

Safe Return to School Plan

Time-Line

- The Collaborative Planning Team met on 7-9-20, 7-27-20 & 8-10-20 to develop the Safe Return to School Plan.
- The Safe Return to School Plan was presented to the School Committee on 8-18-20 and reviewed with the Committee monthly at public meetings.
- The Collaborative Planning Team reviewed the plan on 8-17-21 & 8-18-21.
- The Safe Return to School Plan was presented to the School Committee on 8-24-21 and reviewed with the Committee monthly at public meetings.
- The Collaborative Planning Team reviewed the plan on 18-19-22 & 18-19-22.
- The Safe Return to School Plan was presented to the School Committee on 8-23-22.

GCS Safe Return to School Plan



2022-2023

Health and Safety Guidance

- Vaccination -
 - The CDC strongly encourages all students and staff to obtain a complete COVID 19 vaccination. The district is no longer required to report the total number of fully vaccinated staff in Pre-K-12 to DHHS on a monthly basis.
- Masking -
 - When testing positive for COVID, masking is recommended for 10 days.
 - If knowingly exposed, masking is recommended for 10 days, however, the individual may continue to come in-person as long as they have no symptoms.

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Health and Safety Guidance

- Handwashing - All students and staff continue to be encouraged to engage in frequent handwashing for 20 seconds; hand sanitizer will remain available in all schools.
- Symptom Check Protocol - Administration will use the DOE approved COVID 19 symptom list. Students and staff showing symptoms are encouraged to test and stay home for at least 24 hours until symptoms are improving.
- COVID response to positive cases - The district will follow current state guidelines for handling the occurrence of a COVID 19 positive case in the schools. As of September 2022, COVID 19 positive cases require isolation for a minimum of 5 days.

Health and Safety Guidance

- Cleaning Protocols -
 - Custodial staff will continue with cleaning and sanitizing in the building. CDC guidelines state that “cleaning once a day is usually enough to sufficiently remove potential viruses that may be on surfaces.”
- Social Emotional Wellness Supports -
 - PreK-12 School Counselor
 - PreK-12 Outside referrals
 - PreK-12 Continued professional development to support a trauma informed school community

Academic/Instruction

- Technology Readiness -
 - We will continue to incorporate technology in our teaching and learning in order to maintain successful platforms that were developed this past year and be ready to support distance learning if it becomes necessary. We will support learning platforms (google classroom and SeeSaw) for students in isolation.
- Hybrid/Remote Learning - We are not planning to offer hybrid or remote options for all students. We will only provide limited, interim remote learning primarily through asynchronous learning. To be considered for this limited remote learning, families would need to provide the school with documentation of medical necessity or family displacement. If families would like more information about documentation needed they should contact their child's school principal. Families who are looking for a long term, full remote program for the 2021/22 school year should explore external options like Maine's virtual charter schools, national virtual learning companies or homeschool.

Academic/Instruction

- K-6 -
 - Increased Reading and Math Interventionists
 - After school enrichment and tutoring programs
- 7-8 -
 - Increased Literacy supports
 - Continued seasonal academic academies
 - Increased advisory support
- 9-12 -
 - Continued seasonal academic academies
 - Credit recovery
 - Increased advisory support

CDC Community Transition Levels

New Cases ¹ (per 100,000 population in the last 7 days)	Indicator	Low	Medium	High
<200 cases	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7- day total) ²	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average) ³	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
≥200 cases	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7- day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds in use by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

The COVID-19 Community Level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

¹Number of new cases in the county in the past 7 days divided by the population in the county (or other administrative level) multiplied by 100,000.

²Total number of new admissions of patients with confirmed COVID-19 in the past 7 days divided by the total population in the Health Service Area, multiplied by 100,000.

³Percentage of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 within the entire Health Service Area (7-day average).

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