

In an effort to keep our campus open for the 2020-2021 School Year, Grand View School recognizes the importance of a trusting, committed partnership to prevent and/or contain the COVID-19 virus. This partnership consists of the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Cherokee County Health Department, Cherokee Nation, and Grand View School. Our “school” team consists of teachers, coaches, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, central office personnel, administrators, our COVID Team, and especially our students.

The original school start date has been moved to August 26, 2020, in order to: receive more cleaning and protective supplies, re-set classrooms for optimal spacing, post social distancing guides in traffic areas, provide additional training for teachers and staff, and to better prepare for the delivery of virtual/distance learning, in the event of a class or school closure.

Grand View commits to being proactive in terms of COVID education, safety and maintaining the health of all students, staff, and patrons who visit our campus. We encourage you to work with us to ensure this plan’s positive impact on our school and community health.

Existing Law provides that anyone with a communicable disease is prohibited from attending a private or public school. It is the duty of the parent or guardian, and the school, to exclude such persons from school until the period of isolation or quarantine ordered for the case expires or until permission has been given by local health officers. See 63 OK Stat § 63-1-507

The Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Health used CDC guidelines to develop the 83-page *Return to Learn Oklahoma: A Framework for Reopening Schools*: <https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/Return%20to%20Learn%20Oklahoma.pdf> Grand View also consulted with local health agencies and school health care professionals to refine specific information and establish protocols that best protect our students and staff.

The Oklahoma School Safety Protocols developed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma State Department of Health serve as a guide for decisions on limiting school activities or school closures. The specifics of this document can be found at: <https://sde.ok.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Oklahoma%20School%20Safety%20Protocols.pdf>

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Prevention Guidelines and Protocols for Parents and Students

1. All parents will be asked to ensure their children are free of all known COVID-19 symptoms, before sending them to school. Our Sunday evening robocall/announcement will remind you to complete your child's *Health Check Card* (HCC) for the upcoming week and send it with them on Monday. If parents send their child/children to school, they are serving their part of the partnership by qualifying that their child/children is/are healthy. Please check your child's temperature daily as checks on symptoms are not required but are strongly encouraged.

Symptoms Include:

i. Fever, greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Temperature checks will be the first screening procedure the COVID Team utilizes, if a child starts to feel ill at school or exhibits any other symptoms.

ii. Chills or repeated shaking with chills

iii. Constant cough

iv. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

v. Fatigue

vi. Muscle or body aches

vii. Persistent headache

viii. New loss of taste or smell

ix. Sore throat

x. Congestion or runny nose

xi. Nausea or vomiting

xii. Diarrhea

xiii. Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days.

2. Students who arrive at school or develop any of the known symptoms listed in item #1 will be isolated at school, until a parent or guardian arrives.

3. Students will wear a mask or face shield on the bus and on campus. Teachers and/or administrators may allow masks to be removed under special circumstances that allow for adequate social distancing due to space or small student groups.

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4. The district will restrict all movement inside the school buildings to the greatest extent possible; (hallway traffic, restroom breaks, etc.).
5. All visitors to the school will be required to wear a mask. Visitors will remain in the school office or other designated areas of the school away from student populations.
6. While on campus, parents and guardians agree to maintain a social distance of six feet when possible.
7. Students will need to bring a clean, non-breakable water bottle to school each day, and use the water bottle filling stations.
8. Students will take advantage of in-classroom soap dispensers, washing their hands as they enter and/or exit their classrooms.
9. Students may not arrive at school before 7:30 a.m. School gates will open at 7:30 a.m. There will be no supervision before 7:30 a.m. The school day will start at 8:05 a.m. Students at the Early Learning Center will be served meals in their classrooms. Elementary and Middle School students arriving to eat breakfast: go directly to the cafeteria, get a breakfast tray, and go directly to their classroom to eat. One-way traffic pattern guides will be observed. Students using our Virtual/Distance Learning option may also take advantage of Grand View's FREE Lunch Program as a result of the Community Eligibility Program (CEP).
10. Students in grades 3-8 will move from room to room in a coordinated fashion using a carefully designed schedule that follows social-distancing guides and defined travel paths.
11. Students in grades 3-8 will have an electronic device checked out to them for daily use. Students will be allowed to take these devices home, if Virtual/Distance Learning becomes necessary. Students selecting an all Virtual/Distance Learning option will have a Chromebook assigned to them.
12. Middle School students will not utilize lockers. Textbooks and supplies will stay in classrooms. Students will take their Chromebooks from class to class throughout the day.
13. Hot spots will be available for families that do not have internet access at home, during virtual/distance learning, or for those families selecting our all Virtual/Distance Learning option.
14. Students will not share devices, supplies, or materials.
15. Students are prohibited from sharing food or drinks with each other anytime, while at school.
16. Lunch time will require all students to remain with their class throughout mealtimes. Serving options will be carefully coordinated to allow Middle School students to "grab-and-go" their meal. Students will pick up their lunches and take them to the classroom or an outdoor

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dining area. First and second grade elementary students will arrive for lunch using a coordinated schedule. They will move directly to their tables where their lunch will be waiting. Grades three and four will likely use a combined schedule allowing for in-cafeteria dining and grab-and-go meals, as timing allows. Cafeteria schedules will be fine tuned to provide social distancing in both seating and pick-up timing. Cafeteria tables will be sanitized between classes.

17. Cohorts (classes) of students will play on the playground during scheduled times that best provide social distancing. Teachers will develop areas/zones and an equipment rotation schedule, that suit each age group, and equipment availability in their respective areas.

18. Traditional Back-to-School Night (BTS) will be replaced by a Virtual Back-to-School Night.

19. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually.

20. Parents who are not comfortable with their children returning to campus will be given an option of a Virtual/Distance Learning model.

21. Parents that want to reduce their child's or children's exposure, by limiting their time on campus, may contact the administration to discuss a Blended Learning option.

22. At the request of the Cherokee County Health Department, parents are encouraged to sign a HIPPA waiver to expedite the screening process and contact tracing procedures.

23. Parents will be provided with a contract stating that they have carefully read the expectations and guidelines from the school. The document will indicate that they will partner with Grand View School to educate their children about healthy habits and keep all Grand View students safe and healthy.

Prevention Guidelines and Protocols for Teachers

1. Teachers will remove all furniture and items that are not easily sanitized from inside the classroom.

2. Teachers will remove all personal furniture and items that are not essential to the classroom. These items are to be taken home.

3. Teachers will remove all school furniture that is not essential to the classroom. School-owned furniture will be placed in long term storage on campus.

4. Teachers will position essential classroom furniture and items in a strategic manner, creating the most possible distance between student seating.

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5. Teachers will teach and re-teach students proper CDC recommended hygiene habits. These include topics such as: handwashing, cough/sneeze etiquette, social distancing, no-touch areas of the body, no-touch guidelines for materials of others, etc.
6. Teachers will provide age appropriate classroom signs and information sheets throughout the classroom.
7. Teachers and students will work together to frequently sanitize all high traffic areas such as: door handles, counters, small group tables and classroom items.
8. Teachers will continually monitor students' health. They will notify a member of the COVID Team if a student begins to display any known symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
9. The COVID Team will be provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and will be asked to utilize it, as they deem necessary, when screening a possible COVID case.
10. Teachers will wear a mask or face covering. The wearing of gloves or gowns will not be mandatory unless compelled to do so or required by Government officials.
11. Teachers will have the option of wearing easy-to-clean medical scrubs, like those used in the health care industry.
12. All Professional Development will be done in small groups, socially distanced or virtually to prevent possible large-scale transmission of the virus to school staff.
13. Back-to-School Night will be changed to Virtual Back-to-School Night. Teachers will contact parents or host a Virtual Conference to inform them of back to school procedures specific to their classroom.
14. Teachers will conduct all regular parent/teacher conferences via phone, text, email or virtually.
15. Teachers will utilize seating charts to monitor social distancing and to aid in contact tracing should an outbreak occur.
16. Teachers will self-screen daily to include a personal temperature check and log-in. Any teacher reporting for duty is certifying themselves healthy and free of any COVID symptoms.

Prevention Guidelines and Protocols for Administration

1. All vendors doing business inside the school will be required to complete sign-in/sign-out sheets and agree to a temperature check. Vendors will also be required to wear masks when in the building or near students or staff members.

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2. The district will provide and maintain hand sanitizer stations in all buildings and soap dispensers in all classrooms.
3. The district will provide water bottle filling stations around campus.
4. The district will regularly maintain and disinfect all high traffic areas such as: hallways, rest rooms, gym, cafeteria, etc.
5. The district will provide PPE for all staff that want to wear them. PPE options will include masks, shields, eye protection, gloves and gowns.
6. The district will provide infrared thermometers to help monitor staff health.
7. The district will disinfect all buses after each route.
8. When appropriate, the district will ensure that all bus routes are run with some windows down, creating air circulation, to help reduce any potential COVID exposure.
9. The district will provide COVID awareness and COVID rules signage at all entries and traffic areas around campus.
10. The district will monitor COVID status and consult with other Cherokee County Schools on a monthly basis to determine when extracurricular activities may be safely resumed.

Bus Protocols and Guidelines

1. Every effort will be made to provide social distancing on buses. Students will have assigned seats and will need to stay in that seat unless reassigned by the driver.
2. We encourage parents to transport their child to and from school if possible.
3. Social distancing on the bus will be difficult, therefore, students will need to wear a mask while on the bus.
4. All bus routes will run with some windows down, creating as much air circulation as possible.
5. Parents must take their child's temperature daily, before a student boards the bus. Students' temperatures will not be taken by the bus driver. Students boarding the bus are presumed to be free of COVID symptoms and certified healthy by parents.
6. Buses will be disinfected upon completion of morning and afternoon routes.

Exposure to COVID-19 Protocol and Guidelines

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1. If a student or staff member becomes infected and tests positive for COVID-19, that person will be quarantined at home, for 10 days. They may return to work after 10 days provided; they are symptom free for the last 24 hours. A person may also be allowed to return earlier. For an earlier date, they must provide written documentation from their medical professional stating they are COVID free, in accordance with CDC guidelines.
2. After being informed of a COVID-19 positive student or staff member, that has been on campus, an effort will be made to identify and close areas of the school building where the individual spent more than 30 minutes. After a minimum 24-hour period, school staff will disinfect the area with approved cleaners in accordance with the CDC and Health Department guidelines.
3. The district will contact our local county health department and report any cases.
4. Parents will be notified of school closures, positive cases, and/or quarantines via a phone call or letter from the district. Anonymity required by HIPPA and FERPA guidelines will be followed.
5. Any student or staff member who had close contact with a person who is lab confirmed with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine at home for 10 days.
6. If school buildings or classrooms are forced to close and move to total virtual/distance learning, teachers will be allowed, with caution, to go to their classrooms, if not contaminated, and perform instructional activities to support the virtual/distance learning program. Teachers may also be allowed to work remotely, with prior administrative approval.

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