

Ready to Achieve! 2022-2023 Reopening Plan

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.

Isolation for Individuals with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19:

All positive cases should be reported to the school. The school nurse will follow-up with parents.

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

Symptomatic, positive, or quarantined individuals will be contacted by the school nurse for specific details regarding returning to school. A doctor note with a confirmed positive test result is required upon return to school.

Please see absence procedures below.

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

Direct contact is defined as being within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.

Direct Contact Outside of the School Setting:

- An individual who has been in direct contact with someone who has COVID-19 should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days. It is the responsibility of the child and parent to self-monitor masking. Parents and staff must inform the teacher/school on the first day of school after exposure.

Covid 19 Outbreak within the School Setting:

Masking will be required if it is determined that an outbreak of COVID 19 has occurred within a cohort, or core group, on campus.

A cohort is a core group of students that follow the same schedule or similar schedules throughout the day. This could be a classroom or a grade level.

- A cohort outbreak occurs when there are 3 or more positive cases within 14 days that are not contributed to a known exposure outside of the school setting. ***When this occurs, the cohort group will be required to wear a well-fitted mask until there are 14 days of no new positive cases.***
- A school outbreak occurs when 5% of the school population have positive cases within 14 days that are not contributed to a known exposure outside of the school setting. ***When this occurs, all students and staff will be required to wear a well-fitted mask until there are 14 days of no new positive cases.***

- Seating charts will be maintained in classrooms and on buses to track school exposure.
- Implementation of full virtual learning for a COVID outbreak will be an individual, case-by-case decision. That decision will ultimately be made by school leadership, with guidance and expertise from the Regional Medical Director.
- All decisions about implementing school-based strategies (e.g., dismissals, event cancellations, 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 contributable 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 contributable 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.

- If there are **three or more cases that in one grade level that are not contributable to an outside exposure in a 14 day period**, an exposure robo-call will be sent to the entire grade level and the cohort will be required to wear a well-fitting mask.

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. At this time, we ask that your student wear a well-fitting mask at school until further notice. 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 community and cohort levels of COVID 19

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>