



Global Outreach Charter Academy High School #573

Tuition - Free Public School

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Safety Overview for Returning to School

Parents please understand that this is a fluid document and Global Outreach Charter Academy High School will continue updating as new developments come from our Governor, Department of Education, Department of Health, and District.

We recommend that all parents read through and familiarize themselves with the plan. During these uncertain times, we wish to ensure that you are in control of your child's education and comfortable with the options that are available to you. GOCA strives to empower and encourage you to make the decision that works best for you and your family.

Screening Prior to Coming to School

Parents, prior to coming to school, please check your student for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fever
- Muscle aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Loss of smell
- Loss of taste
- Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea
- Have been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19

If they have any combination of the above symptoms, please keep your student home and contact your medical provider.

Screening at School

Upon arriving at school and prior to exiting their vehicle, every student will have their temperature checked by a staff member. If the student's temperature is 100.4°F or greater, he or she will not be allowed to exit the vehicle and the parent will have to take their student home.

In efforts to reduce the number of visitors on campus, during the first quarter of school, the campus will be considered a "closed campus" and only essential visitors will be allowed on campus. This means that parents will not be able to walk their student on campus or to their classroom. Parents will be directed to the campus exit after their student has been cleared to enter the school. When students are cleared to exit their vehicle, they are required to wear a face covering. Any student without a face covering, one will be provided.

Face Covering

Due to the city mandate currently in place in Duval County, every person entering the school will be required to have on a face covering. Any student with a medical condition which prevents the wearing of a face mask, will be allowed to wear a face shield. Face coverings will be worn in common areas and in the hallways.

Face coverings will not be required in P.E. or any classes in which the facial covering is an obvious impediment to learning activities. PE and other electives will adhere to social distancing while limiting collaborative activity and shared resources.

This face covering policy may be revisited if or when the city mandate has been lifted. While the city mandate is in place, refusal to wear a face covering when entering the school, in common areas, or during other places where social distancing cannot be met, will result in disciplinary action.

Throughout the Day

To help further ensure student's safety, every room will be organized with only the necessary furniture to maintain social distancing as much as possible. In addition, every classroom will be equipped with sanitizing stations and hand sanitizing pumps. Students will be encouraged to frequently wash their hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day.

The layout and schedule of the classrooms have been designed to minimize the number of students moving at one time. Most of the ninth grade courses are on the first floor and the tenth grade courses are on the second floor. There will be two (2) 4-minute transitions between classes to allow for half of each floor to move during a transition. Class times will begin after the second transition is complete.

Students, whether on campus or through innovative learning, will follow their class schedule and attend the assigned class at the designated time. Based on the bell schedule, students on campus will move about the campus in a typical fashion from class to class.

For students participating through innovative learning, the teacher will assign and then provide a link for each of their classes through Google Classroom. Based on the student's schedule, the student will log into their assigned class at the designated time and participate in the class in real-time. The teacher's computer will be positioned to ensure online students are able to see the teacher and the board as well as interact with the class.

Cafeteria

The cafeteria will be arranged so that students will not be facing each other and approved sitting spots will be clearly marked. To ensure social distancing, a nearby classroom or the outside eating area will be used during lunch, depending on the weather.

Students will be required to wear a face covering while in the food line and will be directed to utilize the hand sanitizing station prior to receiving their food.

Dismissal

During dismissal, students must continue to wear a face covering while on campus.

- Students who are transported by bus to the Grizzly campus for extended day, will be required to wear a face covering on the bus.
- Students being picked up by a parent, must wear a face covering until they are in their vehicle.
- Student walkers may not remove their face covering until they have exited the campus gate.

Cleaning our Classrooms and School

We are implementing a sanitization plan specific to COVID-19. Cleaning and sanitization will be completed using products approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The plan includes:

- Sanitizing high touch point areas such as door handles and bathroom fixtures throughout the day
- A full campus deep cleaning on Wednesday evening and on the weekends
- Regular change of HVAC filters
- Misting of fabric or carpet with approved sanitizer
- Surface sanitization in evenings after work hours
- Fogging of spaces if required due to a person on campus being diagnosed with COVID-19

Student or Staff Become Ill on Campus

In the event that a staff member or student becomes ill or are showing COVID-19 symptoms on campus, there will be a designated room to isolate them until they can leave or are picked up from campus.

School health staff will use standard precautions (masks, face shields, gloves, and gowns) and will frequently wash their hands with soap and water.

The school has also updated the “sick and wellness” policies in the Parent and Student Handbook to indicate that a person must be symptom free for 72 hours before returning to campus.

Responding to a positive case of COVID-19

GOCA will work closely with the Florida Department of Health – Duval in managing all cases of infectious disease that could impact our campus. We will follow that same protocol with COVID-19.

If a student or school employee has tested positive for the virus, a Health Department employee will ask the infected person to name everyone they have recently been in contact with. Every person on the contact list will be tracked down and warned that they have been in contact with a person who tested positive for the COVID-19. Each person on that list will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days in case they become ill. They will also be instructed to check their temperature twice daily and report any COVID-19 symptoms to their doctor.

General announcements about infected individuals will not be made, maintaining the right to privacy with respect to any medical condition. However, if instances of COVID-19 impact campus operations in any way, we will make appropriate announcements through the school.

Each case will be handled individually, depending on the circumstances. If the student is too ill to participate, he or she would be absent. If the student will need to remain out of school for an extended period, he or she may qualify for Hospital/Homebound services provided by the District. If it is a matter of quarantine due to exposure but the student is otherwise healthy, the student could switch to Innovative Learning. GOCA is committed to working with our families to develop the appropriate plan for each circumstance.