

COVID Protocol Updates

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Below are updated COVID protocols that the school will follow. These protocols will continue to be reviewed and updated, as needed, by the GBS Task Force in consultation with our medical advisory team as the relevant CDC, State and Local guidelines and regulations evolve.

Topic	Update
Symptoms	<p>When to stay home, take a test, and notify the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C) ● Feel feverish or have chills ● Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea ● Nasal congestion / runny ● Cough ● Sore throat ● Headaches ● Shortness of breath or trouble breathing ● Loss of taste or smell ● Fatigue/feeling of tiredness ● Muscle pain or body aches
Testing (Rapid tests are acceptable in all situations)	<p>Symptomatic Testing Individuals with symptoms are required to take at least one rapid test before returning to school after symptoms have resolved. A picture of each result should be sent to the nurses <i>prior</i> to arrival.</p> <p>Testing After Non-Household Exposure Asymptomatic individuals who are exposed to a positive COVID case should test 3-5 days after exposure.</p> <p>Symptomatic individuals should test upon onset of any symptoms listed above.</p> <p>Testing After Household Exposures Individuals who have been <i>exposed to someone in their household (e.g., parent, sibling)</i> can continue to come to school provided that they submit a negative test result on Days 1, 3 and 5 after exposure and wear a mask for 5 days. A picture of each result should be sent to the nurses <i>prior</i> to arrival on Days 1, 3, and 5 after exposure.</p>
Isolation	<p>Individuals who test positive for COVID are required to isolate for 5 days from the time of symptom onset or if asymptomatic, from the day the positive test was collected. Individuals will be allowed to return on Day 6 as long as they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without any fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) and their symptoms are resolving. A negative test is not required to return. All individuals will be required to wear a mask through Day 10 upon their return.</p> <p>Individuals who have continued symptoms after Day 6 may only return once they have been fever-free for 24 hours (without any fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.) and their symptoms are resolving.</p>
Masking	<p>Mask-Optional Policy</p> <p>Masks will be optional for students and staff, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post-positive: Individuals who return to school after a positive test must mask for Days 6-10.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post-exposure: Any individual who is exposed to a positive case must mask for 5 days ● As these events occur, the school will notify affected staff and families of applicable masking guidance. Cloth masks are not sufficient for these required categories; a surgical mask or KN95 / KF94 mask is necessary. In cases where masking is not a requirement (i.e., voluntary), a cloth mask is sufficient.
Vaccination	<p>All eligible staff and students ages 5+ are required to be fully vaccinated. Staff who are eligible for the initial booster vaccine are required to have them. GBS currently recommends vaccination for students under 5 years of age and may require it in the future. Parents are encouraged to speak with their pediatricians if they have any questions about the vaccine for this age group.</p>
Illness Policy	<p>Please see the school's illness policy, which can be found on the Veracross Parent Portal.</p>
Remote Learning	<p>Remote programming will generally consist of synchronous therapy and asynchronous classroom work. Remote programs will generally begin one full school day after notification so that teams can prepare.</p> <p>Healthy students in quarantine (i.e., as a result of an in-home exposure) will receive remote programming. Fully asymptomatic students can receive remote programming (i.e., the student was not tested in response to symptoms).</p> <p>Remote programming will not be provided for any symptomatic COVID-positive students.</p>
Afterschool Therapies and Tutoring	<p>Afterschool therapy and tutoring are allowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● After 4:00pm. ● Afterschool clients may not have contact with staff members other than the teacher or therapist that sees them. ● All eligible clients are required to be fully vaccinated, and are subject to the same screening requirements as GBS students (e.g., symptoms of illness, any relevant travel restrictions). ● Each therapist is responsible for collecting proof of vaccination and handling all family communication regarding exposures. ● If a therapist has multiple clients in one day, they are responsible for any cleaning / sanitization etc (i.e., do not page cleaning crew).