

Glencoe-Silver Lake School District #2859

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan Learning Plan Covid-19 Plan

*Proudly serving the communities of:
Biscay, Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato, and Silver Lake*

2022 -2023 School year

GSL Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all workers and students. To ensure we have a safe and healthy workplace, GSL Public Schools has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for the 2022-2023 school year. Managers and workers are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 and/or any other type of virus/bacteria in our workplace and community. This requires full cooperation among all of us. Only through cooperative efforts can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons in and around our school. This plan outlines necessary information for staff and families to ensure a safe learning environment for our students and a safe place to work for our staff.

Our workers, are our most important assets. GSL is serious about safety and health and protecting our workers. Worker involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have communicated and listened to our staff needs and made acceptable accommodations, where possible, to ensure health and safety.

GSL will continue to follow the recommended guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Department of Education, along with following safety recommendations established by the CDC. The following recommendations will remain in effect and will help ensure a safe and healthy workplace for all people.

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Practice social distancing when able
- Follow cleaning procedures to ensure and clean and sanitary workspace
- Masks are still being recommended, especially when indoors and in close quarters, but they are not required. Cover cough/sneeze.
- Avoid large group areas when possible.
- Get tested when symptoms of COVID-19 are present.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and avoid touching face.

Health screening, isolation, and quarantine. Workers have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for sign and symptoms of COVID-19. The following policies and procedures are being implemented to assess worker, customer, and other visitor health status prior to entering the school.

- GSL asks all families that are showing signs/symptoms to stay home and take necessary healthy steps to ensure health and safety for all. Please follow Department of Health guidelines with timelines and procedure recommendations.
- If a positive test, GSL will recommend staff to follow the MDH COVID-19 isolation guide, which is included in this document. Please report all positive cases to your buildings health office or the District RN at bjrabek@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Handling a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19: GSL will report, if necessary, a positive case to the Minnesota Department of Health as per guidelines. Will use the most current decision tree to help determine quarantine timelines. Education and support will be given to staff and families if a suspected case is in school. The School District will communicate proper information to designated parties.

For any new positive case, the district will continue to report to MDH through the RedCap survey.

Mitigating COVID-19: The following will be in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

- Face coverings will be recommended when and around large groups of students that are in close contact.
- Physical distancing will be put into place as much as possible throughout the day and from day-to-day activities.
- Cohort groups will be used where possible when scheduling lunch, bathroom breaks, free periods, recess.
- Personal protective equipment will be available upon request while at school, especially where transmission is at a higher risk than others.
- Social distancing is not required, and there are no limitations on large groups, but GSL will make reasonable efforts to space students out when possible.

Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Hygiene Practices

- GSL will establish daily routines for cleaning and sanitizing areas of high use/high touch areas.
- GSL will establish daily cleaning schedules for all buildings.
- GSL will assure that appropriate supplies to support healthy behaviors are available and strategically placed in areas where frequently used.
- Regular hand washing breaks will be implemented during the normal school day.

Communication: GSL will communicate all potential information that is allowable by law to families and staff where necessary.

Indoor facilities, utilities, and ventilation – GSL has evaluated the operational capacity of indoor ventilation systems and developed a plan to increase and maintain ventilation provided throughout indoor spaces. Steps will be taken to increase the increase natural ventilation as much as possible, including opening windows when possible and safe.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please reach out to Chris Sonju, Superintendent of Schools. csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us





COVID-19 ISOLATION GUIDE

For schools, child care, and youth programming

What to do if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19* or have tested positive for COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status or symptoms)

If you have COVID-19 symptoms:



Stay home.



COVID-19 testing is strongly encouraged, especially if you are at high risk for severe disease, if symptoms continue or worsen, if you develop additional symptoms, if you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if COVID-19 transmission is elevated in your area.



If you do not get tested, follow instructions below as if you had tested positive for COVID-19.



If COVID-19 testing is done and the result is **POSITIVE:**

Stay home for a minimum of five full days from the date symptoms started or the date you took the test if you don't have symptoms.

Stay away from others, including household members, as much as possible. Wear a well-fitting mask.



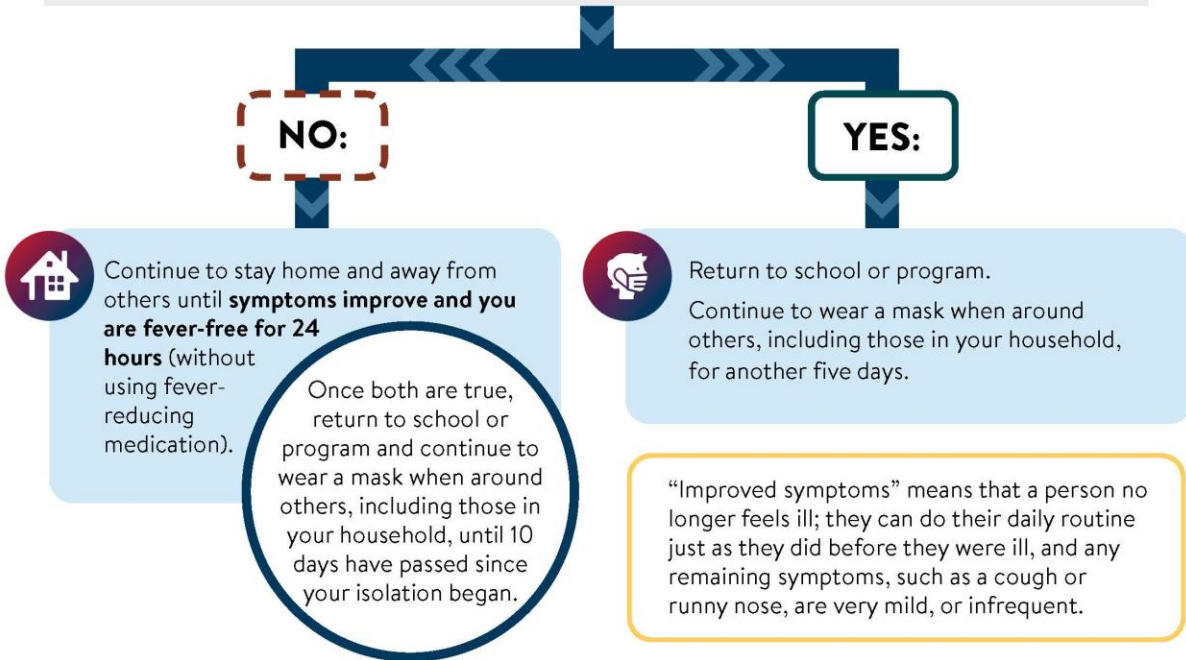
If COVID-19 testing is done and the result is **NEGATIVE:**

Stay home until your symptoms improve and you are fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) before returning.

*CDC COVID-19 Symptoms (www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html)

After five days of isolation at home:

Have your symptoms improved and have you been fever-free for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medication)?



For additional information:
[If You Are Sick or Test Positive: COVID-19 \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sick.html)



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