

# Greene Central School

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## UPDATED GCS REOPENING PLAN

Per NYS Regulation Effective 8/27/2021

*Effective immediately, in accordance with the Commissioner's Determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60, any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in P-12 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status. People with medical or developmental conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask may be exempted from mask requirements, as documented by a medical provider. People do not need to wear masks when eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument; when masks are removed for these purposes, individuals must be spaced six feet apart. All mask requirements must be applied consistently with any state and federal law (e.g., Americans with Disabilities Act).*

- Students, staff and all visitors will be **REQUIRED** to wear a mask at all time while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.
- Per the CDC's order, students and District staff riding our buses will be **REQUIRED** to wear a mask while being transported. Our bus runs will return to normal capacity.
- Students, staff, visitors, or community members will **NOT BE REQUIRED** to wear a mask while outdoors.
- If anyone prefers to always wear a mask outdoors, they will have the ability to do so with the respect of all students and staff members.
- **Remote Learning will NOT be an option** for students unless there is a medically documented condition which would prevent a return to full-time in-person instruction. Remote learning will require, in addition to medical documentation and district approval, a one-year commitment to that mode of instruction. Instruction will be provided by a third-party organization. Fully remote students **will NOT** have the opportunity for extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics.
- The district will provide **free breakfast and lunch for all students** again for the 2021-2022 school year. Special plans will be developed at each building to try and maximize social distancing during breakfast and lunch times.
- The district will continue its high levels of ventilation, sanitation, and cleaning each day.

- We ask that each student and District staff member continue the practice of good hygiene by washing hands frequently and maintaining the proper social distance from one another, whenever possible.
- We ask that your child(ren) and our District staff members stay home when ill and contact the appropriate school nurse.
- It is **NOT REQUIRED** for families and District employees to fill out the daily health screening form this year.
- In the absence of any future school mandates regarding interscholastic sport competitions from NYSPHSAA, masks are \*highly recommended\* but **NOT REQUIRED** during outdoor practices and competitions. Players and coaches have the right to wear a mask if desired.

**Please be advised of the following CDC and DOH regulations regarding "close contacts" and "quarantining":**

- *A close contact is defined as someone who was within 6 feet of an infected individual for a cumulative total of 10 minutes. Close contacts, along with the infected individual, will need to quarantine if identified in contact tracing efforts. In the classroom setting, the close contact definition **EXCLUDES students who were within 6 feet of an infected individual if BOTH the infected individual and exposed student(s) were properly wearing a mask. Proper mask wearing means that it covers both the nose and mouth.***
- *Fully vaccinated students and teachers ARE NOT required to quarantine; however, they should be tested 3-5 days after exposure. even if asymptomatic and wear a mask until their test result is negative.*
- *Quarantine period is 10 days.*

The district will continue to monitor the daily health and wellness of our students and staff, along with the localized spread rate of COVID-19 and the Delta variant in Chenango County and our surrounding towns and villages. Please be advised that the above protocols and procedures could change on short notice. **Any section of the above-mentioned plan may be amended through federal, state, or local order or directive.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's principal with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools