

A colorful illustration of a farm scene. On the left, a red brick barn with a yellow bell in a small tower. A yellow school bus is driving on a winding road that curves across a green hill. The road has a dashed yellow center line. In the foreground, there are several stylized trees with orange and yellow foliage. In the bottom right corner, there are several pumpkins. The sky is light blue with a few falling leaves.

Welcome BACK!

*Parents' Tips
for Transitioning Safely to
In Person Instruction at
Georgetown-Ridge Farm
CUSD #4*



What GRF is doing to keep your children and staff members safe

- **General Information**
 - **Facility Health and Safety Information**
 - **Step by Step Procedures for Entering Buildings (Parents and Students)**
 - **Classroom Safety Tips and Protocols**
 - **Cleaning of Schools**
 - **What to do when?**
 - **What can parents do to assist in keeping everyone safe?**
 - **Summary**
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THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

that all public and nonpublic schools must meet for in-person learning in Phase 4 are to:

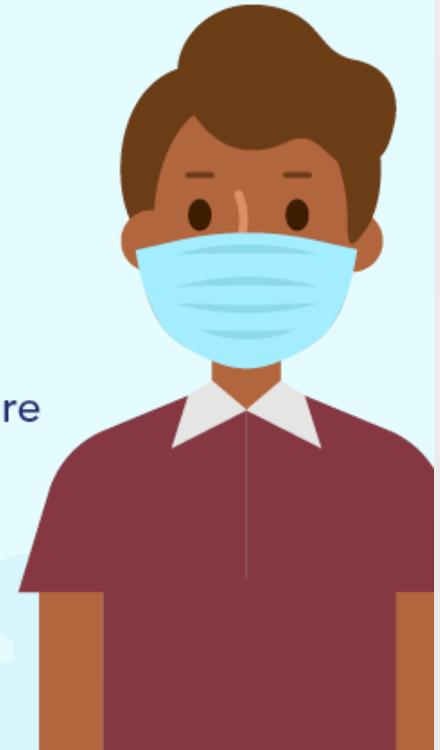
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- Require use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings;
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing be observed as much as possible;
- Require that schools conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.





Our Goal for Offering Information about Safe In Person Instruction

- **Provide guidance and tips for transitioning from remote to face to face in person instruction**
 - **Outline protocols and procedures to ensure optimum safety for all**
 - **Share information with parents regarding signage, cleaning, protective equipment**
 - **Answer questions and concerns as we transition to face to face instruction**
 - **Offer suggestions for parents to assist in our common goal to provide as safe as possible learning environment for all**
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Increased Signage Throughout Each School

- **New signage has been placed throughout the buildings to remind everyone of safety expectations. This includes:**
 - **Entrances- Protocol for entering building, List of COVID Symptoms**
 - **Hallways- Reminder posters including face masks, social distancing, stay safe tips**
 - **Directional Traffic Flow has been added to better facilitate safe passage in halls (indication arrows throughout including one-way traffic)**
 - **Bathroom/Water Fountain Protocol**
 - **Posters in classrooms with classroom procedures**
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SYMPTOM SCREENING AND TEMPERATURE CHECKS **REQUIRED WHEN ENTERING**

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Entering the Building

Step by Step Guidance for Students Dropped Off

Anyone entering the building must observe the following posted safety protocols.

- 1. Face masks are required.**
 - 2. Have a temperature check. Anyone having a temperature of 100.4 will not be allowed to occupy the building. Visitors will proceed to the office or designated temperature check station.**
 - 3. All students transported by car will need a temperature check before they can be released from the vehicle.**
 - 4. A COVID symptoms check will also be completed for all entering the building.**
 - 5. Use hand sanitizer upon entering building.**
 - 6. All bus students will have a temperature check prior to entering the bus. A protocol is in place for those students with a temperature and a student with a 100.4 temperature will not be allowed on the bus.**
 - 7. Social distancing of 6 ft. apart should be maintained whenever possible.**
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Students Riding the Bus

The following procedures have been established according with ISBE/IDPH guidelines:

- 1. Students will be spaced throughout the bus with the maximum of 50 students per bus.**
- 2. Students will sit according to an assigned seating chart.**
- 3. Temperature checks will be conducted prior to students entering the bus.**
- 4. A student with 100.4 temperature will not be allowed to enter the bus. The bus driver will radio the school and a school official will notify parents.**
- 5. If a student has 100.4 temperature or above, this student's siblings will not be allowed to ride the bus or attend school until diagnosis received**
- 6. COVID symptoms check will also be conducted.**

Safe Practices and Cleaning Procedures

Face Masks are to be worn at all times except when eating or drinking or outdoors when at least 6 feet social distancing can be maintained.

Each classroom will be furnished with extra disposable masks, sanitizing wipes, and spray disinfectant.

Classrooms, buses, restrooms, and any high use surfaces will be cleaned periodically by staff. Desks should be wiped down by students or staff especially between different groups of students.

Buses will be sprayed after each route. Restrooms cleaned and sprayed throughout the day, with cleaning check lists on bathroom doors.

Buildings will be deep cleaned by maintenance staff after school daily.



Classroom protocols that have been implemented include:

- **Each class has created an accurate daily seating chart. This is critical to contact tracing in case of a positive COVID case.**
 - **Desks are spaced at minimum 4 ft apart and social distancing will be maintained as much as possible.**
 - **Face masks are required at all times unless eating, drinking, or outdoors when 6 ft distancing can be maintained.**
 - **Handwashing encouraged and limiting the number of students using the bathroom at a time.**
 - **Touching and close contact with others will be discouraged.**
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Classroom Protocols (continued)



- **Limited student movement in the classroom will be implemented.**
 - **Reducing surfaces (i.e., extra furniture) to increase space and limit contact surfaces.**
 - **Students should have their own water bottle since water fountains are closed.**
 - **Teachers and staff members will maintain as much social distance as possible.**
 - **If possible, a traffic flow has been established for classrooms and hallways. Directional traffic flow arrows have been added.**
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What Parents Can Do To Assist





How to prepare your child for return to face to face instruction

1. **Talk to you child about new safety procedures and their importance.**
 2. **Send your child wearing a face mask.**
 3. **Keep your child home if he/she sick or displaying COVID like symptoms.**
 4. **Notify the school promptly if your child is COVID positive or has had close contact with someone who is COVID positive.**
 5. **Discuss social distancing to your child.**
 6. **Discuss the importance of not sharing of food, drink, or school materials with your child.**
 7. **Be prepared in case the school is required to return to full remote learning.**
 8. **Understand quarantine requirements should it be necessary for the school district to require such action.**
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Self-quarantine tips if you're sick with COVID-19

DO



Stay home, avoid public areas and mass transit.



Isolate yourself from others in your home.



Use a separate bathroom, if possible.



Call ahead before visiting the doctor.



Wash your hands often.



Wear a face mask around other people and pets.



Cover coughs and sneezes.

DON'T



Go outside for any reason.



Let in any non-essential visitors.



Have contact with pets and other animals, if possible.



Share space with housemates, if possible.



Share dishes, utensils, cups, towels or bedding.



Go to the doctor without calling ahead.



Discontinue home isolation until instructed.

Please Remember:

SHOWING SYMPTOMS? STAY HOME



- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The list does not include all possible symptoms. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, please stay home.

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Questions?

Please call or email your child's school for questions you may have regarding returning to in person instruction.

It takes all of us to do our part to keep G/RF students as safe as possible. Thank you for assisting us in achieving that goal.

