

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS as of 11 March 2021

These general principles will guide Gloria Dei:

- ✓ Gloria Dei will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible while asking community members to recognize that some level of risk will always be present in a school setting.
- ✓ Gloria Dei believes that diligent monitoring of children's health by both staff and parents and responsible, collegial transparency between school and parents will improve the well-being of all community members.
- ✓ Gloria Dei will work cooperatively with parents and with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County to promote safety and trust in the school community and to limit the spread of the coronavirus.
- ✓ Gloria Dei recognizes the need for a cogent plan to reduce risk of viral infection while recognizing that differences in classroom sizes, ages of children and risk factors will lead to variabilities in the plan.

### Daily Self-Monitoring and Arrival at School

Students, family members and staff should self-monitor symptoms and temperatures in the morning before leaving home. All students (and sometimes their parents as role models) are expected to cooperate with temperature-taking in car line and prior to entering the building. Elementary and middle school students are required to be wearing a mask properly affixed prior to entering car line.

Parents of students who arrive when there is not a staffed car line are required to walk students to the office or have their students wait in the car for the beginning of car line. It is essential that parents **do not send students directly to their classrooms or send students to the office alone.**

If either parent or student has a temperature or other Covid symptoms (such as a cough or runny nose), student will be asked to return home. Otherwise, if entering via the office, an entry pass will be issued to the student.

Symptoms may include:

 Fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or chills	 Cough	 Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing	 Fatigue	 Congestion or runny nose	 Nausea or vomiting
 Muscle or body aches	 Headache	 New loss of taste or smell	 Sore throat	 Diarrhea	

### Incorporating guidelines for Family, Caregivers and Staff exposed to COVID-19 (Quarantine)

Staff or Parents/Caregivers **should notify the school immediately** if they have had **close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case** or if any member of the household has been diagnosed or is presumed to have COVID-19.

When this occurs, the staff or student must isolate at home for **10** days from date of **close contact** and Gloria Dei will consider other learning options for the quarantined student(s). **If, however, an individual is fully vaccinated and has no symptoms, that individual does not need to isolate at home (see page 6 of this protocol).**

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### Plan for a Suspected Case or Positive Case

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*Staff or student begins exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day:*

- Students will be immediately isolated comfortably in an outdoor space or separate room and monitored by a staff member maintaining social distance and wearing a mask.
- The sick student's family will be called and will be expected to pick up the sick student as quickly as possible.
- All staff members will be required to leave campus. **They will be expected to contact their doctor concerning the advisability of virus testing within 4 hours.**

### In the event that a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19

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- Gloria Dei office will contact Public Health to report the case at 937-225-4508.
- Gloria Dei staff will maintain information on potential close contacts (updated attendance records, seating charts, and contact information) and cooperate with Public Health in contact tracing.
- Any staff or student who has tested positive will need to isolate at home for 10 days since onset of symptoms **and until there are no symptoms for 24 hours** or **isolate at home for 10 days since close contact** if asymptomatic or **isolate at home for 7 days with a negative test and no symptoms.**
- Definition of close contact: someone within 6 ft. of a case for at least 15 minutes during the contact window.
- Definition of contact window:
  - o Symptomatic case - 48 hours before symptom onset date until the date the case is isolated.
  - o Asymptomatic case - 48 hours before the specimen was collected until the case was isolated.

### Returning to School After Illness

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*Student or staff diagnosed as having COVID-19 with symptoms must meet the following criteria to return to school:*

- 24 hours with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) **and**
- other symptoms improved **and**
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared **and**
- adequate staff are available (not isolating) to teach cohort in person.

*Student or staff diagnosed as having COVID-19 without symptoms (asymptomatic) must meet the following criteria to return to school:*

- 14 days have passed since test without any symptoms developing **and**
- adequate staff are available (not isolating) to teach cohort in person.



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### Lunch/Snacks/Handwashing

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- No common utensils or dishware will be provided.
- Children will eat **while social-distancing at their desks (elementary) or with their cohorts (primary)**.
- Water bottles will be provided by school, sanitized and left at school. **No water bottles from home, please.**
- All students are required to wash or sanitize hands every time they enter or exit a school building and before and after snacks and lunch.

### Cohorts and Face Masks or Face Shields

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Classroom occupancy/cohort creation will be based on state and local guidelines with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible for the specific age group, including 6 feet of separation where possible.

Face masks will be worn indoors by all elementary and middle school students and outdoors whenever a 6' distance cannot be maintained unless it is unsafe for an individual to do so. "Breather breaks" will be provided at regular intervals.

Face masks will be optional for toddlers and **Primary East** children.

All school staff and volunteers must wear face masks or face shields where wearing a mask would significantly interfere with the learning process or in cases where it is unsafe for an individual to wear a mask..

Gloria Dei will minimize the sharing of school supplies in elementary and middle school classrooms.



### Parents and Visitors

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Parents/visitors are required to sign in at the office and are required to wear face masks. Parents/visitors are encouraged to limit visits to 15 minutes or less during the pandemic.

Parents/visitors will have their temperatures taken and will be required to answer questions appropriately on Gloria Dei's COVID-19 symptom questionnaire.

For the safety of the whole community, staff will not allow students or parents or visitors to enter a school building without a pass from the school office. Students who arrive at school during a staffed car line will not need a pass.

Parents/visitors will be prohibited from entering school buildings when Montgomery County is at Emergency Level 3 or above.



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### **School Vans**

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Field trips and activities requiring transportation will be canceled until further notice except in Middle School which will follow transportation guidelines for local team sports. NOTE: Middle School parents are encouraged to provide transportation for their own children if possible and windows will be opened in school vans whenever possible.

In the few instances of student transportation to or from school, Gloria Dei will seat siblings together in vans, provide spacing between non-family groups and limit passengers to one cohort at a time whenever possible. Seats will be assigned to assist with contact tracing and windows will be opened whenever possible.

Face masks are required for drivers and students at all times in all vans, with the possible exception of upset toddlers.

Vans will be aired out and high touch areas will be sanitized between cohorts.

### **Recess**

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Students in elementary and middle school will be permitted to lower masks when outdoors and social distancing (6' separation)

Students in primary will remain in cohorts and in their cohorts' designated play spaces during recess.

### **Cleaning/Sanitizing**

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Gloria Dei will clean facilities thoroughly every day.

Gloria Dei will use sanitizers, hand sanitizers and cleaners that are effective against COVID-19.

Gloria Dei will sanitize surfaces at least twice a day, paying close attention to high touch areas, shared materials, sinks, countertops, toilet seats, handles, doorknobs, desks and chairs.

Gloria Dei will make sanitation wipes or paper towels and disinfectants labeled for use against COVID-19 available in each room.

NOTE: Gloria Dei will change these protocols and alert parents as State and Federal guidelines are updated.

**PLEASE NOTICE CHANGES TO QUARANTINE RULES AT OHIO SCHOOLS ON NEXT TWO PAGES.**

## COVID-19 Fact Sheet

### K-12 School Quarantine Guidelines

Governor Mike DeWine, recognizing that in-person classroom learning is critical for supporting the educational and social development of children and adolescents,\* has set a goal of reopening K-12 schools to in-person learning by March 1, 2021. With sustained COVID-19 transmission continuing across our state, schools, and public health systems must adapt to ensure that the continued development of students is accompanied by protections for the overall health and well-being of students, teachers, and staff in our communities.

The below guidance can be used to address COVID-19 exposures in K-12 in-person learning environments. This guidance is supported by recent studies and pilot evaluations, including the [Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation](#), which indicate that the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools may be limited with strict adherence to [prevention measures](#) in a monitored environment.

Students and adults in K-12 schools may continue to attend in-person school, even during a normal quarantine period, if the following conditions are met:

- The school has documented [COVID-19 prevention policies](#), including universal mask wearing, social distancing, hand-washing, identification and management of students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection protocols.
- The exposure occurred **within a classroom environment** or while on required school transport (e.g., school bus).
- The person with COVID-19 and any associated contacts were wearing face masks that covered their nose and mouth **at all times**.
  - If meals were consumed, a distance of at least 6 feet between students must have been maintained.
- Social distancing was maintained.
  - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines acceptable distancing as a minimum of 6 feet. In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatrics, desks should be placed ideally 6 feet apart and at a minimum 3 feet apart. This may be considered for school quarantine considerations (<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>).

**The above guidelines only apply to classroom settings.** Students should not attend in-person school if they are exposed to COVID-19 outside the classroom, including during sports and other extracurricular activities, regardless of masking.

Further, close contacts should self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure. Any contact who develops symptoms should be isolated away from other students and adults and evaluated for COVID-19. Testing for SARS-CoV-2 may be recommended in coordination with the local health department, school, healthcare provider, or parents or guardians.

Close contacts who continue to attend in-person K-12 school should also follow normal [protocols for quarantine](#) when outside the K-12 classroom environment, including staying home and, if possible, staying away from [people who are at higher risk severe illness](#) from COVID-19. During this quarantine period, students may not participate in extracurricular activities outside of a classroom environment, such as sports practices or games.

To minimize the risk of introduction of COVID-19 into the classroom setting, students and their parents or guardians should be advised to restrict their activities outside of the classroom, including gatherings with individuals outside of their household and activities where face masks cannot be safely or effectively worn.

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\*Although significant advancements have been made in offering remote learning to U.S. students during the COVID-19 pandemic, educational disparities may continue to widen in virtual learning models (AAP: <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>).

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For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

**Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.**

#### **Excerpted from Public Health-Dayton and Montgomery County Website:**

Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Are fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
2. Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
3. Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure