

Gillen Brewer “Open & Safe” is a Collaboration: Updated Community Pledge

All members of the Gillen Brewer community have a shared responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our ability to continue offering in-person education depends upon adherence to an evolving set of protocols and procedures designed to keep students, teachers, and staff as safe as possible while a chance of contracting or spreading COVID-19 exists in our area ([“Health and Safety Protocols”](#)).

While the School continues to undertake extensive precautions during the school day, the safety of all requires community members to continue their cooperation outside of school. The School expects families to comply with its Safety Protocols and to commit to following best practices at all times until otherwise advised:

- **Follow Federal, State, and Local Orders:** All families are expected to adhere to the directives of applicable federal, state, and local government health departments, including the CDC, regarding travel, social distancing, and any other measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- **Stay Home if Sick:** If your child is sick or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, you are expected to keep them out of school until: a) their symptoms resolve; b) they test negative for COVID-19; or c) they complete a two-week quarantine period at home
 - **A pediatrician note allowing the student to return is required for a child absent from school for 2 consecutive days due to symptoms
 - **NYSDOH policies for COVID-19 are followed and subject to change at any time
- **Stay Home if Exposed:** If you believe your child has been exposed to someone infected with COVID-19, you are expected to keep them out of school for at least two weeks. In addition, the School may require a two-week quarantine in case of exposure at school.
- **Travel:** Avoid unnecessary travel. If anyone in the child’s household has traveled internationally or to any state not contiguous to New York, you are required to notify the School and keep your child home for at least two weeks.
- **Symptom Reporting:** A daily submission through the ParentLocker app is required for all students every school day whether they are attending school remotely or in person. Families of students who are attending in person will be expected to follow procedures for reporting symptoms and temperature before coming to school each day. Temperatures will also be taken upon arrival. Students may be sent home upon arrival at School’s discretion if temperature or symptoms warrant.
- **Face Masks:** In addition to sending your child to school with a clean face mask each day, all household members should use face coverings whenever with people beyond their immediate household. Masks should be worn in public and when around people who don’t live in your household. Masks must be worn in your home if visitors are present.
- **Large Gatherings:** Refrain from attending gatherings of more than 10 people, either indoor or outdoor.

- **Hygiene:** Practice and reinforce proper hand-washing, coughing/sneezing, and other good habits at home.
- **Personal Items:** Minimize the items your child brings to school and reinforce policies around sharing food, supplies, and other items with others.
- **Medical Forms & Emergency Contacts:** Student medical forms must be submitted prior to the first day of school. Parents must provide at least two contacts able to pick up your child from school within one hour of being notified that the child has become ill.

To protect the health and safety of all, the Head of School has the authority to implement the following measures at any time:

- Closing School
- Canceling scheduled events, activities, or meetings
- Conducting some or all classes via online learning
- Adjusting drop-off or pick-up times
- Modifying class sizes, locations, and/or scheduling
- Controlling access to buildings and limiting visitors
- Adjust the school calendar
- Moving an individual student to a fully remote program temporarily or indefinitely if, in the judgement of the School, it is not in the best interest of the student or the other children in school for the individual student to attend in person

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