

GDS's REOPENING PLANS & DC GUIDANCE

GUIDANCE HISTORY

- **May 27:** DOH guidance
- **June 3:** OSSE guidance
- **June 17:** DOH guidance
- **July 6:** OSSE guidance
- **July 30:** DC Guidance
- **August 5:** DOH guidance

GDS's REOPENING DECISION

On Aug. 4, we announced that GDS will be starting off the 2020-21 school year with students and teachers engaging in GDS's Virtual Campus (i.e., academic distance learning).

- In line with local county school decisions,
 - With input from GDS's reopening committees, Parent Public Health Panel, GDS faculty and staff
 - In consultation with and with the support of the Board of Trustees
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Version 3 - Move Left if some of the criteria are met; move right when all or most of the criteria are met. GDS may make adjustments based on new guidance and research. Looking for 28 days of consistent trends.

School Format	Distance Learning Only No on campus programming.	Distance Learning with possibility of small groups on campus ONLY if outside, masked, cohorted, distanced	HyFlex Instruction (may vary by division) No cohort mixing permitted	HyFlex Instruction with more inter-cohort connections	Full GDS Experience
COVID at GDS OR	Multiple positive cases or cohorts quarantined	Multiple positive cases or cohorts quarantined	1-2 positive cases and 0-1 cohorts quarantined	No cases in the immediate GDS community	No cases in the immediate GDS community
Community Spread DC, MD, and VA Over 14 Days	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing	Minimal
New cases Per 100K DC, MD, and VA Over 7 Days per NYT list	More than 20 cases per day or 140 cumulatively over 7 days per 100,000 people	10-19 cases per day or 70-139 cumulatively over 7 days per 100,000 people	below 10 cases per day or 70 cumulatively over 7 days per 100,000 people	Below 5 cases per day or 35 cumulatively over 7 days per 100,000 people	Below 1 cases per per day or 7 cumulatively over 7 days per 100,000 people
Positivity Rate DC, MD, and VA Over 14 Days per JHU testing tracker	OR / AND 5% or higher test positivity	OR / AND test positivity rate under 5% in all 3 states	OR / AND Test positivity rate 2-3% in all 3 states	OR / AND Test positivity rate 0.5-2% in all 3 states	OR / AND Test positivity rate less than 0.5% in all 3 states
Testing turnaround and availability DC, MD, and VA Over 14 Days	More than 3 days turnaround	More than 72 hour turnaround	48-72 hour turnaround	24-48 hour turnaround	Affordable, less than 24 hour turnaround
Mitigation Measures (such as mask wearing, distancing, traveling to high risk areas)	Anecdotal / Qualitative				
Trends in US Schools Over Past Month	Schools are seeing regular outbreaks (1 or more per week)	Schools are seeing regular outbreaks (1 or more per week)	Occasional school outbreaks (1-2 per month)	Few school outbreaks (fewer than 1 per month)	Limited to no school outbreaks (rare)
How Safe Does the Community Feel?	Many staff and students (20% or more) opting out of in-person programming	Many staff and students (20% or more) opting out of in-person programming	Some staff and students opting out of in-person programming (10-20%)	Few staff and students opting out of in-person programming (5-10%)	Most staff and students opting for in-person programming (0-5% opt out)
Other factors that will impact opening and closing	Ability to test and rapidly get results; availability of a vaccine; 95% of community vaccinated; How easily the virus spreads among children and between adults and children (research is evolving). NOTE: We plan to revisit this decision at the end of the first quarter (November 1), with the understanding that this timeline could be accelerated or extended depending on public health considerations and the evolution of the impact of the COVID-19 virus on our region.				

MOST RESTRICTIVE

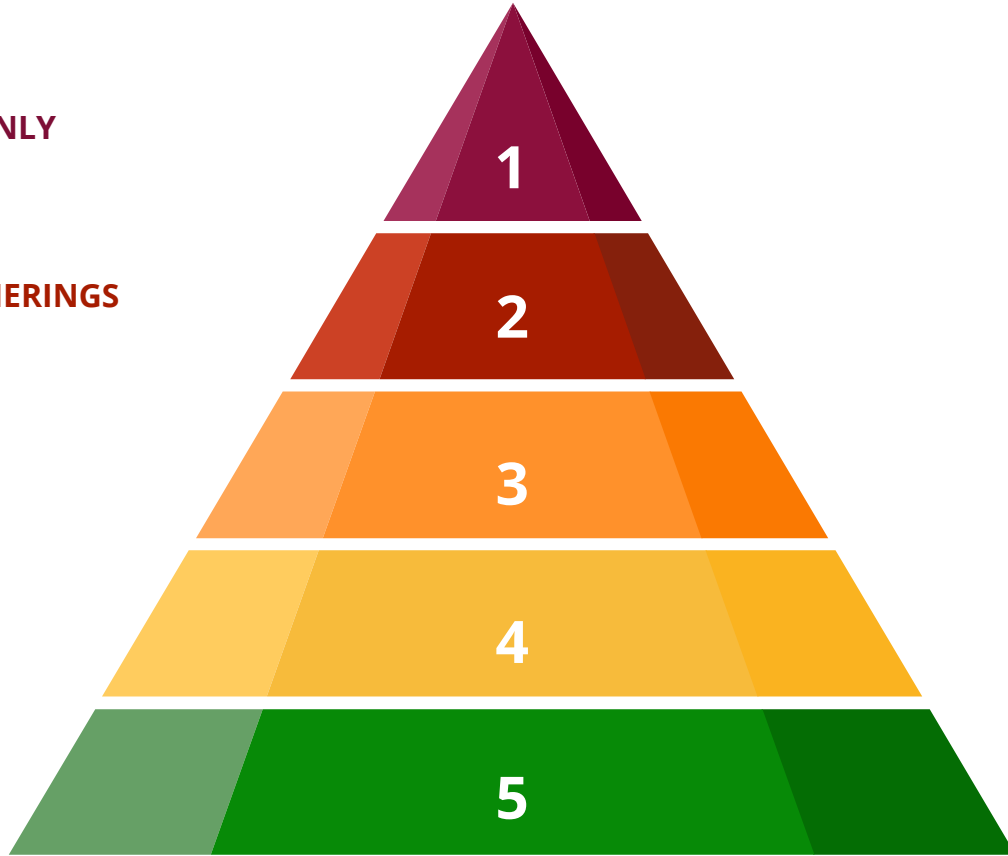
**VIRTUAL CAMPUS
DISTANCE LEARNING ONLY**

**VIRTUAL CAMPUS
SMALL OUTDOOR GATHERINGS**

**HYFLEX
POSSIBLY BY DIVISION,
STRICT COHORTS**

**HYFLEX
SOME COHORT MIXING
POSSIBLE**

**FULL ON-CAMPUS
GDS EXPERIENCE**



LEAST RESTRICTIVE

**METRICS WE'RE
WATCHING**

REGIONALLY

New cases per 100K
Test positivity rate
Overall virus trajectory
Test availability and
turnaround time

ANECDOTALLY

School closures nationwide
GDS community adherence to
commitments
How safe people feel

OTHER

Research on kids and the virus
Vaccine availability
Vaccination rates

DOWN THE ROAD

WE'RE KEEPING OUR EYES ON THE FOLLOWING, ANY OF WHICH COULD SPEED UP
A RETURN TO THE FULL GDS EXPERIENCE



COVID TESTING

We are already looking at testing possibilities with our public health panel and are waiting for rapid, reliable, affordable testing options.

(Speedy testing in the current climate [as of August 2020] brings up equity considerations.)



VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

We are watching for advances in vaccine trials.