

Gilford School District 2021-2022 Academic School Year Plan

Introduction: This plan is focused on the safety and academics of our students and staff for the 2021-2022 school year. We are planning on being open for in person academics and co-curricular activities. The district will utilize the summer 2021 success to transition into the 2021-2022 school year. We realize adjustments may need to happen as we progress through the 2021-2022 school year. The Gilford School District will continue to review any updated guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). At this time NH DHHS is recommending that those who are eligible get vaccinated and monitor the community spread to make COVID 19 mitigation decisions.

Instructional model: We are planning for full in person academic programming and co-curricular activities.

Remote Instructional Model: The Virtual Learning Academy - <https://vlacs.org/> This could be an option for homeschool families.

Daily schedule for students:

- Gilford High School student hours 7:29 AM - 2:14 PM
- Gilford Middle School student hours 7:25 AM - 2:20 PM
- Gilford Elementary School student hours 8:30 AM - 2:50 PM

District Safety Protocols - In all Buildings

Physical Distancing: Classrooms and other spaces will be utilized for academic, meeting and co-curricular programming. All areas will be configured to create space between learners and staff.

Masking:

- At the Elementary and Middle School **targeted masking** will be implemented. We will use targeted masking when there is a COVID-19 cluster (defined as 3 related cases) in a classroom. We will use target masking with the grade level when there is a cluster in a classroom or grade level. Targeted masking will last for 14 days from the identification of the cluster.
- We will use **universal masking** at the elementary, middle and high school when there are 14 positive COVID-19 case school wide or 3 unrelated COVID-19 clusters in the building. A COVID-19 cluster is defined as 3 related cases. Universal masking will last for 14 days from the date of the last identified case.
- If a Middle School student is masked due to targeted masking of their grade level the student will be required to use a mask during co-curricular activities including athletics. However, students performing in the arts or playing the sport do not have to wear a mask.

- There will be no requirement of mask usage during outdoor recess at the Elementary or Middle School.

Plexi-glass Barriers: The district will utilize plexi-glass barriers in some spaces and have them available for use if learners or staff need them for the 2021-2022 school year.

Screening: Self screening protocols will be encouraged but not required to be recorded daily. Learners and staff with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should stay home. If symptoms persist for multiple days people are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19. Regularly publish the self-screening questions for families and employees to review in Principal and/or Superintendent communication. Post COVID symptoms at all entrances to the facilities reminding students, staff and community members to stay home if they are exhibiting any of the following COVID symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Hygiene: Learners and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible. Sanitizing stations will be located inside and outside of the school buildings throughout the district. Learners and staff are encouraged to cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a tissue.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols: The district will continue to maintain disinfecting and regular daily cleaning. Logs will be kept for all cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning supplies (wipes, paper towels and spray) will be made available for learners and staff in the school buildings.

Transportation: The district and bus company will continue to spread learners out on the bus using one seat per person when possible. There will be times when learners are doubled up in a seat. Siblings will continue to be allowed to double up in a seat. **Based on Federal guidelines the bus company will require masks on the buses.**

Field Trips: Field trips will be allowed for the 2021-2022 school year. At this time the bus company needs charter drivers and this could impact the availability of buses for field trips.

School Volunteers: Volunteers will resume their work in our schools for the 2021-2022 school year. We will try to make sure that all volunteers have the opportunity to volunteer while we manage the number of community members in a particular school at any one time.

Positive COVID-19 Communication: We ask families to report COVID-19 related absences to the schools for our awareness and so that we can monitor the other learners and staff. There will be no contact tracing during the 2021-2022 school year. We will no longer notify the district of positive COVID-19 cases unless there is an abnormal spike in cases. Targeted notification may be made for a positive COVID case. Positive cases will be updated as they happen using a district dashboard, which is located on the front page of each school web site and the front page of the district web site. The link is [Gilford School District COVID Dashboard](#).

Quarantine: Learners and staff that test positive or live with someone that has tested positive will need to quarantine for 10 days. If a learner or staff member is fully vaccinated they will not need to quarantine. Monitoring for COVID 19 symptoms will be important. At the completion of quarantine, learners and staff will need to be symptom free for 24 hours prior to return.

Resources:

<https://www.covid19.nh.gov/dashboard/map>

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/covid19/documents/covid-school-toolkit.pdf>

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