

**Granite Baptist School
Re-Opening Plan
for the
2020-2021 School Year**



GBS Re-Opening Plan:

This plan has been formulated to provide our families the highest quality educational experience while doing all we can to ensure the safety of our students. With this in mind, **Granite Baptist School plans to open its campus and buildings to all students five days per week for “in-person” classroom instruction on August 30, 2021.**

Temperature Checks:

GBS will continue to check the temperature of both students and staff prior to entering the buildings before each school day. Any student or staff member with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be permitted to remain at school. It is highly recommended that parents take temperatures before coming to school each morning. We ask that parents be careful not to send any child to school who has been experiencing any form of illness or symptoms of illness until the students has fully recovered.

Face Covering:

Face coverings will not be required for GBS students or staff.

Class Size:

Classroom sizes will be limited to 75% to allow for social distancing of students during the school day.

Social Distancing:

GBS will be following the CDC guidelines for social distancing in our classrooms and common areas

Hand Washing:

Students of all grade levels will be expected as well as instructed to regularly wash their hands and sanitize throughout the day. This will be especially emphasized any time classes move from one location to another or come in contact with any high traffic areas.

Water Fountains:

Students of all grade levels are asked to bring a water bottle with them as water fountains will not be available. Refilling stations will be available throughout the buildings. This will help in limiting contact with high traffic and high touch areas in the school building.

Aerosol-Generating Treatments:

GBS will not be able to provide aerosol-generating treatments (such as nebulizers) on the school property this year. Any student needing such a treatment should be signed out of class and treated by their parents at home.

Lockers:

Lockers will be assigned to each secondary student; however, to minimize hallway traffic, students are asked to limit use of lockers between classes as much as possible. The introduction of iPads and digital textbooks will be a great help in this area as students will not need to carry as many textbooks.

Community Supplies:

While the sharing of pens, pencils, and other classroom items may be common place in the typical classroom, we will ask each student to provide his own supplies each day to minimize the contact between students.

Visitors in Building:

To begin the school year, GBS will limit parent and visitor traffic into the buildings. Checking in and out students will be conducted at the door rather than in the school office. If you have any questions during the year or would like to schedule a meeting, please call the school office in advance to make the necessary provisions. Zoom and teleconferencing will be employed when necessary.

Cleaning and Disinfecting:

Keeping our facilities cleaned and sanitized will certainly be a team effort. We are hiring extra custodial staff to help sanitize both throughout the school day as well as overnight. Each teacher will be fully equipped to keep their room sanitized throughout the day, and students will be trained throughout the year to help keep their own workspaces and personal areas clean and clear.

Screening/Reporting of COVID-19 Illness:

We ask that parents daily screen their children at home for the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or higher
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Headache
- Nausea or upset stomach
- Body aches or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea

Parents observing any of these symptoms **SHOULD NOT** send their student to school

If a student is sent home or kept at home by parents, the following are “return-to-school” criteria:

- Student must be free from fever **without medication** for at least **48 hours**
- Student should not exhibit any potential COVID-19 symptoms for **48 hours**

Isolation, Exclusion, Quarantine, and Return to School

If a student or school staff member develops symptoms of COVID-19-like illness **during the school day**, the school will:

Safely isolate the person in the designated isolation area and place a surgical mask on the person if they are not wearing a cloth face covering as appropriate;

The GBS staff member should don the appropriate PPE and conduct the appropriate determination of the student's condition based on presenting symptoms;

Begin the process for the person to vacate the school as soon as possible

When the school is informed of a laboratory confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student or school staff member, regardless of whether the person has symptoms, GBS will begin the process for identifying close contacts and begin the notification process in collaboration with the local health department;

The school will follow the "Decision Aid: Exclusion and Return for Laboratory Confirmed COVID-19 Cases and Persons with COVID-19-like Illness in Schools, Child Care Programs, and Youth Camps" (see attachment) for a person with a positive test for COVID-19 or who has COVID-19 like illness, regardless if they have been tested, and those who had close contact with the person with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like illness;

The school will also follow the instructions from the local health department for matters regarding quarantine, exclusion and return to school for a person with a positive test for COVID-19 or who has COVID-19-like illness, and those who had close contact with the person with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like illness.

Any parent who suspects COVID-19 infection of any family member should seek medical attention and keep family members from attending school until they are tested and the results are known. Any staff member or student who tests positive for COVID-19 must stay home until evaluated and released by their primary care physician. If testing indicates positive for COVID-19, the school family must report to the school administration immediately, along with following the medical directives of the attending physician. A physician's release must be acquired and "return-to-school" criteria must be met before the child is able to return to school. If the COVID-19 test does NOT affirm COVID-19 infection, the child/student must still meet the return-to-school criteria before re-entry.

What if COVID-19 is confirmed within our school community?

Notification of contacts who must quarantine

GBS will work with the local health department to identify persons who may have had close contact with the person testing positive for COVID-19;

We will provide written notification to all identified contacts. The notification will include the following:

- 1. When to seek medical care**
- 2. How to monitor for symptoms**
- 3. Who to contact and how to contact them if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 while under quarantine**
- 4. The projected length of quarantine if they remain asymptomatic**
- 5. Plan for maintaining remote learning for those who remain well enough to engage in learning while under quarantine**
- 6. Information about local COVID-19 testing sites**