



Reopening Plans

In-person Learning Model and Safety Plans

Garfield School District

2020-2021

OBJECTIVE

The goal of this plan is to provide a framework for the Garfield School District to reopen for the 2020-2021 school year; following DOH, OSPI, and CDC guidelines around the Covid-19 Pandemic. The objectives are to:

- Provide the most effective educational opportunities for all students.
- Have all students safely attend our school.
- Adhere to SEL and Academic needs of all students
- Partner with our communities to provide sound academic services

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THIS GUIDE PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND PLANS THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THE *DETAILED REOPENING PLAN*.

IN-PERSON EDUCATION SAFETY SUMMARY

Beginning the School Day

- Students riding the bus will be dropped off in the bus loop behind the school to be screened for symptoms.
- Students not riding the bus will line up wearing masks and distance at the main entrance to be screened for symptoms.
- Students who answer yes to any questions in the health screening or have a temperature above 100.4 will be sent home.
- Students who pass the health screening will proceed directly to their classroom.
- Teachers will perform a second check and report to the office after students enter the classroom.

During the School Day

- Students will enter classrooms with processes for cleaning & distancing.
- Students & staff will wear masks, wash hands often, and stay six feet apart
- Students and staff will follow safe processes for hallway, recess and meals
- Students who show symptoms will be isolated and sent home
- Classroom furniture will be arranged to maintain physical distancing
- Staff will frequently clean high touch areas.
- Windows will be open as much as possible to improve ventilation.
- Health and isolation rooms will follow guidelines for cleaning and PPE.

Ending the School Day

- Students will follow safe processes for exiting the school and boarding buses.
- Students will follow the same safe bus procedures
- Staff clean and disinfect the school following guidelines and protocols.

FURTHER DETAILS FOR THESE PROCEDURES CAN BE FOUND IN THE DETAILED SAFETY PLAN

IN-PERSON EDUCATION

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PLANS

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- Students waiting for the bus will be encouraged to physical distance wearing a mask.
- When the bus arrives, students will board the bus and be assigned a seat.
- Students will sit one to a seat when possible, siblings may sit together
- Upon arrival, elementary students will enter through elementary wing entrance and middle schoolers will enter the middle school entrance by the science room.

PARENT DROP OFF (Garfield main entrance only) PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.

Students who are dropped off by a parent must be screened at the main entrance. This is the only entry point to the school for drop off students.

- Students will line up maintaining physical distancing and wearing masks for screening. If a child doesn't have a mask, one will be provided for them.
- A student who answers yes to any questionnaire question or has a temperature of 100.4° F will be isolated and home will be contacted.
- When the student passes screening, they will proceed directly to their classroom.
- Teachers will perform a secondary check at the classroom and complete the log to submit to the office.

STAFF

Staff will sign in and attest to their health at the office each morning.

IN-PERSON EDUCATION

FACE COVERINGS

Wearing cloth face coverings may help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and is required for staff and students.

- Students should arrive at school or the bus stop wearing a face mask. If they do not bring one, one will be provided for them.
- Students must wear their mask at all times in the building.*
- Students must wear a mask at all times outside, when social distancing (6ft separation or more) is not possible.
- Masks must be worn correctly, over the nose and under the chin at all times.
- Even when cloth face coverings are worn, continue practicing physical distancing
- Younger students should be supervised when wearing a cloth face covering and may need help putting them on.

*Cloth face coverings should not be worn by:

- Those with a disability that prevents them from comfortably wearing or removing a face covering.
- Those with certain respiratory conditions or trouble breathing.
- Those who are deaf or hard of hearing, and those who provide instruction to such people, and use facial and mouth movements as part of communication.
- Those advised by a medical, legal, or behavioral health professional that wearing a face covering may pose a risk to that person
- A physician's note must accompany staff and/or students not wearing a cloth face mask and verified by the school nurse.

In rare circumstances when a cloth face covering cannot be worn, students and staff may use a clear face covering. If used, a clear face covering should extend below the chin, to the ears, and over the nose

IN-PERSON EDUCATION

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

SIX FEET

- Six feet of physical distancing will be encouraged and maintained through the building.
- Physical spaces will be utilized differently to assure physical distancing between all people in the building.
- Within this framework it must be understood there may be limited times when students and/or staff may need to be within six feet for short periods of time.

CLASSROOMS

- Classrooms arranged to have students sitting six feet apart
- No small groupings where physical distancing can not be maintained
- Whole class instruction
- Markings on the floor indicating areas where to stand
- Recommend providing your student with a water bottle to limit use of fountains.

COMMON AREAS

- Markers will be placed in areas where people may need to wait in line.
 - School entry
 - Bus line
 - Restrooms
 - Exterior doors from outdoor activities
 - Cafeteria

IN-PERSON EDUCATION

HYGIENE PRACTICES

- Students will be provided sanitizer when they board the bus or at their arrival screening at school.
- Younger students will be instructed by their teacher's proper hand washing techniques.
- Students should wash hands:
 - Enter the classroom
 - Before meals or snacks
 - After outside time
 - After using the bathroom
 - After blowing their nose or sneezing
 - Before leaving to go home
- Try not to touch eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs or sneezes. Masks should not be removed to cough or sneeze.
- No school supplies will be shared
- Teaching materials will be limited to items that can be easily disinfected.
 - Books and paper-based material are not considered high risk for viral spread.
- Lockers and locker rooms will not be used.

IN-PERSON EDUCATION

CLEANING PRACTICES

The school will follow specific guidance that describes safe cleaning and disinfection practices for schools/public spaces to ensure cleanliness and safety. A detailed protocol for cleaning and disinfecting can be found in the *Detailed Reopening Plan*.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, including all high touch areas such as door handles, flush buttons and levers, counters, sinks, and light switches. Restrooms will be stocked with soap and paper towels daily. Restrooms should be cleaned and disinfected twice a day.

DRINKING FOUNTAINS AND BOTTLE FILLERS

Drinking fountains will be cleaned and disinfected, including all buttons and levers at least twice daily.

KEYBOARDS AND OTHER SENSITIVE ELECTRONICS

Alcohol wipes will be used to clean keyboards and other sensitive electronics as needed. This will take place in the classroom during the school day by teachers and students.

PLAYGROUNDS Outdoor playground equipment should not be sprayed with disinfectant. Outdoor equipment should be cleaned as needed.

SOFT (POROUS) SURFACES

Surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes require only routine cleaning appropriate for the surface.

HIGH TOUCH AND TRAFFIC AREAS

All high touch and traffic areas will be cleaned consistently throughout the day. These items would include: doors, classroom furniture, electronics

IN-PERSON EDUCATION MEALS

BREAKFAST

- “Grab and Go” breakfast will be offered upon entrance to the building or classroom.
- Eat in the classroom.

LUNCH

- School lunches will be delivered to the classrooms
- Eat in the classroom or outside.

No condiment bar, communal grab areas or microwave use.

IN-PERSON EDUCATION EVENT RESPONSE

The district will work with state and local health authorities to address students or staff who become ill at school, communicate with families about potential or verified exposure to COVID-19 and when to quarantine students and staff in response to a potential or verified exposure to COVID-19.

IF A STUDENT SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF COVID

- Student will be removed from class and asked to wait in a designated area until they can be picked up by an authorized person.
- Local health authority will be notified and will advise on next steps.
- The person with symptoms should follow the department of health guidance for what to do if you have symptoms for COVID-19 and have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.
- If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, their family should notify the school.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

- At least 3 days (72 hrs.) have passed since recovery; AND
- At least 10 days have passed since signs first showed. OR
- It has been at least 3 days (72 hrs.) since recovery AND a healthcare provider has certified that the student does not have suspected or confirmed Covid-19
- School Nurse/Health has confirmed documentation

If a person believes they have had close contact to someone with COVID-19, but they are not sick, they should watch their health for signs of fever, cough, shortness of breath, and other COVID-19 symptoms during the 14 days after the last day they were in close contact with the person sick with COVID-19. They should not go to work, childcare, school, or public places for 14 days.