

Return-to-School Plan 2021/2022

Our goal at the Garden Valley School District is to open the 2021/2022 school year face-to-face and provide in-person instruction for the entire school year. There is an understanding that we cannot guarantee social distancing, and we will not require face masks unless we are mandated or ordered to do so. We implemented multiple measures in response to COVID19 during the prior school year in order to minimize the spread of the virus, and to assist us with meeting our goal of remaining in school. We will continue with many of these measures during the 2021/2022 school year. As situations change, this plan is subject to change. We will continue to incorporate, where feasible, suggestions from the CDC, the Central Health District and the Idaho Department of Education. This will be a fluid plan that will be reviewed and revised on a regular basis. The Superintendent and district leaders will review the plan at a minimum every six months, make revisions as necessary, and present it to the board of trustees for approval. The district will communicate with the Idaho Department of Education and other agencies when needs arise requiring assistance. We will continue a strong and dedicated focus on our goal to provide a high quality education to the students of the Garden Valley School District.

Preventative Measures	Non-essential visitors will have limited access to the school. “If you are sick, stay home!” <ul style="list-style-type: none">● If a student or staff member is sick with COVID related symptoms, they will be asked to stay home.● If students come to school with COVID symptoms, they will be immediately isolated away from others and sent back home.● We will continue to educate and encourage students, faculty and staff to employ proper hand-washing and respiratory etiquette practices● We will continue to provide families, students, faculty and staff information on available COVID Vaccination sites in our local area.
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<p>Positive COVID Cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We will deal with any confirmed cases of COVID of a teacher or student as outlined in the COVID information documents that can be found on our website at www.gvsd.net in conjunction with working with Central District Health (CDH) and our school nurse. Quarantine for Positive or Presumed Positive patients will follow current CDH recommendations. The nurse and CDH will facilitate contact tracing and quarantine recommendations for the positive case and any close contacts. Close contacts for school exposures will be notified and quarantine will be highly recommended but not required. If a student or staff has a close contact exposure at home, quarantine will be highly recommended. If quarantine is not followed, then the person will be required to wear a well fitting mask over their mouth and nose at all times while in the school. ● Please refer to the following documents on our website for additional information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance on COVID19 Exposure for Schools. https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1190135/Guidance_on_COVID19_Exposure_for_schools.pdf ○ Illness Decision Tree for Schools https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1190134/Illness_decision_tree_for_schools.pdf ○ CDC Covid19 Guidance https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1190133/CDC_COVID19_guidance.pdf
<p>Communication</p>	<p>COVID Communication Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be updated communication via email to families and staff as needed. ● Signage to encourage masks, social distancing, handwashing, etc. ● Constant communication and signage requiring people to NOT come to school when they are sick.

Instructional Delivery	<p>Instruction for the 2021/2022 school year will be in-person, face-to-face.</p> <p>Students in quarantine will have access to classwork via Google Meet. Students who are quarantining will be able to return to in person learning when their quarantine has been lifted.</p> <p>Students on Google Meet will work with the teacher while wearing headphones and will interact using the expectations outlined by the teacher.</p> <p>To the extent possible, teachers will work with individual students in need of additional or remedial instruction geared towards ensuring students are adequately prepared for meeting learning targets and goals.</p>
Social Distancing Precautions	<p>It is not possible to social distance students at all times. The following actions will be taken to limit exposure by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spreading desks out where feasible and creating pods in the classroom. ● Limiting hallway patterns when possible to decrease potential exposure. ● Limiting clustering areas by eliminating potential gathering areas.
Transportation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Busses will be disinfected daily when school is in session. 2. All drivers will be encouraged to wear masks. 3. Social Distancing is not guaranteed. 4. If a bus driver or student tests positive for COVID, the bus will be sanitized before going back into commission.
Food Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There will not be <i>self serve</i> options to limit contamination. 2. Handwashing is encouraged. There is a handwashing station and hand sanitizer options. 3. All student eating areas are sanitized between alternating groups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There will be sanitization between each student eating in the cafeteria. ● The eating times are staggered in order to create smaller groups.

Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All classrooms, restrooms, and high traffic areas will be thoroughly sanitized at the end of each student contact day. ● We will continue to supply classrooms and common areas with disinfectant solution to sanitize desks and chairs as needed. ● Communal supplies will be limited.
Students Requiring Specialized Services	<p>The SpED Team, Title I Team, and administration will work in conjunction with families to ensure student needs are met and appropriate accommodations are implemented with respect to health, safety and educational instruction.</p>
Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks permitted—not required ● Multiple hand washing sinks and hand sanitizers throughout the building. ● We have free masks when requested
Athletics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Athletic contests and activities will be conducted with spectators allowed. 2. We will follow guidelines recommended by the IHSAA.
Social and Emotional Wellbeing of Students, Faculty and Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The district purchased a curriculum entitled “Character Strong” that focuses on social development and social-emotional learning competencies. ● The school counselor was trained on this curriculum and began implementing it in various classes during the 2020/2021 school year with plans to continue implementation throughout the upcoming 2021/2022 school year. ● The Superintendent will create a leadership team with the specific task of determining effective methods to evaluate and monitor the social well-being of faculty and staff. This team will be responsible for employing the necessary resources to address any identified needs.