



## Gilbert J. Mircovich Elementary School

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# Public Notice

## Gilbert J Mircovich Elementary Plan for On-Campus Activities and Instruction

*The following is a brief summary of the plan for a safe return to on-campus face to face instruction. GJM Elementary Administration team will be the primary point of contact for all Covid-19 related concerns or communications.*

### **Practices to Prevent the spread:**

- All teachers and staff must self-screen for COVID-19 when entering the building.
- Teachers and staff are required to enter the building through the front door.
- Masks are required on campus.
- The school Nurse takes each teacher and staff member's temperature in the morning before they are allowed to move about the building.
- All teachers and staff who have symptoms or a positive test will work from home for the 10-day isolation period.
- Parents are advised to not send students to the campus who show symptoms of COVID-19 or have had a positive test.
- All visitors are asked to fill out the COVID-19 screening before entering the building (this is located on the door through a QR code completed on your smartphone).
- Any individual who themselves either: (a) are test-confirmed to have COVID-19; or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home throughout the infection period and cannot return to campus until they meet the following criteria:
  - At least one day (24 hours) has passed since recovery (fever free without the use of fever reducing medications).
  - Improvement in symptoms.
  - At least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- An individual who has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to campus before completing the above stay at home period must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual on the basis of alternative diagnosis or (b) obtain an approved test with negative results.

### **Practices for Response to a Test-Confirmed Case:**

- Notify the local health department.
- Close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the test-confirmed case.
- Deep cleaning of all areas with disinfectant, unless more than 7 days have already passed since that person was on campus.

- Notification to all teachers, staff, and families of all students who participate in any on-campus activities; meeting the requirements for communicable diseases and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements.
- Upon receipt of information that any teacher, staff member, student, or visitor at the school, including an individual working or learning remotely, is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, the school district will submit a report to the Texas Department of State Health Services via an online form.

**Practices to Mitigate:**

- Hand sanitizer stations at each entrance as well as in every classroom.
- Students, teachers, staff, and campus visitors are encouraged to wash hands frequently.
- Campus has instituted more frequent cleaning practices.
- Additional cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces that are touched in common areas throughout the day with guidance from the CDC.
- Provide information on appropriate hygiene practices to students on their first day on campus.
- Masks must be worn at all times and in the appropriate manor, including over the nose and mouth.
- Social distancing will be used where possible. Students will be required to wear a mask until they enter their classroom and sit behind the divider.
- Teachers, staff, and students will be required to move the hallways by walking on the right side, while practicing social distancing.
- Breakfast and Lunch will be served in the classroom. Depending on schedules and successful safety procedures by students, lunch might transition to the cafe at a later date.
- Campus buildings will not be open for students before 7:30 am.

*Transportation:*

- Masks must be worn on all buses by everyone on board.
- Temperatures will be taken as students enter the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned after each trip.

*Visitors*

- Must wear a mask.
- Must complete the COVID-19 self check and report to the main office window.
- Parents and other family members or visitors are not allowed to eat lunch on campus or drop off lunches.

*More information can be found at [tea.texas.gov](https://tea.texas.gov).*