

Grace Christian Elementary School Reopening Plans

Health and Safety Measures for COVID-19

A Healthy Emotional and Spiritual Environment

Students will be encouraged to do the following to ease worry or anxiety:

- Share concerns and feelings.
- Seek peace through prayer.
- Find comfort and wisdom in God's Word.
- Take breaks from social media and news stories.
- Respect others wearing masks.

A Healthy Social Environment

Students will be encouraged to practice appropriate social distancing:

- Stand at arm's length from the other person when talking.
- Spread out on the playground and blacktop to utilize open spaces.
- Create distancing at the outdoor lunch tables.
- Leave space between each other while walking in lines.
- Sit with two seats between one another in designated chapels.
- Face forward in classroom desks when possible.
- All staff will stay 6 feet away from other staff and 6 feet away from students.

The following healthy physical practices will be implemented:

- Separate recess/snack breaks will occur in the following four cohorts: TK-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-6th grades, and 7th-8th grades with additional outdoor eating areas and lunch tables. Cohorts will eat together.
- Masks can be removed for snack, meals, and outdoor recess and PE classes.
- Separate chapel times will be held for TK-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-6th, and 7th-8th.
- Extended Care rotations of outside and indoor play to create spacing.
- Added directional arrows on the ground will direct movement through hallways.
- Use of staggered drop-off and pick-up times with designated entries/exits will occur.

- As mandated by the state of California, masks are required in 3rd-8th grades and TK-2nd grades are encouraged to wear a mask. All staff is required to wear masks or shields. TK and K classrooms will have desk shields on classroom tables for sanitary purposes.

Students will be instructed to use their personal school supplies:

- Each student's supplies will be kept separately in labeled containers.
- Shared classroom items will be cleaned between uses.
- Sharing of snacks, food, or drink will not be allowed.

A Healthy Physical Environment

Students will be taught healthy hygiene practices:

- Germs can get into the body through the eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Germs can make us sick.
- Germs from unwashed hands can get into food and drinks.
- Germs from unwashed hands can be transferred to other objects.
- Washing hands prevents illness and the spread of infection to others.

The following healthy hygiene practices will be reinforced:

- Use tissue to wipe their nose.
- Cough or sneeze inside a tissue or an elbow.
- Wash hands before/after eating, after coughing/sneezing, after outside play time, and before/after restroom use.
- Wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap.
- Students will be instructed to use hand sanitizer stations located in each classroom and handwashing stations throughout the school at planned, routine intervals.

The school will use the EPA list of disinfectant products that have been shown to be effective against COVID-19, and newly implemented cleaning routines will continue:

- Frequently touched surfaces within the school will be cleaned twice daily.
- The black top drinking fountain will not be available for use.
- Water filling stations will be used to refill personal, reusable water bottles.

School lunches should be individually packed:

- Students may order cold and hot lunches from Choice Lunch as pre-selected, individually packed items rather than cafeteria style
- Hot Box lunches should be in a container and labeled with the student's name.
- Packed lunches from home should be in disposable lunch bags instead of lunch boxes for sanitary purposes; containers inside disposable lunch bags should be washed daily.

School COVID-19 Procedures:

- Daily visual wellness monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms will occur.
- Temperatures will be taken daily with no-touch classroom thermometers before entering the classrooms. Each classroom will have its own thermometer.
- Students or staff with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, a persistent cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home with testing recommended. The classroom and school will stay open unless there is a positive test result. A negative test result, after having symptoms, may return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve. The following are COVID-19 symptoms:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell
- A positive COVID-19 test result or case infection will close the classroom for distant learning for 14 days from the date the infected person was at school with testing of contacts recommended. A contact person is a person who is 6 feet from a case for more than 15 minutes. Negative test results of the class will not shorten the 14 day quarantine period. Disinfection and cleaning of the classroom and space (s) where the infected case spent time will occur, and the room will remain closed for two days. The Orange County Health Agency and the school population will be notified, and the school will remain open.
- Students or staff, who are sick or who have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19, will be instructed to stay home with a recommended testing and quarantine for 14 days. Classroom and school will remain open, and school notification of a known contact will be sent by Kim Wininger.

- Missed school work due to COVID-19 exposure, symptoms, or illness will be excused, and make-up work will be an optional, parental choice to encourage safe, healthy precautions.

Non-essential visitors and volunteers

- To minimize the risk of exposure, access to our campus will be limited to GCS students, teachers, staff, and parents during drop-off and pick-up at the start of the school year. We hope to allow parent volunteers as the virus subsides.

COVID-19 School Designated Point of Contact Person

- Kim Wninger, GCS Elementary and Jr. High Office Manager, is the COVID-19 contact person, and she will communicate COVID-19 school updates.

GCS COVID-19 Protocols:

The following GCS protocols for COVID-19 will be followed:

- The school will check state and local orders and health department notices and adjust school operations as needed to ensure safe practices. Surveillance COVID-19 testing of staff will occur if the Orange County Health Agency reports increasing community transmission. As a result of increased community transmission, periodic testing, as testing capacity permits, will occur on a rotation of 50% of the staff every month.
- After school reopens, if Orange County is placed back on a Monitoring List due to 14-day case rates of over 200 cases per every 100,000 people, the school will not be required to close but will begin referring staff for testing on a rotational basis of 50% of the staff every month.
- If the governor issues a mandatory stay at home executive order, the school will move to distant learning utilizing live, interactive, digital classroom meetings, and educational technology, such as Google Classroom and the SeeSaw App.

- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 and has exposed others at the school, the following step will be taken:
 - In collaboration with the local public health department, school administration will decide whether a classroom or school closure is warranted as determined by the public health officer.
 - If close contact has taken place, the positive individual's classroom will need to close temporarily as students and staff of that classroom isolate for 14 days.
 - Additional areas of the school visited by the COVID-19 positive individual may also need to be closed temporarily for two days for proper cleaning and disinfection.
 - The identity of the positive individual will be kept confidential as required by state and federal laws.
 - Any students or staff exhibiting symptoms should immediately be required to wear a face covering and be required to wait in an isolation area until they can be transported home or to a healthcare facility, as soon as possible.
 - A supervised isolation area will be designated to separate a student, who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, until the parent can pick up the student from school. The isolation area will be cleaned in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines after the isolation room is utilized.
 - Sick staff members or students can not return to school until they have met CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation, including 3 days with no fever, and improved symptoms for 14 days since first appeared.
- School closure will occur if there are multiple cases in multiple cohort groups or 5% of the total number of teachers, students, and staff cases occur within a 14-day period.
- The school will reopen after 14 days after cleaning, disinfection, an inspection, and consultation with the Orange County Health Agency.

School Staff Training and Family Education:

- **September 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM**
Staff Training Inservice: COVID-19 Health and Safety School Guideline Meeting
- **September 2, 2020 6:30 PM**
Parent Education Night: Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines Meeting

