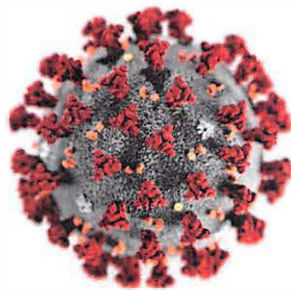




GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Return To Learn Plan and
COVID-19 Protocols for 2023-24
Effective July 1, 2023**



GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2023-24

Our number one priority is student and staff health and safety while also providing a safe and positive learning environment for all students. Guthrie Public Schools understands the importance of in-person instruction for our students and our goal is to offer in person learning on a continuous basis throughout the school year. We realize a need may arise when we have to close a classroom, school, or the entire district temporarily due to a rise in confirmed cases of COVID-19 or other issues such as inclement weather. If we must transition from in person instruction to distance learning overnight, we want to assure parents that our teachers and students are equipped with the resources and knowledge to conduct and participate in distance learning. Guthrie Public Schools will be using a variety of online learning platforms including Google Classroom, Edgenuity, Exact Path and Waterford Upstart.

Last year some changes were implemented that we intend to continue during this school year for the safety of our students and staff. Assigned seating, including on school buses will continue at this time. Parents are encouraged to take their child to school if possible. Parents will again be required to screen their child daily before leaving home for COVID-19 symptoms. Staff will also be required to screen for the same COVID-19 symptoms. Any visitors to a school must complete a similar screening prior to receiving a visitor pass to enter a building.

GPS will follow the color coded COVID-19 Alert System established by the Oklahoma State Department of Health to determine instructional setting, health protocols, and activities. This determination will be made when the levels of infection for Logan County are released in advance of the next week of instruction. While at the yellow level, the wearing of masks in all indoor spaces is strongly recommended. If Logan County is elevated to the orange level or higher and the governor has declared a statewide emergency, masks will be required of all students and staff while inside buildings or in school vehicles with more than one person present. Pre-K through 4th grade students may be allowed to remove their masks based on a determination of the district level administration. If Logan County has dropped below the orange level for two consecutive weeks, or the emergency declaration by the governor has expired, the wearing of masks will return to a strong recommendation. Any exemption to this requirement will be considered on a case by case basis by the district administration, including the school nurse, and may require written documentation from a healthcare professional. Failure to follow a mandatory mask condition by students or staff will be treated as a violation of the school dress code policy.

Online Options with BLUEJAY ACADEMY for Students 7-12

BLUEJAY ACADEMY is a fulltime virtual class with online curriculum for individual student success monitored by Guthrie Public Schools staff. Students in grades 7-12 will receive online instruction from district purchased Edgenuity Courseware that is individually tailored for each student. Students that meet eligibility requirements would also be able to participate in all Guthrie Public Schools extracurricular activities.

You can apply or learn more about the BLUEJAY ACADEMY by visiting www.guthrieeps.net or by clicking the link provided below.

<https://www.guthrieeps.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Bluejay%20Academy>

COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DAILY SCREENING

1. Parent screening using provided checklist; if parents send their child to school, they are certifying they have screened their child. It's the parent's responsibility to do the parent screening and it will be relied upon by the school district.
2. Staff also screen themselves; it is the staff member's responsibility to screen themselves before coming to work. By coming to work, they are certifying they have screened themselves.
 - Checklist attached: At Home Checklist for Students and for Faculty/Staff
 - Communication to parents attached

Checking students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms can pose challenges given the similarities between certain COVID-19 symptoms and seasonal allergies; challenges with younger persons recognizing when they are sick due to mild symptoms; and the fact that some persons may have COVID -19 and not have any symptoms at all.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has developed a symptom assessment tool to help determine when someone should be kept home or sent from school and/or tested for COVID-19.

"A" Symptoms	"B" Symptoms
Fever ≥ 100.4 F	Nasal Congestion/Stuffy Nose
Sore Throat	Runny Nose
Persistent Cough	Muscle/Body Aches
Difficulty Breathing	Fatigue
Diarrhea or Vomiting	Chills
New Loss of Taste or Smell	Nausea
	Loss of Appetite
	Elevated Temperature < 100.4 F
	New Onset of Severe Headache
Recommended testing when:	
Person has 1 "A" Symptom OR	
Person has 3 "B" Symptoms	

AT SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Isolation Room: Any student or staff member who exhibits a fever of 100 degrees or more will be instantly isolated in a predetermined isolation room and immediately sent home.

After being sent home, the student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

- Any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms named above must not be present at school for 5 days from symptom onset or positive test. The student or staff member may return on 6th day if symptoms have resolved for

at least 24 hours without medication to treat the symptoms. **It is strongly urged that the student or staff member wear a mask for 5 days following their return.**

- **After a negative COVID test**, the student or staff member can return to physical school after 24 hours of being fever free with no fever reducing medication. **For students and staff members who have been quarantined or isolated by the health department, they cannot return to school until their quarantine period ends regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.**
- The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.
- The student will be counted as present because distance learning will be provided.
- The student will be entered into a database accessible only to necessary school personnel.

POSITIVE CASE – ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

1. Consult with Logan County Health Department as contact tracing begins.
2. Communicate to staff.
3. Communicate to applicable parents depending on classroom arrangement.
4. Thoroughly sanitize classroom.
5. Symptomatic students will isolate and go to distance learning for 5 days. Through contact tracing, parents will be notified if their child was possibly exposed and advised of their learning options.
6. If the attendance of campus learners or staff at the site and/or district reaches an absentee rate where effective learning is compromised, the site and/or district will go to distance learning for an appropriate time given the situation.
7. Grab and Go meals will be provided during distance learning. Delivery schedule will be dictated by the district's Child Nutrition capabilities.

POSITIVE CASE – SECONDARY LEVEL CAMPUS

1. Consult with Logan County Health Department as contact tracing begins.
2. Communicate to staff.
3. Communicate to parents at site about positive case.
4. District Administration in consultation with the Logan County Health Department will determine which students have possibly been exposed and advise them of their learning options due to the exposure.
5. If the attendance of campus learners or staff at the site and/or district reaches an absentee rate where effective learning is compromised, the site and/or district will go to distance learning for an appropriate time given the situation.
6. Grab and Go meals will be provided during distance learning. Delivery schedule will be dictated by the district's Child Nutrition capabilities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS

1. Maximize classroom space (remove reading nooks, center areas, etc.)
2. One directional seating (for all classrooms that don't have round tables)
3. Seating charts (required by all teachers for all classes)

BUS TRANSPORTATION

1. Recommend alternate transportation if possible for all bus riders.
2. Maximize air flow.
3. Seating chart required.
4. Additional bus routes

COVID-19 SCREENING FORM

TUDENT NAME: _____

Signature of Parent _____

ANY STUDENT ANSWERING YES TO ANY QUESTION OR RECORDING A TEMPERATURE OF 100 OR ABOVE MUST STAY AT HOME.

DATE	FEVER		SORE THROAT		PERSISTENT COUGH		LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE		SHORTNESS OF BREATH		CLOSE CONTACT TO POSITIVE COVID PATIENT		TEMP	Parents Initials
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