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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Symptoms checklist for staff and students


- Any student/staff experiencing symptoms, whether witnessed by a staff member or reported by the student/staff, should be sent to the designated screening isolation room for the nurse’s assessment and recommended action. These symptoms include: any acute upper respiratory illness, such as runny nose, sore throat, sinus congestion, cough, shortness of breath, or any muscle aches, chills, new loss of taste or smell, unexplained headache or fatigue.

- The school nurse should record the symptomatic person’s temperature and perform a brief assessment of the person’s complaints or symptoms (this becomes important for the purposes of a public health investigation if the person is confirmed to have COVID-19). Any brief assessment can be performed from at least six feet away with the nurse wearing a surgical face mask. If the school nurse needs to be in close contact with the individual (within six feet), they should have personal protective equipment (PPE) on hand. See NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) guidance for the most up-to-date recommendations for healthcare providers.

- Person(s) with any new or unexplained COVID-19 symptoms (even if only mild symptoms), those who report close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, or those reporting travel risk factors should not be allowed into the transportation vehicle or facility.

- Symptomatic persons should be instructed to contact their health care provider to be tested for COVID-19 and self-isolate at home. If the individual arrives at an education facility and appears acutely ill and needs to be seen by the Emergency Department, contact the parent or guardian to have the student picked up. Notify the Emergency Department upon arrival when you are outside the facility by phone, and they will come out to retrieve the individual from the vehicle.

- If the individual requires immediate medical care, call 911 for an ambulance and inform emergency medical services about the individual’s symptoms.

- Asymptomatic persons reporting close contact with someone suspected or confirmed with COVID-19, or who report traveled-related risk should self-quarantine for 10 days from their last exposure or return from travel.
travel. Person(s) with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must stay out of the education program until symptom-based criteria are met for discontinuation of isolation.

- School Nurses may call NH DPHS at 603-271-6996 for additional guidance.
- Any person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should be reported immediately to public health by calling 603-271-6996 (after-hours call 603-271-5300 and ask for the public health nurse on call).

**Sources:**

**Screening Process for Staff and Students**
The current CDC guidelines recommend screening all students and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure. Screening can consist of self-screening, school-based screening, and/or medical inquiries. The type and extent of screening is at the discretion of the district/school.

- **Screening:** The schools will communicate information to parents and employees for COVID-19 symptoms and students and employees will need to be screened before coming to school. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms not otherwise explained are prohibited from coming to school and will be sent home immediately.
- **School-Based Screening:** Many districts/schools do not have enough staff and equipment to screen temperatures as students are entering the building and/or loading buses.

The nurse who determines a student has COVID-19 symptoms will immediately call the family to pick the child up, walk the student outside to meet his/her parent/guardian and recommend that the family follow-up with testing. Each school will have a full time nurse while these procedures are in operation.

**Confirmed Cases of COVID-19/Staff or Students**
A school may need to implement short-term closure procedures if an infected person has been in a school building.

**CDC Recommendations**
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School Closure
- If a school is closed due to the infection rate there will be no extracurricular group activities, school-based afterschool programs, and large events (e.g., assemblies, spirit nights, field trips, and sporting events).
- Discourage staff, students, and their families from gathering or socializing anywhere where they are less than 3 to 6 feet apart.

Communication
- Communicate with staff, parents, and students the decision for closure and possible COVID-19 exposure
- Maintain confidentiality - include messages to counter potential stigma or discrimination
- Close off areas used by the individuals with COVID-19 and wait as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection to minimize potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. If possible, wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfection.

Continue with Plans for Remote Learning
- Implement strategies to continue education and related supports for students

Confirmed exposure to COVID-19

Quarantine - Stay Home and Monitor Your Health
Stay home until 10 days after your last exposure.
Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
If possible, stay away from people who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19.

Stay at home
- At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
- At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
- Symptoms have improved

While at home
- Monitor your symptoms. If you have an emergency warning sign (including trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately
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- Stay in a separate room from other household members, if possible
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible
- Avoid contact with other members of the household and pets
- Don’t share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils
- Wear a cloth face covering when around other people, if able

Click here for additional information about staying at home.

Return to School After Exclusion

Students and employees will be required to stay home from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19, not otherwise explained. Once a student or employee has been at home due to testing positive for COVID-19 they may return to school if they satisfy the recommendations outlined below.

1. **Symptomatic persons** will need to stay at home and isolate from other people including those that they live with. They can choose to test or not and their return to school will be based upon this decision.
   a. **If a Symptomatic person chooses to test and the test is NEGATIVE** they cannot return to school until the following conditions have been met:
      1. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever (off any fever reducing medications) **AND**
      2. Symptoms have improved **AND**
      3. Produce a copy of the COVID 19 test results **AND** contact your school nurse before returning to school.
   b. **If a Symptomatic person chooses to test and the test is POSITIVE or they CHOOSE NOT TO TEST** they cannot return to school until the following requirements have been met:
      1. At least 10 days since symptom onset or test result **AND**
      2. At least 24 hours have passed since last fever (off any fever reducing medications) **AND**
      3. Symptoms have improved **AND**
      4. Produce a copy of the COVID 19 test results **AND** contact your school nurse before returning to school.

2. **Asymptomatic Persons with known EXPOSURE or at RISK TRAVEL.** Persons identified as a risk due to close contact to a person diagnosed with COVID 19 or international travel cannot return to school until the following conditions have been met:
   a. Stay home and quarantine for 10 days since return from travel.
   b. Monitor for symptoms twice daily and seek medical advice if you have symptoms (even mild ones).
c. Persons in quarantine may test at day 5-7. However, a negative test will not allow the person to test out of quarantine early.

*Those fully vaccinated (plus 14 days) or who have been diagnosed COVID 19 positive w/in the last 90 days are exempt from quarantine for exposure or domestic travel but should still monitor for symptoms twice daily for 14 days after exposure or return from travel.

Behaviors that Reduce the Spread
COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, personal prevention practices such as handwashing, and environmental cleaning and disinfecting are important behaviors to practice on a regular basis.

Sanitizer Stations
Hand sanitizing stations will be in close proximity to each classroom. Each classroom will have hand sanitizer available.

Washing your hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs in most situations; however, soap and water are not always available. In those cases, an alcohol (60%) based hand sanitizer can be used to help reduce germs.

Rub the hand sanitizer all over the surfaces of your hands and through the fingers until your hands and fingers are dry. This should take about 20 seconds.

Use soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty or greasy; do not use hand sanitizer.


Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
Staff and students are encouraged to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash hands (or sanitize) immediately afterwards. If tissues are unavailable, the appropriate action is to sneeze or cough into your elbow.
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Staff members and students will be trained in proper handwashing and students will be reminded several times a day to wash or sanitize hands. There is a link to a video for you to view on proper handwashing just click: Handwashing Link

Handwashing is extremely important. It is one of the best ways to keep all of us from getting sick. Germs can spread from other people and surfaces when you:

- Touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Prepare or eat food or drink with unwashed hands.
- Touch a contaminated surface or object.
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze into your hands and then touch objects or other people’s hands.

The key times for students and staff to wash their hands while in school are:

- Before, during and after preparing food.
- Before eating food.
- After using the toilet.
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing (use tissues when coughing or sneezing or cough or sneeze into the elbow).
- After you have touched a surface area that has been touched by many individuals, like a door handle, computer keyboard, etc.

Follow the following 5 steps in order to ensure the correct technique for hand washing:

1. Wet your hands with clean, running water (warm or cold), and apply soap.
2. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with soap, back and forth, between the fingers, under the nails (if possible).
3. Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song twice from beginning to end.
4. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5. Dry your hands using a paper towel

Each bathroom through the district will have posters posted reminding students and staff of the proper technique to wash hands. Every other urinal will be designated for use in order to keep proper distancing. Only sinks the appropriate distance apart will be available for use.
Mask Wearing Expectations

Recent studies show that a significant portion of individuals with COVID-19 lack symptoms (are “asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (are “pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#recent-studies

Masks are another layer of protection for all of us against the virus and will be required for staff and students at school throughout the school day and will be expected on school transportation. Meal times and snack times will be a time when students can take the mask off with the proper social distancing in place. In order to be effective the mask must cover the nose and mouth. If the mask is a cloth mask, it should be washed after being used. It should fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face. Source: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html

Students will be expected to come to the bus wearing a mask. The schools will have extra masks available; however, students should come to school with one. At all times wearing face coverings or masks will be a requirement for both staff and students. Mask breaks are appropriate during snack times and meals; teachers may also determine when a short mask wearing break is appropriate. The teacher may also determine whether or not a mask break is appropriate outdoors when the students are practicing physical distancing.

Signs will be posted at visible locations (entrances, hallways) reminding students and staff about this safety protocol.

What Constitutes a Mask

- Well secured multilayered paper or cloth that covers the mouth and nose
  - Securement is defined as remaining in place on its own by:
    - Wrapping around the face and head or
    - Tying behind the head or
Having elastic loops or ties behind the ears

- Should not have holes
  - No exhalation valves
  - No rips or tears
  - Not made of a material with holes or transparent material
- Should be able to be removed without touching the face or area of the mask in front of the mouth or nose
- Each day should be started with a clean mask

https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Face-Coverings-Guidance.aspx

Physical Distancing Expectations

Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping a safe space between yourself and other people who are not from your household. Back to school guidance for social or physical distancing, is to stay at least 3 to 6 feet from other people who are not from your household in both indoor and outdoor spaces. Social distancing will be practiced in combination with other everyday preventive actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including wearing cloth face coverings, avoiding touching your face with unwashed hands, and frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Students and staff will be adhering to the 3-6-foot physical distancing standard set by the CDC. Students will be seated no closer than 3 to 6 feet apart with masks. Additional mitigation such as plastic barriers may be implemented as another safety measure.

Source: Operational Strategy for Physical Distancing (page 8)
NH Department of Education

Classroom Distance and Cleaning/Disinfecting

Individuals in the classroom will be 3 feet or more apart. Desks will be turned facing the same direction, rather than facing each other whenever possible. Students sitting at tables will be spaced 6 feet apart. Student and staff groupings are as static as possible by having the same group of children stay with the same staff as much as possible. Students will have assigned seats.
On the playground students should stay at least 3 or more feet apart; in some schools that may mean staggering the use of playgrounds to accomplish this. Students should use the playground in their cohort group. Classes may be taught outdoors when feasible. Inside the classroom students will be required to remain seated as opposed to working in groups close together when feasible. Activities that combine cohort groups, for example classes or grade levels, will be limited whenever possible.

Touched surfaces will be cleaned as needed and at least once daily.

The custodial staff will maintain a clean and sanitized environment for our students.

**Care of Materials**

COVID-19 is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. It is thought that the virus may spread to hands from a contaminated surface and then to the nose or mouth, causing infection. Therefore, consistent cleaning and disinfecting of materials on a regular basis are important. Teachers are discouraged from using materials that cannot be easily washed.

Teachers and staff will limit the number of shared items (art supplies, toys, games, gym equipment) that students use. To minimize the sharing of items, those that can be purchased for individual students will be supplied, crayons and markers for example. Each student has been issued a laptop to use for the school year. If an item is shared soapy water will be used to clean the items between uses.

Student desks/tables and chairs will be wiped down between classes when needed. Items that are difficult to clean between uses will not be used. Each child’s belongings will be kept separate from others’ in a separate cubby, container or area.

**Physical Education and Gym Area**

- Outdoor activities will be encouraged to improve physical distancing and increase availability of fresh air.
- Physical distancing will be increased to 8 to 10 ft. for activities that increase respiratory effort.
- Locker Room Use
  - Locker room facilities can be used for changing clothes, showering, and toileting.
  - Alcohol-based hand sanitizer will be made available at entrances to locker rooms and changing facilities.
  - Wear a reusable/washable cloth.
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- Face coverings over their nose and mouth when in the facility and not actively engaged in workout.
- Lockers will be assigned apart with distancing in mind as physical distancing will be an expectation in the locker rooms also.

- NH Safer at Home Health and Fitness
- NH Safer at Home Amateur and Youth Sports

Field Trips and Off-site Activities
Field trips are determined on a case-by-case basis at this time. If a class has an off-site outdoor activity related to their curriculum, permission for an exception should be requested through the Superintendent. Some virtual activities and events will occur in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, special performances, school-wide parent meetings, and spirit nights. Mitigation strategies will be in effect for those activities that are held.

Visitors to the Schools
Visitors to the school will be required to make an appointment. Meetings will be held virtually whenever appropriate. Essential service providers, such as vendors, repair service staff, etc., if intending to enter a school, will be required to complete the COVID-19 symptoms checklist and be free of symptoms in order to enter any of the buildings in the District. Likewise members of the public in any school building will be expected to be symptom free and follow the District's requirements for mask wearing and social distancing.

Visitors Guidance is Located Under Physical Distancing - Source CDC

Professional Development
Professional development resources will be provided for new staff in the areas of infectious disease transmission, COVID-19 symptoms, the staff/student screening processes, proper wearing of masks, and social distancing. Some of this information is provided for parents and teachers in this document.

Professional Development Slide Show

Playgrounds and Fields
NH Safer at Home Child Care; Outdoor Play
Increase time outside when possible. If multiple groups are outside at the same time they will have a minimum of open space between door and play areas or visit these areas in shifts so that they are not congregating. Always ensure hand hygiene for staff and children immediately after outdoor play.
NH Safer at Home Child Care; Cleaning and Disinfecting; 13 & 14
Outdoor areas, like playgrounds in schools and parks generally require normal routine cleaning:
   a. Do not spray disinfectant on outdoor playgrounds- it is not an efficient use of supplies and is not proven to reduce risk of COVID-19 to the public.
   b. High touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings, should be cleaned routinely.
   c. Cleaning and disinfection of wooden surfaces (play structures, benches, tables) or groundcovers (mulch, sand) is not recommended.
   d. Sidewalks and roads should not be disinfected. Spread of COVID-19 from these surfaces is very low and disinfection is not effective. If groups of children are moving from one area to another in shifts, cleaning measures must be completed prior to the new group entering this area.

Fact Sheets for Families and Teachers
Symptoms of COVID-19
Source - CDC

Wearing a Mask
Source - NH Department of Health and Human Services

Using Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Source - CDC

Handwashing/Hand Sanitizing Poster
Source - CDC

Talking with Children about COVID-19
Source - CDC

Things to Know About COVID-19 to Protect Yourself and Others
Source - CDC
Teaching Children to Wear Masks
Source - CDC

Communication Plan
The communication team comprises SAU administrators and school principals. Each school principal also has a crisis team within the school which will be meeting as needed to discuss COVID-19 related issues and topics. We are fortunate to have a districtwide phone messaging system that reaches all families and staff members that is used for emergencies and important messages. Important COVID-19 related information needing to be conveyed on an immediate basis will be communicated through this system. Updates will also be provided to parents and staff by the Superintendent of Schools and the school principals as important information becomes available. Specific classroom related information will be conveyed by the teachers.

The District will provide information to parents and staff members regarding COVID-19 symptoms, the screening process, information regarding when to keep a child home from school, proper handwashing, social distancing, and the proper donning and doffing of masks.

The school nurse will be responsible for documenting, reporting to, and coordinating with public health officials to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. This information will be conveyed to the school principal and Superintendent of Schools as soon as possible. As stated earlier, families and staff will be notified if a staff member or student is diagnosed with COVID-19, following the proper procedures to protect the privacy of these individuals.

In consultation with DHHS, if a staff member or student is diagnosed with COVID-19, the State requires these individuals quarantine or isolate for the recommended time frame. Every attempt will be made to keep school open full-time in-person.

The vehicles for communication include SchoolMessenger, the District and school websites, email, Facebook (for schools who have a Facebook page), local television, and video messages.

FOOD SERVICE
All food service staff members will complete all required District professional development prior to the start of the school year, will complete the COVID-19 screening protocol daily prior to coming to work, review hygiene procedures pertaining to the food service, and clean and sanitize all areas before and after use. Work spaces will be six feet apart and employees will wear a mask, shield, and gloves.
Students at each level will be encouraged to bring their own meals as an extra precaution; however, meals will be provided to all students who choose to have breakfast and lunch provided by the school. Disposable items will be used for packaging student meals. At the elementary school all meals will be served with students 6 feet or more apart. The meals will be prepackaged and delivered to the classrooms when that is where they are eating until such time as it is deemed safe to serve regular meals. Students and or staff will wipe down desks and wash their hands before and after lunch.

Schedules at the high school will be staggered and arrangements made to reduce the number of students in the cafeteria, the gym, and possibly the practice gym at any given time. Cohort groups will be scheduled for the cafeteria whenever possible. Tables will be arranged to ensure social distancing and will be cleaned and disinfected between lunches. There are symbols on the floor to ensure students remain separated by 6 feet, and there will be one-way routes for exit and entry into the cafeteria. Students will have a choice of meals, which will be bagged prior to being distributed to the students. Students will be asked to wash or sanitize their hands before and after lunch.

Students who are part of the Remote Program will be provided with school breakfast and lunches until the end of the school year. Kingswood Regional High School and Ossipee Central School will be the distribution sites and the meals will be picked up by families on a weekly or biweekly schedule as has been the practice throughout the school year.

In order to minimize the risk of contamination, water fountains will be closed. Students will be expected to bring their own water bottles to school. Additional bottled water or water stations will be available at school.

**PHYSICAL PLANT**

**GWRSD Disinfecting and Cleaning Procedures**

The Governor Wentworth Regional School District follows a comprehensive and aggressive cleaning and disinfecting program. Our custodians and school staff take great pride and care in providing a clean, healthy learning environment for the students in our schools. To achieve this goal during the COVID-19 pandemic the CDC cleaning and sanitizing procedures are in place to ensure we are doing our very best to keep our schools clean and safe for our students and staff.
Specialized Cleaning
All classrooms, offices, and used spaces
Throughout the school day all classroom teachers, office staff, and staff assigned to specific spaces will be responsible for disinfecting touch surfaces (e.g., desks, door handles, counter tops, or toys). The day custodian will clean and disinfect all other spaces (e.g., cafeteria, lecture halls, restrooms, hallways, lobbies, main entrances and other similar locations). The night custodians will disinfect the classrooms and all other spaces on a nightly basis. Rooms with carpet will have the carpets washed on an as needed basis.

Restrooms
Restrooms will be checked, cleaned and disinfected throughout the school day as well as on a nightly basis. Paper towels will be used for drying hands. Blow dryers will be turned off to prevent the spreading of any infected moisture.

Touch Surfaces
All high touch surfaces, such as door knobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phone, and faucets, will be disinfected throughout the school day as well as on a nightly basis.

Water Fountains
Water fountains will remain out of operation until such time as it is deemed safe to turn them on, at which time they will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the school day as well as in the evening. During the time the fountains are not in operation they will be cleaned and sanitized daily. Students will be provided with bottled water or water stations.

Heating Ventilation and Cooling
Research has found that air ventilation can serve to dilute the coronavirus. While school is in session the heating, ventilation, and cooling system will be programmed for air exchange throughout the day.

Daily routines
In addition to the procedures listed above the custodians are performing their regular daily and nightly cleaning including snow removal during winter months and other non-cleaning responsibilities.
Laundry
Employees who handle contaminated laundry are to wear protective gloves and other appropriate personal protective equipment to prevent exposure and utilize other universal precautions during and after handling.

- Contaminated laundry shall be handled as little as possible with a minimum of agitation.
- Do not sort/rinse laundry in location of use.
- Place the laundry in the container/bag where it was used.
- Wet, contaminated laundry, which may soak through, or cause leakage from bag or container, will be placed and transported in bags or containers that prevent soak-through and/or leakage of fluids to the exterior.

Cleaning and disinfecting after reported case of COVID-19
In the event of a reported case of COVID-19 air ventilation will be increased. When possible, outside windows and doors shall be opened, and fans will be used to provide proper air ventilation. All areas and items used by the person who is sick will be cleaned and disinfected.

Methods of Implementation and Control
Universal Precautions
All employees will utilize Universal Precautions. All blood and other potentially infectious materials (OPIM) will be handled as if contaminated.

Handwashing and other workplace controls
Handwashing is a primary infection control measure which protects both the employee and the student. Appropriate hand washing shall be diligently practiced.

Employees shall wash hands thoroughly using soap and water whenever hands become contaminated and as soon as possible after removing gloves or other personal protective equipment.

When other skin areas or mucous membranes come in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials, the skin shall be washed with soap and water. Mucous membranes shall be flushed with water as soon as possible.
Handwashing facilities with antiseptic soap are present in all restrooms and throughout all of our schools. Instant hand sanitizer is located in various areas of our schools for use when hand washing facilities are not available.

Eating, drinking, applying cosmetics or lip balm, and handling contact lenses are prohibited in work areas where there is a reasonable likelihood of exposure.

Food and drink shall not be kept in refrigerators, freezers, shelves, cabinets or on countertops or benchtops where blood or other potentially infectious materials are present.

Mouth pipetting potentially infectious material is prohibited.

Employees shall use practices to minimize splashing, spraying, spattering, and generation of droplets during procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials.

**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

**General Guidelines**

Potentially infectious materials of all persons must be considered potentially hazardous. Direct skin contact with all bodily fluids should be avoided.

Employees shall wear personal protective equipment (PPE) when performing procedures in which exposure to the skin, eyes, mouth, or other mucous membranes is anticipated.

The articles to be worn will depend on the expected exposure. Hypoallergenic gloves, gowns, face shields, masks and eye protection are located in the custodial supplies storage room.

If a garment is penetrated by blood or other potentially infectious material, the garment shall be removed as soon as possible and placed in a designated container for laundering or disposal. All personal protective equipment shall be removed before leaving the work areas; it shall be placed in assigned containers for storage, washing, decontamination or disposal.
Protection for hands
- Gloves shall be worn when it is reasonably anticipated that hands will come into contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.
- Employees shall inspect gloves for holes, punctures and tears before use.
- All disposable gloves shall be properly disposed of after use. They are not to be reused.
- If the gloves protective barrier has become compromised, the glove shall be removed and properly disposed of and new gloves shall be used.
- Utility gloves can be reused if decontaminated, but must be discarded if cracked, discolored, punctured or showing any signs of deterioration.

Protection for Eyes/ Nose/ Mouth
- Masks and social distancing shall be in effect for custodians at all times.
- Employees shall wear masks in combination with eye protection devices (goggles or glasses with solid side shields) or chin-length face shields whenever splashes, spray, spatter, or droplets of blood or other potentially infectious materials may be generated and eye, nose, or mouth contamination can be reasonably anticipated.

Playgrounds
According to the CDC, outdoor areas such as playgrounds and parks require normal cleaning but do not require disinfection. However, high touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such grab bars and railings, will be cleaned routinely.

Training
In addition to the annual training, new custodial and maintenance staff will complete training in the following areas: Infectious Disease, COVID-19 Symptoms, Mask Donning and Doffing, and Social Distancing.

Barriers
Plexiglass barriers will be installed in Main offices, Health offices, media centers and other areas as needed. Multi use, mobile plastic barriers will be available for use in various settings.
Approved cleaning chemicals for disinfecting

Disinfectants:

- **Hyperfect and Contact 256**
  - Hospital grade broad spectrum disinfectant
  - Effective against human coronavirus
  - Health Rating: 1
  - Dwell Time: 10 minutes
  - Green Seal certified
  - Used in spray bottles, electrostatic sprayers, pump sprayers, buckets and mop buckets

- **Pathos II Disinfectant wipes**
  - Hospital grade broad spectrum disinfectant
  - Effective against human coronavirus
  - Health Rating: 1
  - Dwell Time: 4 minutes
  - Pre moistened disposable towels

- **Other disinfectant wipes, such as Clorox wipes may be used**
  - Health Rating: Varies depending on product
  - Dwell Time: Typically 10 minutes, however most surfaces when wiped with disinfecting wipes tend to dry in less than 10 minutes making it difficult to ensure proper dwell time. If possible use Pathos wipes.

Non-Approved Disinfectants

- Bleach
- Any household spray or liquid chemicals. Please use chemicals provided by the District. All chemicals used within our schools require SDS Sheets. All spray bottles and other containers containing chemicals must have labels that adhere to OSHA requirements.
- Lysol
- Disinfectants in aerosol spray cans may contain known carcinogens and should not be used.
Alternative disinfection methods

- The efficacy of alternative disinfection methods, such as ultrasonic waves, high intensity UV radiation, and LED blue light against COVID-19 virus is not known.
  - The EPA does not routinely review the safety or efficacy of pesticidal devices, such as UV lights, LED lights, or ultrasonic devices. Therefore, the EPA cannot confirm whether, or under what circumstances, such products might be effective against the spread of COVID-19.
- The CDC does not recommend the use of sanitizing tunnels. There is no evidence that they are effective in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Chemicals used in sanitizing tunnels could cause skin, eye, or respiratory irritation or damage.
- The CDC only recommends use of the surface disinfectants identified on List N against the virus that causes COVID-19.

TRANSPORTATION

Providing transportation for all of our students who currently ride our buses, and at the same time adhering to the CDC guidelines, is an impossibility. It is necessary to abide by the guidelines as much as possible in order to keep our children, staff and community members safe. The survey completed by parents indicated quite a significant number of parents are able to provide transportation for their children. Therefore, all parents are asked to provide transportation to and from school. This will allow us to get all students who have no other transportation options to school safely.

Bus drivers will complete all required District professional development prior to the start of the school year, will complete the COVID-19 screening protocol daily prior to coming to work, review hygiene procedures, and clean and sanitize the bus before and after use. Spaces will be marked 6 feet apart and drivers will wear face coverings while students are aboard. Masks, shields and gloves will be available for the drivers’ use. Parents who are transporting will be encouraged to stay in the car while dropping off or picking up students. Staff members will assist with younger students.

All students will have an assigned seat are seated as far apart as possible. Students residing in the same family will be assigned to sit together to conserve space. Upon arriving at the bus stop students will enter the bus and sit in their assigned seats. When loading the buses students will move to the back seats first. When the students are ready to leave the bus the students in the front of the bus will exit first. When students enter or exit the bus they must keep a 3-foot physical distance from others. Students will enter and exit the bus one by one.