

Returning To School General Protocols for Families- Spring 2022

As COVID-19 implications change, these protocols are subject to change. This information is being provided to Gretna Public Schools families so they can help their students prepare for a successful transition back to school in January. Specific questions can be directed to the school principal. This plan will be formally revised no less than every six months. Input regarding this plan may be provided using the survey located on the district website.



Bussing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are recommended for students/staff but not required.
Cafeteria/Meals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salad bars will be removed. All food will be served by gloved employees. Students allowed to bring lunches from home. No sharing of food. Sanitizer stations will be readily available throughout the cafeteria.
Calendar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will follow the board approved 2021-2022 calendar.
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be social distanced and/or seated in cohorts as much as possible in classrooms. We understand that this may be difficult at times. Masks are recommended for students/staff but not required.
Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High-touch surfaces, desks, tables, etc. sanitized daily. Hand sanitizer dispensers available throughout school.
Hand Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff will be encouraged to sanitize or wash their hands upon entering and/or exiting the building, classroom and cafeteria.
Locker Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will not be required to shower in the locker rooms after PE classes.
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are recommended for students/staff but not required. Masks will be available by request. All masks will be subject to dress-code compliance...no bandanas, no offensive, vulgar, or inappropriate images/messages will be allowed.
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several things that may not be able to occur in person or until further notice such as large pep rallies, school assemblies, etc. Parent – Teacher Conferences- will occur in person with social distancing maintained when possible. Nurses will no longer issue cough drops, Tylenol or Ibuprofen without a medical note.
Pick Up/Drop Off and Students Exiting Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should not congregate at entrance or exit areas. Parents are asked to stay in or by their vehicle, or socially distanced during pick up / drop off. Students will be dismissed at multiple exits. (e.g. based on walking home, riding the bus etc.) Specific building information will be communicated by the principal.

Response to Positive Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a positive COVID-19 case is confirmed in a school, that individual will be excluded and allowed to return based upon current guidance from health officials at the time.
Screening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are asked to screen children at home for possible symptoms of COVID-19 such as: fever, chills, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste or smell. • If your child is sick with any of the possible symptoms of COVID-19, keep them home from school and notify the school of your child's absence and symptoms. It is strongly recommended you contact your child's doctor for further guidance regarding possible COVID-19 testing. • See "GPS Health Offices Updates and Protocols" for further guidance.
School Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will follow the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) in regards to school activities scheduling, practices, games, etc.
Visitors & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch guests, classroom volunteers, and other special drop-in guests will be allowed until further notice. • Any visitors and/or volunteers who have not been vaccinated are encouraged to wear a mask when unable to socially distance from students/staff for more than 15 minutes.