

# GARRISON FOREST SCHOOL

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Dear GFS families,

As you begin preparing for your child's return to campus—beginning next week with our youngest students and following a gradual re-entry plan through the rest of the month—we wanted to share some information and reminders that will be helpful. Please note that each division will follow up directly with specifics about what to expect.

## Checklists for Success

Prior to your child coming back to campus, parents should:

- Download the Magnus App for **required daily health screenings** (see below for details; does not apply to Preschool families).
- **Daily lunch delivery to classrooms** and assigned eating spaces will be through Sage, our campus dining providers. Parents will receive an email later this week from MyKidsSpending to create or update their account. (Note that lunch delivery will begin on Monday, September 21, for Lower School and Monday, October 5, for Middle and Upper School).
- If you haven't already, review the [GFS Safe Community Agreement](#).
- Be aware of current **state guidelines around quarantining and travel**: [please see this document for details](#).
- Ensure you have a working thermometer at home, as an **at-home temperature check** is required each morning as part of your child's health screening.

To help your child have a successful return to school, please do the following each day:

- Complete the required health screening by 7:15 a.m. each school day.
- Ensure your child comes to school with at least two masks—one they are wearing and at least one back-up. Clearly label the mask with your child's name, and review mask-wearing requirements with them before the start of school. (Please [see here for general mask guidance from the CDC](#) and visit our [Reopening website FAQ](#) under Community Norms for GFS-specific protocols.
- Ensure your child brings a filled and labeled water bottle with them each day.
- While each room will have appropriate cleaning supplies, you may wish to send your child to school with their own personal items such as additional hand sanitizer and Kleenex.
- Ensure your child has all-weather clothing and is prepared to be outside each day, even in inclement weather. (Several areas of the campus have been tented to allow for outdoor activities, but students may need to walk to them.)

## Magnus Health App for Daily Health Screenings

We will be using the Magnus Health App for required daily health screenings. **This screening must be completed by 7:15 a.m. for each child you have at GFS.** (Note: this excludes our Preschool students, who will be using the screening protocols required by the State of Maryland. Boarding students will be screened daily by a staff member.) This is a vital tool in our efforts to keep our campus safe and healthy, and we encourage you to get into the habit of

completing the short questionnaire. It should only take a moment each morning. Students who do not have a completed questionnaire will not be allowed to remain on campus. Please follow these easy instructions to get set-up:

1. [Please follow the instructions here for downloading the app.](#)
2. When setting up your password, please ensure it meets the following criteria:
  1. One capital letter
  2. One lowercase letter
  3. A number
  4. A special character
  5. At least "10" characters
3. You will access the screening via the button titled "COVID-19."

Problems or questions? For any school policy or attendance questions please contact our school offices at [healthcenter@gfs.org](mailto:healthcenter@gfs.org). For any technical issues with the mobile app such as login problems, or problems completing the screening, please contact customer support at Magnus Health SMR by phone at 877.461.6831 or by email at [service@magnushealthportal.com](mailto:service@magnushealthportal.com).

### Hybrid Learning: Form Requested

If your family has chosen to continue hybrid learning because you cannot or choose not to come back to campus, [please complete this form as soon as possible](#). Your Division Head will be providing additional information on what to expect once on-campus learning begins.

### Sneak Peek at Re-imagined On-Campus Spaces (Video!)

From working with architects to determine room capacities to creatively re-purposing larger spaces and making outdoor spaces easier to utilize for classes or social time, our entire team has been hard at work evaluating our on-campus spaces to ensure safety and comfort for our students as they begin to return. You will receive specific details about building usage and drop-off/entry and dismissal procedures, but [click here for a sneak peek at some of the modifications you'll see when you come back!](#)

### Managing Confirmed or Suspected Cases of COVID-19 in Our Community

Though we have worked hard to ensure a safe return to campus, the nature of this virus means we will likely experience suspected or confirmed cases within our school community. As part of our preparations for bringing our students safely back to campus, we have established a COVID Response Team that will manage any incidents, including timely communications. Please review this important information:

1. This [protocol document prepared by our Health Center](#) staff to walk through what to expect if your child is showing symptoms on or before they come to campus.
2. [This flowchart](#), released by the Maryland State Department of Health and the Maryland State Department of Education, will guide how the GFS COVID Response Team, led by our Health Center, makes decisions and determines protocols and communications.

### Quick Links

[GFS Reopening Resource Page](#)

[Magnus App \(Daily Health Screening\) Instructions](#)

GFS Health Center Protocol

A Quick Tour of Re-imagined Campus Spaces

As always, you can find additional information about our reopening plan at [gfs.org/reopening](https://www.gfs.org/reopening). We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to campus—safely! Please don't hesitate to reach out to your Division Head or our Health Center with any questions or concerns.



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