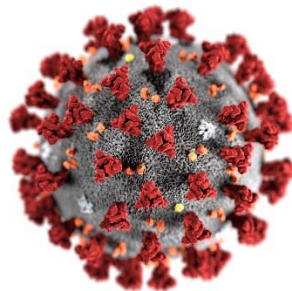




GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COVID-19 Protocols for 2020-21



How will School Start on August 20th?

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 start in person instruction on August 20th. 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. 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 Google Classroom, Edgenuity Online Courseware for grades 6-12, and Exact Path Online Courseware for grades K-5. Our staff will be utilizing professional development days in August to be trained on implementing these options to assure there will be no loss of instruction if distance learning is needed.

As you might imagine, there will be some changes to a normal school day for a student. One of those changes will include more assigned seating, including on school buses. Parents are encouraged to take their child to school if possible. At this time, we are strongly encouraging wearing a mask when social distancing of six feet or more isn't possible. Parents will 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 will be required to wear a mask at all times while on campus.

Online Options with BLUEJAY ACADEMY for Students 6-12

BLUEJAY ACADEMY is a fulltime virtual class with online curriculum for individual student success monitored by Guthrie Public Schools staff. Students in grades 6-12 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, ~~then~~ they are certifying they have screened themselves.
 - Checklist attached: At Home Checklist for Students and for Faculty/Staff
 - Communication to parents attached

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:

- Without COVID testing, the student or staff member must not be present at school for 10 days from symptom onset. The student or staff member may return on 11th day if symptoms have resolved.
- After a negative COVID test, the student or staff member can return to physical school after 3 days of being fever free with no fever reducing medication.
- 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 they begin contact tracing.
2. Communicate to staff (*sample email/letter attached*).
3. Communicate to applicable parents depending on classroom arrangement (*letters attached*).
4. Thoroughly sanitize classroom.
5. Positive case classroom goes to distance learning for 14 days while those students are quarantined. If the student has siblings, the siblings will be quarantined.
6. If the attendance of campus learners at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district (dependent on school size and structure) will go to distance learning for 14 days. The count starts on the first day of distance learning.
7. Grab and Go meals will be provided starting on Day 1 of 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 they begin contact tracing.
2. Communicate to staff (*sample email/letter attached*)
3. Communicate to parents at site about positive case (*letter attached*)
4. Logan County Health Department will decide which students must be quarantined and go to distance learning dependent on exposure level as determined by the county health officials.
5. If the attendance at the site and/or district where the positive case occurs reaches a 35% absenteeism rate, the site and/or district (dependent on school size and structure) will go to distance learning for 14 days. The count starts on the first day of distance learning.
6. Grab and Go meals will be provided starting on Day 1 of distance learning. Delivery schedule will be dictated by the 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 (district decision)
 - Letter to parents about alternate transportation attached.

Response to COVID-19 Scenarios

1

Scenario

A student or staff member exhibits a temperature of 100 degrees or above (whether at school or at home)

Action

Student/staff must be sent, or remain, at home until one of the following conditions is met:

With a negative COVID test, he/she can return to school after being 3 days fever free with no fever reducing medication.

If not tested, the student/staff must remain at home for 10 days.

Site remains open.

Communication

No communication needed

2

Scenario

A student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

Action

Health Department will be notified and conduct contact tracing

If the student/staff is in the elementary grade range, all individual class members will quarantine and go to distance learning for 14 days from last exposure and monitor any symptoms.

All other grade level actions will be dependent on contact tracing and decisions by the Health Department.

If at any time with the report of a positive case the absenteeism rate at a site/district reaches 35%, the site/district (dependent on size and school structure) will go to distance learning for 14 days.

Communication

To:

Applicable Staff

Applicable student families

Site, if necessary

District, if necessary