



BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

KEEPING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY SAFE

The wellness and safety of all GCS stakeholders will remain a priority throughout the school year. Public health measures have been instituted to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission at school.

DAILY PRE-SCREENING

Parents, students and staff will be asked to screen for any symptoms every morning. All staff, students and visitors will be asked to stay home if they are feeling unwell.

Students, staff and parents who have traveled outside the region as per current public health guidelines must notify the school and follow direction from the Chief Public Health Office.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

When possible, students will work in cohorts.

All unnecessary materials will be removed from classrooms to maximize physical learning space and to ease the cleaning process.

Signage will be posted throughout the school to promote physical distancing.

Transitions of classes will be scheduled and staggered to reduce traffic in common areas.

The arrivals and departures of students will be staggered and cohort specific



**KEEP
YOUR
DISTANCE**

WEAR A MASK

All GCS students must have access to a non-medical mask daily.

Students in K-6 may wear a non-medical mask inside school facilities when physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Students in Grades 7 - 12 are required to wear a non-medical mask during transitions and during emergencies.

All staff are required to wear a non-medical mask during transitions and during emergencies.

Non-medical masks are strongly encouraged when physical distancing cannot be maintained





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CONTRACT TRACING

Student, staff, and visitor attendance will be logged daily.

Teachers will complete a seating plan for each class to help identify potential close contacts.

In the event of a positive case of COVID-19 among a student or staff, GCS will immediately provide all contact tracing information to the Chief Public Health Office.



ENHANCED CLEANING

All commonly touched surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.

Enhanced cleaning and sanitization practices will be taught and practiced frequently by all staff and students.

Hand sanitizer will be provided inside all classrooms, hallways, offices, and visitor zones.



FEELING UNWELL AT SCHOOL

Individuals must immediately put on a non-medical mask.

Report to a staff member.

Isolate in a supervised, designated location (school armoury).

Leave the school as soon as possible.

Call 811 or your health care provider to arrange testing.

All areas that the individual occupied will be immediately cleaned.

POSITIVE CASE AT SCHOOL

The Chief Public Health Office will investigate the case and work with school authorities to identify close contacts, create isolation measures, and provide follow-up recommendations. Public Health Nursing will contact the parents of each child who has been identified as a close contact.

Staff, students, and parents will be notified when there has been a positive case linked to their school community, and this will be publicly announced as soon as the individual has been notified of their test result. If a student is required to self-isolate, they will be supported by staff to continue learning at home.

