



Return to Full Capacity FAQs

Will arrival and dismissal change after Spring Break?

Hours:

- Preschool 8:30a-1:45p Monday-Thursday, 8:30a-11:45a Friday
- All other students: 8:15a-2:00p Monday-Thursday, 8:15a-12:00p Friday

Our screening process will begin at 8:15, no earlier. You must have your parent locker green approval visible on your phone every day as a part of the screening process. Students will be screened at the door and your readiness will ensure we can move students through the process quickly. Please follow all of the traffic and walking patterns and do not arrive before 8:15. Early arrivals create more congestion in the front both for cars, buses and walkers.

How is the task force making its decisions?

The COVID Task force meets daily and continues to engage with panels of medical professionals and school leaders across the globe. We are keeping up with the science, data and trends, and taking into consideration the best guidance that is available. This knowledge, combined with what is happening in our own community and how it impacts the school environment, informs our decision making and gives us a higher level of confidence in our ability to make informed decisions to keep our students and staff safe while providing a meaningful and effective program.

Is there a chance that this plan does not happen?

Our ability to continue in-person operations is contingent on the positive covid trends continuing to move in the right direction. Should there be unanticipated developments or an uptick in cases we will reassess.

Will testing continue?

Yes, all staff and students will continue to have weekly testing until further notice. Testing will be adjusted for the new Spring Break schedule.

- Students will not be required to test the week of the 22nd.
- The test that went home with students will need to be sent out by FedEx no earlier than Friday, April 2nd in order to return to school on Thursday, April 8th. A reminder will be sent to families on April 1st.

If our class has to quarantine will we switch to remote learning?

Yes, if the class must quarantine due to an in-school exposure, the class will switch to remote learning. The schedule will be determined by the team and may include synchronous and asynchronous activities and classes. This will differ from an individual quarantine due to an OUTSIDE exposure. Remote programming will be modified based on what is deemed appropriate and effective for the student and resources available.

When will we find out about any new bus assignments? Route or pick up times?

Buses have been alerted to our new schedule. You should check with your bus company prior to April 8th.

Will students receive therapy less often than their IEPs call for?

Gillen Brewer determines the number of sessions each student receives. Group sessions may need to be adapted to space and staff availability. Any changes to therapy will be discussed with you by your individual therapist.

Why does GBS still have a 14-day quarantine rule while the expiring NY state rule and CDC guideline has been 10 days for quite a while now?

The school has continued with a 14 day quarantine as that is the incubation period for the virus. The State and CDC guidelines have shortened to a 10 day quarantine WITH 4 days of close health monitoring. There is data that supports the onset of symptoms and spread happening after the 10th day of exposure and therefore, will continue with a 14 day quarantine.

What is the latest date to mail the test by FedEx in order to return to school on April 8th?

Fed Ex testing must be sent no earlier than April 2nd and results must be in the system by April 7th. Students will not be allowed to return without a negative PCR test taken on or after April 2nd.

