



Gracemont Schools Return to Learn Plan 2021-2022 School Year

Our goal for this school year is to prioritize student, staff, and family health and safety while providing students a positive educational experience, whether it be in the school building or through virtual learning at home. We believe that recent decreases in the spread of COVID and increased vaccinations will allow us to be at school in person, but the following plan will be in place if spread increases and to continue our efforts to prevent spread in the school. The following plan meets the nine required elements defined by the State Department of Education and we continue to collaborate with the State and County Health Department officials to keep everyone safe. **Please understand that the following plan may be revised as spread of COVID increases or decreases in the area.**

Health Department Partnership for Testing, Vaccinations, and Advice

- Gracemont Schools continue to collaborate with medical professionals at the State and Caddo County Health Departments on all COVID related decisions and monitoring
- Parents will be notified as COVID testing and/or vaccinations become available in our area

Sanitation and Air Ventilation in Our Schools

- Increased sanitation efforts will continue to provide a safe learning environment in all school facilities
- Gracemont has installed some new HVAC systems in school facilities to help improve air quality and ventilation.

Transportation/Arrival

- Bus routes will run as normal
- Students will have assigned seats with as much spacing as possible
- Hand sanitizers will be used upon loading bus
- Temperatures will be taken by bus drivers (if 100.4° student will need to exit bus and go home)
- Parental transportation of students is highly recommended if spread of COVID increases in the area



Upon entering buildings students will have temperature taken--any student with temperature above 100.4° will be moved to a waiting room and parent contacted to take them home.

- Elementary students (PK-6) who are eating breakfast (served promptly at 7:30 a.m.) will enter the cafeteria through the east door by the cafeteria steps
- 7-12 students will enter through the front door and proceed to the cafeteria at 7:45 to pick up breakfast to take to first hour class
- Elementary students not eating breakfast should be dropped off at the elementary building at 7:55
- 7-12 grade students not eating breakfast will need to report to 1st hour class
- Hand sanitizers are located in the halls of both buildings. Please use them!

Cafeteria

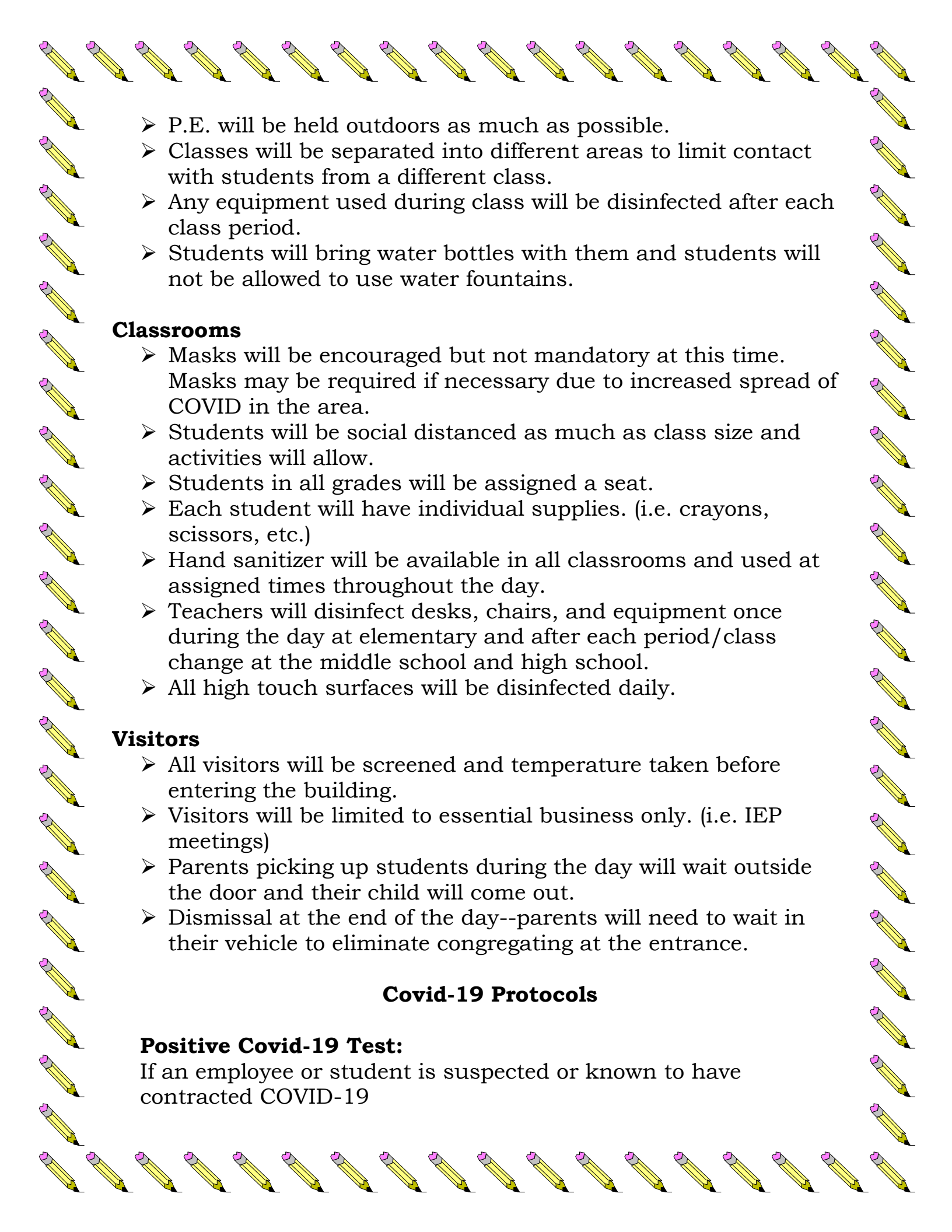
- Only students eating will be in the cafeteria
- Students will be separated by class at a safe distance
- All tables and seats will be sanitized after each use
- Lunch will be limited by class to maintain distance between students
- Students will be assigned a seat in the cafeteria
- Food items will not be self-serve. Items will be served on the line or packaged for grab and go
- All condiments will be served by cafeteria staff
- Servers will wear gloves and a mask

Recess

- Recess times will be staggered to limit the number of classes and students on the playground at one time.
- No outside toys/equipment will be allowed at school or on the playground.

Physical Education

- The following strategies will be implemented as needed based on the spread of COVID in the area.

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- P.E. will be held outdoors as much as possible.
 - Classes will be separated into different areas to limit contact with students from a different class.
 - Any equipment used during class will be disinfected after each class period.
 - Students will bring water bottles with them and students will not be allowed to use water fountains.

Classrooms

- Masks will be encouraged but not mandatory at this time. Masks may be required if necessary due to increased spread of COVID in the area.
- Students will be social distanced as much as class size and activities will allow.
- Students in all grades will be assigned a seat.
- Each student will have individual supplies. (i.e. crayons, scissors, etc.)
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and used at assigned times throughout the day.
- Teachers will disinfect desks, chairs, and equipment once during the day at elementary and after each period/class change at the middle school and high school.
- All high touch surfaces will be disinfected daily.

Visitors

- All visitors will be screened and temperature taken before entering the building.
- Visitors will be limited to essential business only. (i.e. IEP meetings)
- Parents picking up students during the day will wait outside the door and their child will come out.
- Dismissal at the end of the day--parents will need to wait in their vehicle to eliminate congregating at the entrance.

Covid-19 Protocols

Positive Covid-19 Test:

If an employee or student is suspected or known to have contracted COVID-19



Return to school when ALL of the following conditions have been met:

1. 10 day quarantine after positive test
2. 1 day without fever, without fever reduction medication
3. Symptom are no longer present

Close Contact/Primary Exposure:

If an employee or student has had close contact (closer than 6 feet for longer than 15 minutes) with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19-

Return to school when a 14 Day Quarantine is completed from date of last exposure.

STUDENTS WITH SECONDARY EXPOSURE WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE UNTIL THEIR PRIMARY EXPOSURE IS COVID POSITIVE OR EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS.

THESE PROTOCOLS AR SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON CDC GUIDELINES

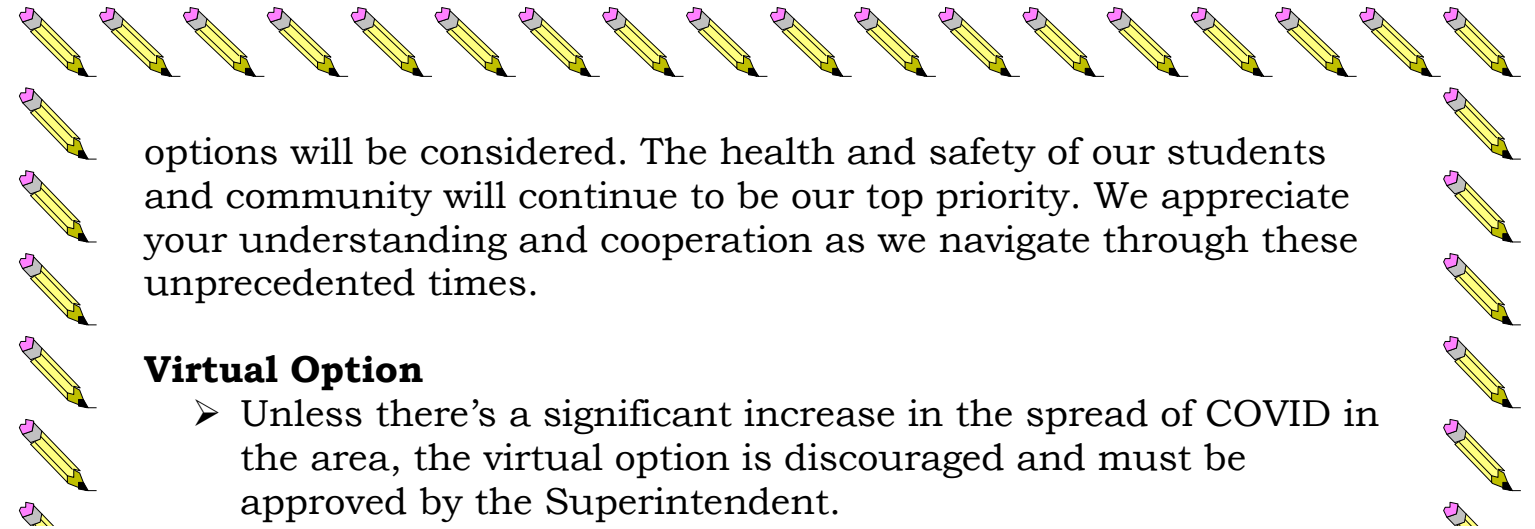
A positive diagnosis does not necessarily mean shutting down the entire school. We will be working with the Health Department to contact trace contacts and determine which individuals will be quarantined.

If you do not feel well or have any symptoms of COVID-19...STAY HOME!

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE OR IS EXHIBITING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19.

Confirmed Case Outbreak

In the event Gracemont Public Schools or the town of Gracemont experiences an outbreak of confirmed COVID-19 cases, additional steps and precautions will be implemented. These precautions can range anywhere from meals in classrooms, mandatory face masks while outside the classroom, to school closure/virtual instruction for all students. These decisions are not made lightly and all



options will be considered. The health and safety of our students and community will continue to be our top priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate through these unprecedented times.

Virtual Option

- Unless there's a significant increase in the spread of COVID in the area, the virtual option is discouraged and must be approved by the Superintendent.

Appendix A

Gracemont School Return to Learn Plan

2021-22 School Year

BOE Approved August 10, 2021

Gracemont Schools knows the very best opportunity for children to learn is when they are in school each day. Although distance learning remains an option for students who are sick or on quarantine, it is our goal for all of our students to be in school each day. Beyond COVID-related illness and quarantines, any parent who needs their child to be placed on distance learning must receive approval through the following process:

1. Contact the Superintendent to request approval for the child/children to be placed on distance learning. At that time, the Superintendent will convene a three-person committee consisting of the child's teacher, the district Special Education teacher and the Superintendent.
2. Within one week, a meeting with the parent and committee will be set. The purpose of the meeting is for the parent to present any information justifying the child/children learning from home. Any medical information presented at the meeting will remain confidential and must be from a licensed health care provider.
3. Once the committee has heard the parents' information and has asked any necessary questions, the committee will ask parents to leave the room so they can discuss the information and vote. The Superintendent will inform the parents of the committee's decision at that time.
4. A simple majority vote of the committee is final and cannot be appealed to the Board of Education.
5. If additional medical evidence becomes available following the vote, the parent may contact the Superintendent who will decide if another committee meeting is necessary.

Further revisions to this Appendix or the entire Return to learn Plan may be considered as the spread of COVID changes in the community and if the Governor declares a state of emergency.