



SCHOOL REOPENING PLAN

Requirements & Recommendations

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George Washington Academy School Reopening Taskforce



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Communication & Training Accommodations



Communication & Training

GWA has and will continue to train faculty, staff and parents on the best practices associated with the GWA School Reopening Plan and provided requirements and recommendations. All stakeholders will receive weekly updates on health and safety. April Cox, our Health and Wellness Secretary, will be the point of contact for all health and safety questions and concerns, she can be reached at 435-673-2232 or email at acox@gwacademy.org



Accommodating Individual Circumstances

If a staff member, student or family member identify as high risk for severe illness due to COVID-19 as per [CDC guidelines](#), please contact your local pediatrician/family physician for directives and notify GWA with needed information for instructional accommodations. GWA will continue to consider social and emotional needs of students, faculty and staff during this time.

Enhanced Environment Hygiene & Safety School Schedules



Enhanced Environment Hygiene & Safety

GWA has created new cleaning protocol that will be implemented in each classroom and student learning area. Faculty and staff are required to wear a face covering (any professional grade shield or cloth material covering that ensures proper covering of nose and mouth) in public spaces such as classrooms or hallways and when social distancing is not feasible. As of July, 9th 2020 with the Governor's announcement all K-12 students will also be required to wear a face coverings (masks or shields) when on GWA property. Hand sanitizing stations have been installed in every hallway at multiple locations. Disinfectants are readily available for faculty and staff to use when following the GWA Cleaning Protocol.



School Schedules

GWA has considered financial hardships and alternate childcare arrangements for our families. We are committed to all of our students receiving high quality in-school instruction every day and we will also be offering online instruction for a limited number of families. When schools are authorized to open, GWA will offer in school and limited online instruction unless otherwise guided by local health officials or the State of Utah.

Classrooms, Transitions & Entry/ Exit Points



Classrooms

GWA has provided educator training in all classrooms which include all students facing forward and assigning seats to mitigate risk. Educators have removed all non-essential furniture and equipment. Where feasible desks and seats will be spread out as much as possible. Alternate learning environments (ie. Tier 2, Special Education, the Reading Center or specials classes) will be taking specific safety precautions to mitigate risk.

Transitions

GWA has identified all high traffic areas. Floor markings and signage has been applied in all high traffic areas throughout the building. We will ensure all high-touch surfaces are cleaned after main transitional times. Grade levels will be staggered during school dismissal.



Entry/ Exit Points

GWA has designated entry/exit flow paths to minimize congestion. All entrance and exit doors will be identified. Only essential visitors will be allowed in the building which include but is not limited to SpEd contracted employees, maintenance staff, parents on the errand of a teacher and other contracted personnel. All authorized individuals will be required to wear a mask and receive a temperature check. Parents may have access to their children via the front office. This year we ask that you contact the teacher or the PTO directly for ideas about service hours and how those can still be acquired during this time.

Restrooms

Signage of proper hand washing technique will be displayed in all restrooms and hand washing areas. A schedule has been created for proper cleaning of high touch areas. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, PPE (masks & gloves) is available for restroom cleaning staff. GWA will be providing training for proper cleaning protocols for COVID-19. The number of students that will be allowed in the restroom at one time will be limited. Students will be assigned to specific restrooms based on grade level.

Cafeteria

GWA has marked spaces for the serving line and designated flow paths in the cafeteria. The salad bar has been removed and food service workers will be wearing proper face coverings. Students will be required to wash hands with soap at the designated hand stations before and after lunch. Tables will be cleaned and disinfected before arrival of the next class. Outdoor eating areas will be utilized to help mitigate large group gatherings.



Large Group Gatherings, Unique Courses with High Risk of Spread Recess and Playgrounds



Large Group Gatherings

Assemblies will not be attended physically, but will be presented virtually to all students in their classroom. These assemblies will continue to be student-led and students will continue to be recognized for their achievements.

Unique Courses with High Risk of Spread

GWA has unique courses in which the risk is higher based on the content. These courses include but are not limited to PE, Computers, Music and Art. These courses will be modified to ensure that the content is still taught with mitigation of virus spread.

Recess & Playground

Recess times and areas of play will be staggered throughout all grade levels. Students will be required to wash hands with soap and water before and after use of the playground.



Monitoring for Incidences



Preparation Phase

All employees will monitor student symptoms as well as their own. Students who exhibit symptoms will meet with the GWA School Nurse and/or the GWA Health and Wellness Secretary to ensure the correct measures are in place. The student's temperature will be taken and if the student has a temperature greater than 100°F orally or 100.4°F tympanic (ear or forehead) will be sent to the First Aid Room where they will wait for parent pick-up. Students will be constantly monitored while in the First Aid area to ensure proper student safety.



Symptom Monitoring

GWA Families and employees are asked to conduct symptom and temperature checks before the student(s) or employee arrives at the school. If parents do not have access to a thermometer they may request a temperature check from the office staff when the student(s) arrives at the school. GWA employees will monitor student symptoms as well as absenteeism. We will work with families and/or individuals that are staying home due to illness. We will continue promoting stay at home recommendations if staff or students exhibit any symptoms. GWA will not allow symptomatic people or individuals to physically return to school until they meet state or local health department criteria (contact local health department) or are cleared by a medical provider.

Containing Potential Outbreaks



Preparation Phase

GWA has created all student schedules to facilitate mitigation of risk with students. Essential visitors will check in at the office upon arrival and will have their temperature checked to ensure it is below 100°F orally or 100.4°F tympanic (ear or forehead). Faculty and Staff will be trained on school protocol for containing potential outbreaks as guided by the local health department.

Quarantine/ Isolation Protocol

GWA has designated a quarantine room (First Aid Room) for students who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. This room will be adjacent to the office and will be constantly monitored by office staff to ensure student safety. Symptomatic students will be assigned to this room while awaiting parent/guardian pick-up and will be seated between Plexiglass barriers. We will continue to send weekly emails and updates with transparent health and safety issues while maintaining the privacy of students and families.



Temporarily Reclosing



Preparation Phase

GWA will implement CANVAS as the learning management system to ensure education is still taking place from home should the event arise. Students, parents, faculty and staff will be given training to ensure a smooth transition to learning at home. Possible school closures will come from coordination with the local health department and/ or state officials.



Transition Management Preparation

GWA has developed communication procedures with families, faculty and staff in the case there is a temporary re-closure. We will review the original contingency plans from Spring 2020 and consider making changes accordingly based on feedback and implementation. Families will be able to check-out Chromebooks should the need arise for technology in the home.