispensers will be available for the students during the day. Please send students with refillable water bottles.

Email communications are preferred, unless otherwise requested by student or educator(s).

### **Classrooms and drop off/pick up changes-**

Classrooms will be arranged to promote distancing between students. Group activities within the classroom will be limited with the cohort model, or conducted in smaller group settings.

No assembly or multi-class gatherings will occur until further notice.

Newly established designated areas for morning drop off and after school pick up. A directional map will be provided to parents before the first day of school.

Class scheduling has been adjusted to provide individual class times for PE, lunch, recess, and specials for all grades.

Outdoor learning opportunities - Camp chairs and clipboards for mobile options, including a newly added canopy tent area for outdoor classroom instruction.

Safer outdoor pathways for student mobility along the side of the building (Taos Street). Barriers will be positioned next to the roadway, allowing students to walk along newly established pathways.

Lunches will rotate between outdoors, cafeteria, or classroom on an even/odd calendar basis.

Handwashing breaks worked into the class schedule to remind us all of how important this is in battling the spread of COVID, as well as other illnesses.

**Health and safety procedures -**

Quick health screening conducted during the day including no-touch temperature checks, and looking for recognizable physical symptoms such as:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea or vomiting or diarrhea

Hand sanitizer stations located throughout the school. This will not replace the need for proper handwashing practices throughout the day.

Medical isolation room for students or staff, if needed

One way traffic flow for limiting the cross patterns when students are in transition

Optional COVID-19 testing scheduled for staff if requested, administered by GCS staff nurses

### **Cleaning routines -**

Cleaning protocols updated to reduce risk of surface transmission, with additional cleaning processes throughout the day with approved cleaning agents.

Hiring professional cleaning services trained in the proper techniques to clean and sanitize.

### **Staff and training -**

Making sure the staff feel safe and prepared is a top priority. Additional staff training is scheduled for the week prior to the beginning of student contact days. The professional development opportunities will focus on addressing:

- The social/emotional needs of our students
- Developing virtual classrooms and online educational content in the event we are unable to continue in-person learning
- Safety and health guidelines for implementing classroom procedures
- Training around social justice and equity.

### **Food Resources and assistance -**

We are once again partnering with Mountain Backpacks to assist those in need. You are able to enroll in the program at any time. If you have a homeschool student or your school is not listed please contact Shelley Harmon at 303-653-2732 or shelleymharmon89@gmail.com to enroll in the program.

If you have more questions, please visit the website at <https://www.mountainbackpacks.org/>

### **Mental Health Resources -**

Jefferson Center is a nonprofit, community-focused mental health care and substance use services provider. We offer hope and support to individuals and families who are struggling with mental health issues and substance use disorders.

Please visit <https://www.jcmh.org/>, or contact [Mrs. Klemm](#) for more information.

We understand you may still have questions concerning our return to school in August.

Please email your questions to:

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Samantha Klemm, Educational Coordinator [samantha.klemm@ccsdre1.org](mailto:samantha.klemm@ccsdre1.org)

GCS Board of Education [gt.board@ccsdre1.org](mailto:gt.board@ccsdre1.org)

We thank you for your time and trust.

**Parental Health Agreement**

Due to the 2019-2020 outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), Georgetown Community School is taking extra precautions with the care of every student to include a noninvasive health screening and enhanced sanitation/disinfecting procedures in compliance with CDC guidance.

I agree to not send my child to school if the following conditions/symptoms of COVID-19 are observed:

- Fever
- Fatigue
- Dry Cough
- Difficulty Breathing

For more information please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

I understand the above symptoms and affirm that I, as well as all household members, do not currently have, nor have experienced the symptoms listed above within the last 14 days.

I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days.

I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days.

I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not traveled outside of the country or to any city considered to be a “hot spot” for COVID-19 infections within the past 30-days.

I understand that GCS cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus caused by misinformation on this form.

By signing below, I agree to each statement above and release Georgetown Community School from any and all liability for unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

Students Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_