

Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 Reopening Plan (Revised)

V. B. Glencoe Charter School

Instructional Model for the 2022-2023 School Year

V. B. Glencoe Charter School will operate a full traditional in-person model of instruction for the 2022-2023 school year following guidelines for maintaining a safe learning environment.

Protocols for Self-Monitoring and Screening

Self-Monitoring from home:

- Parents of students and employees are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to arrival on campus. Individuals with a temperature of 100.4 should not report to school or work.
- Individuals must stay home, inform the school, and notify their healthcare provider if they have two or more of the following symptoms: headache, fever, cough, nasal drainage, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, loss of taste, loss of smell.

Symptomatic Students and Employees at School:

- Students and employees displaying symptoms of COVID 19 while at school will be isolated. Students will be adequately supervised until the student is picked up.
- It will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to *promptly* pick up the student from school.

Recommendations for all COVID 19 Community Levels:

- Everyone who is eligible for a COVID 19 vaccine is encouraged to stay up to date on vaccinations.
- Anyone with COVID 19 symptoms, regardless of vaccination status, should be tested for COVID 19,
 - If a rapid antigen test is negative, a symptomatic person should seek confirmatory PCR testing
 - If confirmatory testing is negative, they can return to school as long as they meet the return-to-school requirements (e.g., 24-hours fever free without the use of fever reducing medication.
 - If confirmatory testing is positive, the symptomatic person has COVID 19 and should complete at-home isolation
 - All positive cases should be reported to the school. The school nurse will follow-up with parents.

Isolation:

Individuals with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 infection should not return to school until the following “end of self-isolation criteria” are met. Day 0 is the day symptoms began or, if asymptomatic, the day the person took a test that had a positive result. Day 1 is the day after symptoms began, or if a person does not have symptoms, the day after the person tested positive (use the date the test sample was collected).

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can return to school.
 - If you continue to have a fever or your other symptoms have not improved after 5 days, you should stay in isolation until you are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and your other symptoms have improved.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days (i.e., through Day 10).
 - If school cannot ensure masking for 5 additional days, then the individual should isolate for a full 10 days.

- Student athletes participating in contact sports should not return to athletic events for the full 10 days

Absences for Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19:

An excused absence will be entered *when a doctor's excuse is provided confirming a positive COVID case or alternative diagnosis.*

- Home COVID tests will be treated the same as a parent note and will not result in an excused absence.
- The parent's choice to quarantine without a documented positive case will not be an excused absence unless the student has been quarantined by a physician as documented by a doctor's excuse,

Continuing Learning During Isolation:

Students will be responsible for making up missed work during isolation for COVID 19 as with any illness. All students have access to school issued Chromebooks. Materials and lessons will be posted and accessible on Google Classroom to the greatest extent possible.

- Students in grades 7-12 should have access to their device daily, except during school holidays.
- A device pick up can be arranged for students in grades k – 6th grade.
- Packets for grade K – 4th can be made for students who do not have the internet and must be picked up by parents or sent home with a sibling.

Please see Low Cost Internet Options below.

Medium/High Community Levels of COVID 19

At a medium COVID-19 Community Level, people who are immunocompromised or at risk for getting very sick with COVID-19 should talk to their healthcare provider about the need to wear a mask.

During a high Covid 19 Community Level, school leadership will have the option to implement the wearing of face coverings.

Direct Contact with a Person with COVID 19

Anyone with a known or suspected exposure to COVID-19 should wear a well-fitting mask or respirator around others for 10 days from their last exposure, regardless of vaccination status or history of prior infection. They should also get tested at least 5 full days after their last exposure, even if they don't develop symptoms. Direct contact is defined as being within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period. It is the responsibility of the child and parent to self-monitor masking.

Recommendations for Masking and Other Measures During High Community Levels or During Outbreaks:

Wearing a well-fitted mask consistently and correctly reduces the risk of spreading the virus that causes COVID -19. Universal indoor masking is recommended at a high COVID-19 Community Level and when experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. People at risk for getting very sick with COVID 19 should wear a mask that provides greater protection, such as N95s.

A grade level or school outbreak will be determined by consultation with the Regional Medical Director. During outbreaks, administration will determine if masking will be required and for the duration of such.

- All decisions about implementing school-based strategies (e.g., masking, dismissals, event cancellations, athletic event cancellations, and/or other social distancing measures) will be made locally, in collaboration with the school leadership and Regional Medical Director.
- Factors that will be considered in closing a school or classroom will be the level of community transmission, number of students/faculty affected and risk of spread at the school.

Exposure Notification to Parents

Elementary COVID Courtesy Exposure Call

- If the school receives a report of a positive COVID case on campus that is not attributable to an outside exposure, a courtesy exposure robo-call will be sent to that student's class.

Good morning/afternoon: This is (insert name) from (insert name). This is a courtesy call to inform you, your student was exposed to COVID-19 at school. If your child becomes ill, keep him/her home and contact the school. Thank you.

Middle/High School COVID Courtesy Exposure Call

- If the school receives a report of a positive COVID case on campus that is not attributable to an outside exposure, a courtesy exposure robo-call will be sent to that student's schedule. If a positive case is identified on a sports team, the coach will be responsible for notifying the parents of the remaining players of the exposure.

Good morning/afternoon: This is (insert name) from (insert name). This is a courtesy call to inform you, your student was exposed to COVID-19 at school. If your child becomes ill, keep him/her home and contact the school. Thank you.

Personal Hygiene

- Using hand sanitizing with sanitizers containing a minimum of 60% alcohol and hand washing with soap is recommended as a prevention to the spread of COVID 19.
- Students and staff should wash or sanitize hands upon entering the bus, arrival at school, and throughout the day.
- Students may bring hand sanitizer from home with the appropriate alcohol content.
- Proper hand washing for 20 seconds with soap and water will be explained to students and practiced with younger students.
- Teachers will be provided with hand sanitizer and soap as needed.
- Personal refillable water bottles are highly recommended for all students.

· **Face Coverings:** Please see guidance above for masking.

Disinfecting and Cleaning Measures

Disinfecting and cleaning measures will be conducted at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading by touching surfaces in the following areas throughout the day:

- Frequently touched surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, and faucet handles
- Office spaces, common areas, and work areas
- Restrooms
- Classrooms
- Water fountains; Students are asked to bring a water bottle from home.

- If an area was used by a sick person or someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 24 hours, the space should be cleaned and disinfected.

Wi-Fi Access and Low Cost Options:

T-Mobile Project 10 Million – Free Hotspots and Internet to 10 million qualifying customers.

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/project-10-million>

Version – Low cost Internet for those who qualify.

<https://www.verizon.com/info/low-income-internet/>

Cox - Low-cost student internet \$9.95/month.

<https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html>

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