



COVID-19 SCHOOL OPERATIONS PLAN

Vaccination

Gallatin County School District (GCSD) will encourage all staff and eligible students to be vaccinated. Currently, if a vaccinated student is exposed to someone who has COVID and are not symptomatic, they are not required to quarantine or show proof of a negative COVID test in order to remain in school and have the ability to participate in extra-curricular activities. If you or your child have not been vaccinated, we recommend you consult with your health care provider regarding vaccination benefits.

Mask Use

All staff, students, and visitors (whether vaccinated or not) are required to wear a mask while indoors at the school campus or on the bus. Any change in mask plans will be communicated by the GCSD. Masks will be provided to students who need them or.

Masks are required on public transportation, including buses operated by public and private school systems, for all persons two years of age or older unless otherwise exempted, in accordance with President Biden's Executive Order and CDCs public health order.

Physical Distancing

GCSD will be socially distanced in all classrooms insofar as physical space permits. Unless physical space does not permit it, at least 3 feet will be used to separate students and staff. Whenever possible, all students will face the same direction. We will utilize assigned seats to also help mitigate student movement.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

GCSD will be cleaning once a day to sufficiently remove potential viruses that may be on surfaces. Disinfecting (using disinfectants on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency COVID-19 list) removes any remaining germs on surfaces, which further reduces any risk of spreading infection. We will sanitize door handles, lockers, and other high touch areas. We will encourage handwashing and provide hand sanitization stations.

Ventilation

GCSD will turn on the HVAC units 2 hours before school starts each day. GCSD will leave the HVAC unit running 2 hours after school ends each day. Windows may be opened and teachers may hold class outdoors as weather permits.

Educational Setting

GCSD will monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, outbreaks, and trends with the assistance of the health department.

GCSD requests that students, teachers, and staff stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

GCSD request that students, teachers, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 report the positive test results as soon as possible to GCSD.

Determination: The Board has determined that these practices and policies will foster the safety of employees, students, visitors, and the community, including social distancing requirements, because they are consistent with the CDC Guidance, for our school.

The Superintendent is directed to implement and enforce this House Bill 1 plan, to post it on the School District's website, and to have it posted at the entrance of each school building as required by 21 RS HB 1.

Original COVID-19 School Operations Plan adopted by the Gallatin County Board of Education, this day of 12, August, 2021

Update: On the first day of school, August 25th, 2021, the Mask Use section was updated to reflect the KDE's emergency mask regulation. This section has been updated above on the COVID-19 School Operations Plan.