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Question: Can we choose to only have our child participate in a remote/virtual learning model only

Answer: There has been a lot of misinformation on this. If you choose to only have your student participate in a remote only option, the district will honor this request. However, choosing this model will result in your child needing to remain in remote learning for the entire 1st marking period of the school they are in. If you decide you want to have in-person schooling your for your child you will need to notify the building administrator at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the next marking period to allow them time to create a proper room/schedule assignment to keep everyone socially distanced and meet other safety protocols.

If you want your child to be remote learning you need to notify your child's building administrator by August 21st and they will be required to remain in remote learning for the entire first marking period. We will publish the other dates for the remainder of the school year soon.

Question: Will ventilation systems be up to standard required?

Answer: The 2020 International Mechanical Code requires a higher occupant density calculation for classrooms than malls, and higher outdoor airflow rates per occupant (cfm/person), and higher outdoor rates in breathing zones (cfm/sq ft) for schools. This provides school classrooms with more outdoor air per space than malls. The classroom air is then exhausted. Malls recirculate a lot of return air, so higher efficiency filters were recommended.

Greene Specific Information

All air filters in the district have been changed and the HVAC units have been serviced and cleaned. The filters in all our buildings are MERV 11. All buildings are above the State filtration criteria. The heating unit dictates the filter capability. The air quality is also monitored with CO2 detectors. This reading will allow us to optimize and adjust air flow, which currently is a turnover rate of approximately every seven to eight minutes. That means that air in each classroom is changed out with fresh outdoor air approximately every seven to eight minutes which is currently double the state requirements of three times per hour

Question: In the middle/high school will students be changing classes or how does that work or what will it look like?

Answer: Students will be moving in the MS/HS. They will be required to wear masks during this time. Classes will be staggered in the halls to reduce the numbers of students in the hallways at one time. Classrooms will be arranged so that students in consecutive periods are not sitting in the same desks as the class before and/or desks will be disinfected prior to the next class coming into that classroom

Question: What is the plan for socially distancing breakfast and lunch at middle/high school? There are a lot of grades/students who go to lunch at the same time how will that look?

Answer: Students will be required to be socially distanced in order to take their masks off to eat. This will mean there will be reduced numbers of students in the cafeteria and they will be assigned areas to eat to keep them socially distanced. Some students will be eating in classrooms to keep them socially distanced as well and allow every to have lunch at their assigned time.

Question: Will there be gym/P.E.?

Answer: Yes there will be P.E. classes. Students will be properly socially distanced or be required to wear masks during some activities. Activities will be designed not to be strenuous if masks are required so that it does not increase breathing issues inside of masks. Proper hand hygiene will be practiced prior to and after PE classes.

Question: Will children be allowed to play together in classrooms with toys?

Answer: Children will be allowed to play in classrooms when appropriate. Masks will be worn whenever social distancing is not occurring. Proper hand hygiene will be taught and practiced regularly throughout the day. Classrooms will be disinfected daily.

Question: Will children be allowed to be taken outside to play on the playground?

Answer: When appropriate we will use our outside facilities and have students out in the fresh air.

Question: Are neck gators considered 'masks'?

Answer: The district will allow most face coverings as long as they are more than a single layer of fabric and cover both the nose and mouth. They also can not have any graphics or designs that are prohibited by the code of conduct.

Question: Does the YMCA after school program contradict the efforts by GCS faculty and staff?

Answer: They YMCA after school program has to meet all of the guidelines of Office of Children and Family Services and Department of Health. As such they will have protocols in place to keep students safe. As with years past they will have a program in the Primary school for students up to grade 2 and a program in the Intermediate school for students in grades 3-5.

Many students go to daycare facilities throughout our district. The students that attend these will also be out of different district "cohorts." The district cannot control this. As such the YMCA is a safe service that we will continue to try to offer to our community.

Question: If a child is tested for COVID, is there a requirement for the parents/guardian to communicate to the school? Or does HIPPA allow that to not be a requirement? Does that students class immediately get sent home and quarantine?

Answer: The district will be notified. The DOH will advise the district and any individuals on who they recommend need to quarantine. This will be communicated directly to the families from the DOH.

Question: If a student is absent from school will they be assigned to virtual learning

Answer: Students will get sick throughout the year for many reasons. As with our traditional schooling if a student is out for a day or two due to an illness (i.e. ear infection, stomach bug, etc.) we will not be assigning them to virtual learning. If a student will be out for an extended period of time the district will arrange for virtual learning as appropriate.

Question: Can a parent choose which cohort their child is in to better fit their work schedule?

Answer: As in a traditional opening the district does not ask parents what teacher they want their students assigned to. This is also true with the cohorting. However, if you feel you have special circumstances the district needs to consider, please communicate them to your building administrator ASAP. We cannot promise we will meet everyone's requests. The district will prioritize family cohorting first, followed by building schedules to meet the needs of students in that building
