



# 2020 Back to School General Information

## Campus Visitors

To minimize campus visits, staff members will utilize virtual meeting options to limit campus visitors when possible. In the case that an in-person visit to campus is necessary, the following precautions will be in place:

- All visitors who enter the building will be required to wear a face mask or cloth face covering.
- Upon arrival, all visitors will be required to sanitize their hands and answer COVID-19 screening questions. Should their visit require them to enter beyond the vestibule, they will also have a temperature check.
- Visitors and staff will maintain physical distancing for ARD and other meetings in smaller conference areas.

## Disinfecting and Hand Sanitizing

Frequent disinfection and hand sanitization will support the health and wellness of students and staff.

- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be available at the main entry to the campus, in classrooms, in the cafeteria and in common areas throughout the campus.
- Staff will be expected to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Students and staff will use hand sanitizer upon entry to classroom.
- Students will thoroughly wash their hands after recess (PK-5 only), before eating, and following restroom breaks.

### Disinfecting Expectations - All Staff

- Staff will have access to disinfectants to sanitize high-touch and working surfaces and shared objects regularly.
- Staff will limit the use of shared supplies when possible.

### Campus Cleaning and Disinfecting

Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will promote a healthy learning and work environment for students and staff.

### Daily Campus Cleaning

- Each classroom will be disinfected daily.
- All restrooms will be disinfected throughout the day.
- All high-touch areas will be disinfected throughout the day.
- Custodians will wear masks and gloves.
- The cafeteria will be disinfected between lunch periods.
- Staff will have access to disinfectants to sanitize working surfaces and shared objects after each use and during breaks in instruction.

### Additional Cleaning Measure for Covid-19 Positive Cases on Campus

- If a classroom or facility is closed due to COVID-19 spread, quaternary disinfectant, which is recommended for use on the virus that causes COVID-19, will be used to defog and disinfect.
- Custodial staff will defog and disinfect classrooms, restrooms, the athletic indoor turf field, weight room and all additional areas in the entire building.
- Greenville ISD will comply with all health and safety recommendations established by the Hunt County Health Department and the Texas Education Agency.

## Instructional Methods

Greenville ISD will ensure that all students have access to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). Visit our [Back to School page](#) to learn more about the various instructional models being offered at different grade levels.

## Isolating and Communicating When COVID-19 Symptoms are Displayed or a Positive Test is Reported

- When a student has displayed symptoms of COVID-19, the school nurse will provide a clinical assessment to determine if and when a student needs to be sent home.
- Students who are ill will be separated from their peers and should be picked up within 30 minutes and no later than 1 hour from the time the campus contacted the student's parent/guardian. If the student is of driving age and drove themselves, they will be sent home with parent permission.
- Other students will be removed from the classroom and taken to an alternate location on campus so that the classroom can be disinfected.
- District communication will be provided to the parents of students who came in contact with a test-confirmed COVID-19-positive student or staff member.
- Staff members displaying COVID-19 symptoms will follow district protocols including isolation from students and other staff members.
- Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 will be required to submit a letter of good health from a physician's office prior to returning to school.
- Students or staff who come into close contact with a test-confirmed COVID-19 positive individual will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days and may not return to campus during that time. Students will participate in online learning during quarantine.
- Students who come into close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual will be asked to inform the school nurse and campus principal.

## Parent Communication

Greenville ISD will provide families with clear and concise communication through the following outbound channels:

- Email
- Website
- Campus Newsletters
- Social Media
- Text Messages
- Class Dojo
- Remind
- Phone calls
- [GISD Mobile App](#)

## Communication Tools and Channels

- Parents will receive emails from Greenville ISD, sent through the School Messenger system. Email addresses will be collected from Skyward Family Access. It is very important for parents/guardians to keep their emails and phone numbers up to date in Skyward.
- Information about Back to School 2020 will be posted on the Greenville ISD website. The website will include:
  - Health and safety protocols
  - Information on both in-person and at-home learning
  - A list of frequently asked questions

- Campuses will share campus-specific information with parents via email, newsletters, and other campus communication tools.
- Regular updates will be posted on Greenville ISD's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter) and on the district's app.
- Greenville ISD has the capability to send direct text messages to parents. Phone numbers will be collected from Skyward Family Access.
- At-Home learning support offered to parents through consistent communication

## Screening Staff and Students

- Staff will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms, which will include daily temperature checks prior to reporting to work each day, and are required to wear a face mask or cloth face covering at all times, as appropriate.
- Parents/guardians are expected to screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms each day prior to sending them to school. Students first grade and older are required to wear a face mask or cloth face covering at all times, as appropriate (not while eating, drinking, etc.).
- Teachers will monitor students and refer to the nurse if the following symptoms are present:
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100 degrees Fahrenheit
  - Known close contact with a person who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19 if exposure to the active confirmed case occurred within the last 14 days

## Social, Emotional, and Mental Health Support

GISD will address the mental health and social-emotional development of all students, staff and community by following best practices in the areas of:

- School-based mental health services
- Behavioral support systems
- Family engagement and support practices
- Staff supports
- Other key systems and supports

### Social Emotional Learning

- Social Emotional Learning lessons and activities to support students related to COVID-19 experiences, trauma, and school closure.
- Counseling support will be accessible to both In-Person and At-Home learners.

### Family Support

- District social workers will be available to provide families with information on how to access community services when necessary.

## Technology

- Mobile devices will be readied for deployment to students who need them for virtual at-home learning. A process for deployment of devices will be implemented after the close of student registration.
- Wi-fi will be expanded up to a half mile radius from each GISD campus.
- GEUS has many wi-fi hotspots around the city of Greenville that can be used by families to complete school work. [The locations of the hotspots can be found here.](#)

## **Tracking COVID-19 Levels in the Community**

- GISD officials will remain in constant contact with Hunt County Health Officials to share disease activity levels in the community. We will alert students, parents and staff of activity levels and adjust on-campus activities when warranted.

## **Wearing Face Coverings**

- Face masks or cloth face coverings will be required for all staff working inside facilities with others. Students first grade and older are required to wear a face covering at all times, as appropriate (not while eating, drinking, etc.) Greenville ISD will comply with all health and safety recommendations established by the county health department and the Texas Education Agency and local, state and national orders.