

Geronimo Public Schools is set to begin on August 16th. We are excited to welcome all students back to our campus! The information presented in this public summary is shared so that all of our community can begin school with a shared understanding of our responsibility in keeping our students and staff safe from COVID-19.

New information is continuously being released as science and medicine finds out more about Coronavirus and the disease, COVID-19. As new information is released, our plan may be adapted in order to keep students and staff as safe as possible.

**HOW CAN I HELP THE
SCHOOL AS A
PARENT/GUARDIAN?**

- Utilize the home health self-screening checklist daily (page 10)
- Donations of hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, masks, and any additional school supplies.
- If possible, bring your child to school to maximize social distance on school busses.
- Openly communicating any concerns directly with your child’s school

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SCHOOL DAY OPERATIONS

This guidance applies to the current COVID-19 infection rate as calculated by the State Department of Health over a 7 day rolling average. As the rate increases, so do the protocols in this document. In the event of an increased infection rate in our 7 day, rolling average for Comanche County, guidance from the Oklahoma School Safety Protocols, as well as local data, will be used to make real time decisions.

HOME HEALTH SELF-SCREENINGS

Parents/Guardians complete the self screening checklist at your home prior to departure for school. This is for your reference only; it is not required to be turned in. Depending on the severity of viral illnesses in our community, our former protocols of symptom screening and temperature checks could be implemented.

TRANSPORTATION

Due to Covid 19, we respectfully ask that if parents/guardians are available to transport their students to and from school, please do so. Transportation vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected daily. As weather permits, windows will be down for air circulation, as recommended by the CDC and the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Procedures and safety measures will be in place for students exhibiting symptoms while on the bus or upon entry to the bus.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS DEVELOP WHILE AT SCHOOL

Students who develop symptoms while at school will be isolated in screening rooms until transportation can be arranged. These rooms will be supervised and cleaned after each use.

MASK & FACE COVERINGS

While masks for students and staff are not required: It is recommended that any students and staff, who are showing symptoms, and/or prefer face coverings or masks in public wear them. Mandatory masks will be provided to all employees and students that are ill and showing symptoms until transportation home can be arranged. Face coverings should cover the mouth and nose of any individual asked to wear a mask.

ATTENDANCE

If a student has known close contact with an individual who has tested positive, they should stay home, and self-monitor for symptoms. It is imperative for the health and safety of all students to learn remotely on days they have fever or other symptoms of illness.

ANY STUDENT WHO MISSES SCHOOL DUE TO A COVID-19 RELATED INSTANCE WILL HAVE FULLY EXCUSED ABSENCES AND WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK FROM HOME FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social Distancing will be encouraged in any setting. Classrooms, hallways, and common areas are being prepared to help increase social distancing as much as possible.

WATER FOUNTAINS & BOTTLES

Water fountains will be turned on. However, all school buildings will be equipped with water filling stations. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to utilize in these filling stations.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Hand sanitizer will be used on each bus, point of entry, classroom, common area, and will be encouraged to be used upon entrance and exit of these areas for any student, staff, or visitor. Teachers and students will also spray and wipe down frequently touched surfaces, such as desks or doorknobs, on a consistent basis.

RECESS, PE, CAFETERIA

In order to promote social distancing, PE and Recess will take place in multiple locations. A variety of methods will be used to increase social distancing in cafeterias, such as limiting the number of students per table, adding additional seating areas, and/or adding a third lunch period. Additional cleaning and safety precautions will be put in place to help limit the spread of viruses, however, recess, PE, breakfast, and lunch will still be in place in order to give students physical exercise and social interaction with their peers.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The social, emotional, and mental wellness of our students and staff are essential to a successful learning environment. Our mental health professionals and school counselors are prepared and available to help our students and families. Please call your child's school counselor to get specific information on these services.

VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

The following precautions for visitors may be applied depending on the level of COVID-19 in the community and the advice of local and state health officials. Visitors MAY have a temperature check upon arrival at the school, be asked to wear a mask or face covering, or answer essential questions. Number of visitors may also be restricted.

COVID-19 EXPOSURE & QUARANTINE GUIDELINES

The Health Department will be notified and assist the school in contact tracing. All other actions will be dependent on contact tracing and decisions by the Health Department and Local School Officials. Geronimo schools will work with health officials to determine if school closure is warranted and for additional measures, the school must take to contain exposure. If at any time, with the report of a positive case, the absenteeism rate at a site/district reaches conditions that make the on-campus school day unsafe the site/district will go to distance learning for a time period deemed appropriate by the Health Department and Local School Officials. The student will become a distance learner at home until he/she can return to school.

After being sent home under suspicion of COVID-19 by a medical professional, the student or staff member cannot return to school until one of the following criteria is met:

1. Any COVID-19 vaccinated individual will not have to quarantine unless symptoms occur.
2. Without COVID testing, the student or staff member must not be present at school for 10 days; symptoms have improved, AND fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
3. After a negative COVID test, after the 5th day from contact.
4. **The criteria are subject to change upon different guidance from the CDC or state department of health.

We are committed to advocating and guiding our parents and students during this time and providing up to date information on masking etiquette, testing protocols and availability, vaccine distribution access, and many other facets of this pandemic that is difficult for our Bluejay Family to navigate on their own.

SCHOOLWIDE ASSEMBLIES

The following precautions for school wide assemblies may be applied based on the advice of local and state health officials. Precautions could include virtual assemblies, fewer participants, masked visitors, limited guests, etc.

DISTANCE LEARNING PROCEDURES

At this point, it is not Geronimo's Schools intent to shut down our campus to every student, no matter the situation. Distance learning for Middle School and High School students will occur primarily through the platform of Google Classroom. As resources allow, devices and connectivity assistance will be accessible to students who are in need. **There are also many opportunities for students on an individualized academic plan to get campus access for almost any mode of learning and ensure compensatory services. Other students in at-risk subgroups are able to communicate with their school advocate or official to set up specialized opportunities for them to be successful no matter their learning option. We are here to serve our students in any way possible.**

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LEARNING OPTIONS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Here are the options for learning at GPS and how those options will operate in the event of Distance Learning. Students are automatically enrolled in Option 1. **There are also many opportunities for students on an individualized academic plan to get campus access for almost any mode of learning and ensure compensatory services. Other students in at-risk sub groups are able to communicate with their school advocate or official to set up specialized opportunities for them to be successful no matter their learning option. We are here to serve our students in any way possible.**

OPTION 1

ALL ON-SITE

Traditional Classroom
Utilizing In-Person Instruction.

- In-person learning conversations and engagement
- Social Interaction for preparation of living in a connected world
- Immediate access to libraries and materials
- Utilizing Google Classroom with availability of lessons and assignments anywhere.
- Stay Connected to Student Work via Parent Portal
- *Technology Device Provided as needed
- Participate in school-sponsored extracurriculars
- ***Students may continue to take supplemental virtual courses while in Option 1.***

OPTION 2

HS

Blended Learning Setting
Utilizing In-Person Instruction & ACCELLUS (9th-12th)

- In-person instruction for selected courses.
- Access to online curriculum in other selected courses (Edgenuity)
- Access to online tutors for virtual courses.
- Flexible Schedule
- ***May continue with select courses in a traditional setting with prior approval from administration (9th-12th)***
- *Technology and Internet provided, as needed.
- Participate in school-sponsored extracurriculars

OPTION 3

K-12 ONLINE

Virtual Instruction
Utilizing ACCELLUS (7-12)
Edmentum (K-6)

- 24/7 access to online curriculum (Acellus or Edmentum)
- Access to online tutors for virtual courses.
- Flexible Schedule
- Supervised by GPS Certified teachers.
- Weekly or Daily communication provided via teacher or learning system.
- Must be a resident of the school district to participate.
- *Technology and Internet provided, as needed.
- Still have access to on-campus resources.
- ***May continue with select courses in traditional setting with prior approval from administration (6th-12th)***
- Participate in school-sponsored extracurriculars (as long as the student is enrolled in at least 1 hour during regularly scheduled school day and physically on campus during that class period).

Geronimo Public Schools Daily COVID-19 School Attendance Questionnaire

In an effort to prevent possible exposure of staff and students to COVID-19, you are requested to review the following questions each morning and PRIOR to your child riding a school bus or entering school

1. Does your child have a fever of 100 degrees or more?
2. Is your child experiencing any of the following, a.) a new loss of smell or taste, b.) nausea or vomiting, or c.) diarrhea?
3. Is your child experiencing two or more of the following symptoms of COVID-19?
 - Chills
 - Cough
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
4. Is your child experiencing **ANY** of the **Emergency Warning Symptoms** of COVID-19?
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion
 - Inability to or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face
5. Has your child had, or do you think your child has, COVID-19?
6. Has your child tested positive for COVID19?
7. Has your child been around a person with COVID-19?

If the answer to any of these questions is “**YES**”, **YOUR CHILD SHOULD REMAIN AT HOME** and you should contact the attendance clerk at your child’s school by phone or email. Students remaining home as a result of COVID-19 will not be penalized regarding absences, assignments, or tests.

If your child is showing any of the **Emergency Warning Signs** listed in Question 4, **seek emergency medical care immediately.**

If your answer to Question 5, 6, or 7 is “YES”, please contact your physician and the Comanche County Health Department (580-248-5890) for specific guidance on the criteria to be met before your child returns to school.

When Can I Be Around Others?

Student and Staff Guidance

COVID-19 When Can I Be Around Others?

***FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS CALL YOUR
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT***

I KNOW/THINK I HAVE COVID-19 WITH SYMPTOMS (ISOLATION)

You can be around others after -
10 days have passed since your
symptoms first appeared **AND**

Symptoms have dramatically
improved (cough, shortness of
breath) **AND**

You have been fever free for at
least 24 hours (without use of
fever reducing medication)

*individuals with severe or critical illness
may have an extended isolation period

I TESTED POSITIVE BUT HAVE NO SYMPTOMS (ISOLATION)

If you continue to have no
symptoms, you can be around
others after -

10 days have passed since
you were tested

If you develop symptoms after
testing positive, follow the
guidance for "I know or think
I had COVID-19 AND I had
symptoms"

I WAS A "CLOSE CONTACT" OF SOMEONE WITH COVID-19 (QUARANTINE)

You should quarantine (stay
home, monitor for symptoms)
for 14 days AFTER LAST
EXPOSURE. This is based on
the time it takes to develop
illness.

Close contact means within 6
feet of the individual for at
least 15 minutes.

Contact your county health
department if you begin to
experience symptoms.

Students: Let's work together to stop the spread of COVID-19

DID YOU WASH YOUR HANDS?

stop



think



wash hands



ASK YOURSELF:

Did I just go to the bathroom?

Am I about to eat?

Did I just eat?

Did I cough or sneeze?

Did I touch supplies or objects
that other people have touched?

Did I touch garbage?

Did I touch my cloth face cover?

If you can't wash your hands,
ask your teacher or another
adult for hand sanitizer.



NO CONTACT GREETINGS



 <p>AIR HIGH FIVE</p>	 <p>HAT TIP</p>	 <p>HAND OVER HEART</p>
 <p>WAVE HELLO</p>	 <p>NAMASTE</p>	 <p>PEACE</p>



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