

What is the current mask/face covering expectation in GASD?

The district is currently following the board approved health and safety plan. Masks/Face Coverings are optional for Staff/Students and visitors on all district property. This includes district transportation.

Are vaccinations required for students and/or staff?

Vaccinations are not required for students or staff, however the district will make our community aware of any vaccination opportunities that become available.

How does the PA Department of Health (DOH) define a close contact?

Close Contact: within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes

Exception to Close Contact in the K-12 indoor classroom setting: If both infected student and the exposed student (close contact) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time and were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student, the exposed student would not be considered a close contact and would not need to quarantine.

Will the district continue to report cases to DOH and assist in contact tracing for positive cases?

As per updated guidance on April 1st, GASD reports all positive covid case counts by building at the end of each week (in our schools) to DOH. The PA DOH no longer requests information related to contact tracing.

Does the district list positive case counts by building on the district website?

Yes, the district lists the total number of positive cases for staff/students by building via a Covid Chart on the Return to Learn Page of the district website. ***Beginning on October 15th, the case counts will reflect positive cases for a seven day period, given recent changes in guidance for reporting from PDE/DOH. This chart will be updated through May 15th.***

Will the district still be required to do “short term closures” as it did in 20-21 due to positive case counts?

Any closure decisions will be made in consideration of recommendations directly from the PA DOH.

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