



Genesee Valley Central School

Reopening Plan

2021-2022

Goals of the Plan

- Students will return to school five days per week
- All layers of mitigation will be utilized
 - Masks, cleaning, HVAC, social distancing, handwashing, drinking fountains, testing, etc.
- We will partner with parents and the community to ensure transmission remains low
 - Students, faculty, staff, and parents with signs of infectious illness should remain home

Duration of the Plan

- Every five weeks, the District will reevaluate procedures and processes

The District is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment

- Parent volunteers will be welcomed when possible.
- Field trips and other activities will run when possible and safe
- In-person extracurricular clubs and activities will be offered
- Athletics, music, and assemblies will occur

Masking and Social Distancing Guidelines

Bus	Masked
Bus Social Distancing	2 per seat/family cohorts
Bus Assigned Seats	Yes
Hallways, all common spaces	Masked when within 6 feet of students
Classrooms	Masked
Cohort(ed)	Most Elementary remain cohorted.
Social Distancing in class	Seats set at 3 feet as practicable
Assigned Seats	Yes
Quarantine	When needed exposed 3 feet around (partner with DOH)
Lunch	6 Feet unmasked/encouraged to spread out/go outside
Sports/Extracurriculars	No masks if outdoors

Frequently Asked Questions

If a student or staff member is vaccinated, do they still need to wear a mask indoors?

Yes, proper mask wearing is expected for all staff and students when physical distancing cannot be maintained. There are no masking requirements outdoors. The above measures do not discern between those who are and are not vaccinated and will apply to all. Since we are not privy to COVID vaccination records—and even if we were—managing a different set of rules for each would prove to be unattainable. The health and safety measures we are putting in place will apply to everyone regardless of their vaccination status.

Will there be a temperature screening or daily health screening?

No. Unless directed by the NYSDOH or required by the CDC.

Will there be a 100% remote or hybrid program offered?

No. Our commitment is to get students back to school five days a week. Universal masking and physical distancing will help us remain open, even if there is a community increase in COVID cases. Students who arrive without a mask will be provided with one.

What happens to learning if a student has COVID-19, is isolated, or quarantined during school time?

GVCS teachers have discretion on how best to support students through an extended illness. Parents are encouraged to work with the school nurse to communicate how your child is faring during this time.

Will students be socially distanced at 6 feet in the classroom?

No. Students can be safe at 3 feet apart in class if they are masked.

Will students be required to eat in classrooms this year?

Possibly. Each lunch table would become a cohort—which would be subject to quarantine if there is an exposure. As such, in some instances eating in the classroom may be required. At this point, we intend to use the cafeteria, take attendance daily to assist with contact tracing, and encourage students to go outside whenever possible.

What are the plans for busing?

GVCS will operate the fleet as we have done in the past. Masks will be required, windows will be open to increase air flow (weather permitting), and frequent sanitizing will be continued.

Will the District be mandating vaccination for employees or students?

Masks will be required for all staff while indoors and within six feet of students. Vaccination is not required at this time.

Will school assemblies happen?

Yes, we are planning to have school assemblies and open houses, etc. this school year. All visitors will need to follow our masking and distancing policy.

Will students have access to lockers this school year?

Yes.

Are students required to bring devices to their classes and home on a daily basis?

Yes, students in grades 6-12 should bring their charged device to and from school each day. Students in K-5 will be issued a one-to-one device, but that device may remain in the classroom.

What is the plan if schools have to close again?

If we are required to close by New York State, we will work with our teachers to collaboratively provide an instructional program for our students.

Who determines quarantine and isolation status?

Similar to last year, the school district cooperates with county department of health school contact tracers who investigate and make such determinations. The school district is required by health law to follow these determinations.

Will the District continue to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year?

Yes. All students are eligible for free meals this school year regardless of economic status. To remain current with federal guidelines we do ask families to complete the free and reduced lunch form so that reimbursements may continue into the future.

Will the District provide school supplies to all students this year?

Yes. All students will receive all supplies needed. Students only need a backpack; we have a limited supply of backpacks available on a first come, first serve basis available in the Main Office.

What are the protocols for returning to school for vaccinated individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19?

If individuals are considered fully vaccinated (at least two weeks after second dose or one dose of the J&J vaccine), and they test positive for COVID-19 and they are symptomatic, they would be required to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. Symptoms must improve and they need to be fever free for at least 24 hours before they are eligible to return to school.

Will students who have cold-like symptoms be required to be evaluated by a doctor and show proof of a negative COVID test to return to school?

The return to school protocols are no longer in effect at this time. However, symptomatic individuals should be evaluated by nursing staff or their primary care provider to assess need for a test or care. If a student, teacher, faculty/staff member does have a COVID-19 test, they must remain at home until they receive their test results, symptoms improve, and they are fever free for at least 24 hours. If we send an individual home due to being symptomatic, they must talk with their primary care provider and/or seek COVID-19 testing. We are able to test students on-site and are able to provide rapid test results to keep students, teachers, faculty, and staff in school. Test results are simply a snapshot in time and a negative person today may be positive tomorrow depending on exposure windows.