

# **Greenfield School District #75**

## **Safe Return to School and Continuity of Services Plan**

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### ❖ General Information

- These plans are intended to provide guidance for the 2023-2024 school year. Although careful planning and considerations of current health and education situations have gone into the development of these guidelines, they are subject to change as needed by the district or required by federal, state, or local mandates.
- Those entering the building are recommended to use hand sanitizer to prevent the spread of surface germs. Hand sanitizer dispensers are located throughout the building.
  - Anyone who is feeling sick and/or has any symptoms of illness are asked to refrain from entering the building.
- If your child is sick or has any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be allowed to attend school that day. If communal symptoms become present during the school day, parents/guardians will be contacted and the student must be picked up as soon as possible
- Staff will monitor for symptoms throughout the day. This may include temperature checks with a “touchless” thermometer.
  - Any student with a fever over 100.4 degrees fahrenheit will be sent home Immediately.
- Greenfield School encourages visitors and volunteers, we ask that health is considered prior to coming to school.
  - Volunteers will be allowed, but they must be pre-approved by school administration.
- Water fountains are available and cleaned daily.
  - Bottle fill stations are available for all students.
  - Students are encouraged to bring their own bottle to school each day. Bottles should be taken home and washed regularly.
- Bathrooms
  - No more than 4 people are allowed in the bathroom at a time. If there are already 4 people in the bathroom, students will return to their classrooms and notify the teacher.

- During teaching times students will be sent one-at-a-time to ensure academic success and promote student health.
- Students are asked and encouraged to wash hands throughout the school day: after restroom usage, recess, and prior to lunch.

#### ❖ Buses

- All buses will be cleaned and sanitized.
- In the event of a health crisis (ie: COVID-19)
  - In the event federal and/or state guidance and requirements allow masks to be optional, the district administration (with authorization of the Board of Trustees) will also make the decision to wear masks optional.
- All students will have access to hand sanitizer when entering the bus.
- Students who show symptoms of COVID-19 or other transmittable illnesses may be asked by the bus driver to not ride the bus while symptoms are present.
- Students are allowed to sit with others but the bus driver can choose to provide a seating arrangement for health and safety.
- When arriving at school, the driver will release students from the bus to enter the school.

#### ❖ Food Service

- Students going through the serving line need to stay on the front of the serving line.
  - Food service workers will serve students both hot and cold line items
  - Students are asked to choose their tray and utensils and not touch other items to ensure food and health safety
- Additional family members and/or guests are encouraged to join students or staff for lunch. Guests who have had a recent covid exposure or have symptoms of illness are asked to remain home until symptoms subside.
  - All guests must call the school before 8:30 to notify the office and lunchroom staff if they are interested in coming for lunch that day. If guests do not call ahead, there may not be enough extra servings for them to have lunch.
    - Also, calling ahead does not guarantee that you will be able to come that day. Some meals require more specific planning and ordering.

#### ❖ Recess

- All students will have the opportunity to go outside for regular recess breaks throughout the day. It is still recommended that students stay in their cohort groups for activities at recess. We may also have to be more strict at times depending on the situation we are dealing with at the time.
  - Indoor recess times are adjusted to better ensure safety of students while at play (size, ability, coordination, age)
  - There will be 4 “groups” divided as follows: K-2, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th.

❖ In case of COVID-19 (or other) outbreak

➤ If any student or staff member at Greenfield School tests positive for Covid-19 (or other communal outbreak), administration will work with the Teton County Health Department to come up with a plan to address that situation.

➤ The Greenfield School District is committed to protecting the privacy of all of its students and staff. However, it may be necessary to disclose the grade level of a student or the position the staff member holds in order to work with the county on contact tracing to better understand who may have been at risk of exposure.

➤ Individuals determined to be a “close contact” of a positive outbreak case may be required to remain out of school for a period of time from the date of exposure. Greenfield School will defer to the Teton County Health Department’s decision regarding the quarantine period for any individuals considered a “close contact” of a positive covid case. Guidance from the Teton County Health Department may vary based on a variety of factors including whether or not the individual in question has had the covid vaccine or has previously tested positive for covid. In the interest of public health and safety, all individuals determined to be close contacts are expected to follow the appropriate recommendations from the Teton County Health Department..

- Students without symptoms will be expected to participate in distance learning as addressed in that section of the reopening plan.

- Those developing symptoms are advised to contact the Teton County Health Department or other health care provider for guidance.

- ◆ If symptoms are severe, students may be excused from distance learning sessions and be given extended deadlines for completion of school work at the discretion of the classroom teacher and/or administration

➤ Greenfield School will not be responsible for contact tracing. All contact tracing will be left to the discretion of the Teton County Health Department.

- Greenfield School will provide assistance if requested.

➤ Greenfield School will notify necessary staff and/or students (and families) in the appropriate manner if there is a positive case of covid.

#### ❖ School Closure

- In the event that the school must be physically closed, educational services will continue on all regularly scheduled school days through distance learning.
  
- In order to more easily transition to distance learning, if needed, all teachers incorporate elements of distance learning platforms and resources into weekly and/or daily in-person classroom schedules.
- A schedule of instructional times and required online meeting times will be provided to all students in the event of a school closure.
  - Students will be expected to attend all distance learning class times and stay up-to-date on class work.

#### ❖ COVID Vaccinations

- At this point in time, there is no state or county requirement for students or staff to be vaccinated against covid-19. It is optional, however, the best way to minimize disruptions to education, extracurricular, and other activities is to be fully vaccinated. Anyone interested in getting vaccinated should contact the Teton County Health Department at 406-466-2562 or talk to your preferred health care provider. Greenfield School will not be asking for verification of anyone's covid vaccination status at this time.

#### ❖ Additional Information

- Classrooms/Desk/Tables
  - Desks are cleaned each evening.
  - Classrooms are also cleaned and sanitized regularly (during and after the school day)
  
- Distance learning
  - School participation is on-site. Distance learning options can be made available for students with long term illness needs or at the discretion of the Board and Administration at Greenfield School
    - Students who need to stay at home for an extended period of time due to illness (covid or otherwise), may have the ability to participate in class remotely. This will allow students to stay home and prevent the spread of any illness without missing out on any instruction. If students have access to a computer and internet connection at home, parents will just need to notify the office so the teacher can make sure the student is connected.
  
  - ◆ If there is no device available at home, the school may be able to provide one for the student to check out for the duration of the illness. Please communicate with teachers and administration as it may take a day to get everything distributed.

➤ While every effort has been made to research and plan the best methods for keeping the students in school on-site, this plan is far from perfect. Out of necessity, it is also meant to be fluid and adaptable to changes when they are deemed necessary by the administration or board of trustees. Each school year, the safety plan is discussed regularly at scheduled school board meetings. If there are any questions or concerns regarding this plan, please follow the proper chain of command, as outlined in adopted school board policy, and address them with school administration first. If we can all work together for the best interest of all involved, we will promote student safety and health and have a great year!