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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The health and safety of our students and staff will always be the highest priority. The Gainesville R-V District also understands the importance of providing in-person instruction to our students. The lack of internet services within our school boundaries has impacted the planning process. The district is striving to do what is best for kids, and we believe in-person instruction is necessary in our community.

The Gainesville R-V administrative team and Board of Education(BOE) have developed a school re-opening plan. Guidance from the Ozark County Health Department, Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, Missouri School Boards Association, and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has been considered throughout the planning process. Consensus from a very wide-range of studies suggest students are the least likely population to contract and have complications with the Corona Virus.

The district understands that we must provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff. A three-level plan has been developed to outline our re-opening procedures and precautions. Gainesville schools will begin in **Level 2** of the plan even though the county has experienced very few positive cases. The district would rather have a proactive mindset to our current situation than react to positive cases. The administrative team and BOE will evaluate the situation on a regular basis.


We strongly encourage all parents to help us keep everyone healthy by **not** sending your child if he or she exhibits the following symptoms:

- Fever/Chills/Nausea/Vomiting
- Cough/Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Fatigue/muscle aches not exercise related
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion/runny nose

The current Gainesville attendance policy will be adjusted accordingly to support the re-opening plan. Distance learning can be discussed with building administrators by appointment. We understand some students may have underlying health conditions, or they may live with family members who are at high risk.

Once again, the Gainesville R-V District cares about the health and safety of all our students, staff, and community members. We strongly believe in-person schooling is the best option for kids in most cases. We understand that the re-opening plan to this unique situation is not perfect, but we will strive to adapt as necessary to help ensure the safety of all our patrons.

Respectfully,



Justin Gilmore

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Gainesville R-V School District BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN

Gainesville R-V School District will use Level Indicators to define health and safety restrictions to provide guidelines for students, staff, parents, and community stakeholders.

This plan has been created based on a team decision with input from medical professionals and the Ozark County Health Department and may be adjusted as restrictions change throughout the area and information about the virus continues to be modified.

Traditional School

All classes will take place in school buildings. Staff and students will maintain normal routines and school safety/security procedures. Parents, visitors, and guests follow all normal school security protocols.

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All classes will take place in school buildings. Extra cleaning and safety protocols for staff and students will be followed. There are restrictions on visitors and traveling in the buildings.

All classes will take place on campus in their classrooms. Students will eat meals in classrooms with sanitization occurring between all movements and transitions to new areas in the building. Sanitization stations will be placed throughout the buildings and on all school buses. Temperature checks will occur upon entry into the buildings. Water bottles will be strongly encouraged.

Learning may potentially be transitioned to AMI (Alternative Methods of Instruction). Teachers will be available for students both by appointment in person and online to aide in instruction. Zoom, Remind, and Class Dojo may be utilized in the instructional process.

Overview

The Gainesville R-V School District has taken steps to prepare for the health, wellness, and safety for all students and staff as we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. Information listed below outlines general guidelines and expectations for location/service. Decisions will be made in coordination with local health officials. To define health and safety measures, level indicators will be used. Each level will build on the previous level.

Level 1: No District Cases, No large spike in community cases	<p>Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be limited and based on pre-approval from the Administration • Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria with distancing • Masks for students, faculty, and staff are optional • Buses will be appropriately sanitized after use with sanitation stations on each bus • Personal water bottles are encouraged/limited drinking fountain availability • Students will use hand sanitizer or hand washing upon arrival into classrooms • Common areas will be restricted where feasible • Students will participate in daily outdoor recess, weather permitting, with handwashing/sanitizer upon re-entry of buildings
Level 2: Upon consideration of community and district COVID cases.	<p>Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students report to homeroom upon arrival. • Students temperatures are checked daily upon arrival • Breakfast and Lunch will take place in the classroom • Personal water bottles are encouraged/no drinking fountain availability • Movement throughout the building may be reduced • Masks for students, faculty, and staff are optional • Modified bus loading and unloading procedures/buses will be appropriately sanitized after use • Students will participate in daily outdoor recess, weather permitting, with handwashing/sanitizer upon re-entry of buildings • No use of facilities by outside groups • Entry into schools will be restricted to staff and students. Other visitors and volunteers must receive pre-approval from the Administration • If a child needs to be picked up for any reason, personnel will accompany the child to the front door and await the arrival of the parent/guardian • Possible event guidelines for participation/attendance in school events.
Level 3: Significant community and district spread	<p>Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible temporary closure of classroom/building for cleaning • Possible Alternative Method of Instruction • Lower capacity of bus transportation • Limited attendance and/or guidelines at sporting or other events • Possible cancellation of large group activities, field trips, assemblies, athletics • Masks possibly recommended for certain grade levels to continue face to face learning • Movement throughout the building may be reduced or limited • If there is a closure of certain grade levels/buildings, teachers will be available at the school by appointment (via phone, virtual, possible face to face) • Lessons may be delivered via packets or flash drives for students without internet. • An alternative school calendar may be adopted to provide more time for sanitation of school buildings

If school is moved to AMI, all student work will be graded. Proof of learning will be required for students' grades just like in a face to face setting. Special needs students will have their Alternative Learning Method implemented by the IEP team.

Health Services & PPE	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Nurses will provide health and safety training/materials to faculty and staff. • If you have medications for your child, please schedule a time with the school nurse to drop it off. <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluation of Symptoms and Safety Protocol Flowchart will be provided to all staff members • Encourage staff self-screening every day • Staff working with medically fragile students may be required to wear a mask <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurses/counselors are available online and by phone during school hours for support and guidance
Arrival/Dismissal	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will go directly to classrooms for breakfast • Students will use wash-in, wash-out procedures upon arrival to school <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student drop off and pick up will be through car line only and NOT BEFORE 7:45 • Common areas will be restricted where achievable <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students may be using AMI off of campus
Transportation	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses will run at normal capacity with hand sanitization stations on each bus <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be assigned seats on the bus • Specific loading and unloading procedures will be implemented <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that parents provide their own transportation if possible • Transportation may be altered as needed
Visitors	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors will be permitted by appointment only <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All visitors will be subject to temperature testing • Nonessential visitors will not be permitted into the buildings during school hours • No lunch guests or volunteers in the buildings <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors without with prior approval will be allowed on campus
Classroom & Playground	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be observed for illness prior to starting class and referred to nurse if necessary • Appropriate measures will be taken for cleaning and sanitizing • Time will be built into the day for frequent handwashing, especially after playground use <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing strategies will be implemented when feasible with students and staff members • Students will be taught appropriate hygiene/COVID practices • Personal water bottles will be encouraged and drinking fountains will be closed • Assigned seating in all classrooms <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional safeguards will be put in place as necessary • AMI may be deemed best practice

Cafeteria	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast will be eaten in the classroom • Lunch will be eaten in the cafeteria with precautions in place <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom
Transitions	<p>Level 1: Seated School Instruction with Health Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing periods will be based on the regular bell schedule <p>Level 2: Seated Instruction with Additional Safety Procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing periods will be based on the regular bell schedule with student monitoring. • Movement throughout the building will be limited or reduced when possible. <p>Level 3: Seated Instruction or AMI with Additional Restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks will be highly encouraged during transitions.
COVID response	<p>If Suspected Case at School:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student should be taken to the building designated safe-spot and provided a mask to isolate while parent/guardian is notified • Identify student exposure through contact tracing with other students and staff • Contact Health Department and communicate with the public based on the Health Department's recommendation • Disinfect all targeted contact areas using proven practices • Consult with Health Department prior to re-entry

***The Back-to-School Plan may be amended in response to health and safety updates.**

Guidance and Resources:

- Ozark County Health Department
- MO Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Missouri School Boards Association
- MUSIC Re-opening School Process
- CDC School Guidance Document