



**HOW WILL THE SCHOOL CARE FOR A SICK CHILD?**

- Any student that exhibits potential COVID symptoms or a temperature of 100°F or higher will be sent to the office for care. This will include isolation and parent notification to pick up the child as soon as possible. Students with fevers must stay out of school for a minimum of 24 hours.

**HOW CAN PARENTS DO THEIR PART IN SELF-SCREENING?**

Families and staff members will be asked to assess the following *daily* before leaving home for GEMS\*

Are you/is the student experiencing any of the following?

Group A: 1 or more symptoms	Group B: 2 or more symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Fever (100.4 or higher)</li> <li>● Cough</li> <li>● Shortness of breath</li> <li>● Difficulty breathing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sore throat</li> <li>● Runny nose/congestion</li> <li>● Chills</li> <li>● New lack of smell or taste</li> <li>● Muscle pain</li> <li>● Nausea or Vomiting</li> <li>● Headache</li> <li>● Diarrhea</li> </ul>

***Stay home if, you or the student:***

- Have one or more symptoms in Group A **OR**
- Have two or more symptoms in Group B **OR**
- Are taking fever reducing medication.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?**

- GEMS will follow the guidelines and directives from the CDC and Ohio Department of Health for reporting positive COVID-19 cases within our school community. Decisions for contact tracing, closing the school, or other formal responses will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- In order for a student/staff who tested positive for COVID-19 to be allowed to return to campus they must be able to answer YES to the following questions per the CDC:
  - Has it been at least 10 days since the individual first had symptoms?
  - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual had a fever (without using fever-reducing medicine)?
  - Has it been at least 3 days since the individual’s symptoms have improved including cough and/or shortness of breath?



### ***WHAT ARE THE CLEANING PROTOCOLS?***

- A thorough deep cleaning has taken place throughout the summer and will continue on a daily basis as staff begin to use the building in August.
- EPA-approved disinfectant will be used and available in each office and classroom. High touch, common items will be frequently disinfected.
- School faculty and staff will be trained on proper use of cleaning agents.
- Common areas will be cleaned & sanitized throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be placed throughout the hallways, classrooms, and common areas for ease of access and students will be encouraged to use them frequently.
- Classroom doors and windows will be kept open as much as possible to allow ventilation and airflow.
- When possible, the sharing of supplies between students should be avoided. If it is necessary, supplies will be cleaned between uses.
- In general, the elimination of high-touch surfaces will be prioritized. For example, classroom doors will be left open rather than having students open the door when entering and leaving the classroom or the door can be closed once all students have entered followed by hand sanitizing.

### ***HOW WILL PHYSICAL DISTANCING WORK IN THE CLASSROOM?***

- In every classroom, GEMS will arrange the space to follow physical distancing recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics to space desks 3 feet apart, facilitate minimum room changes, and utilize outside spaces as much as possible.
- Individual teachers will be asked to use their best judgment as they interact with students including appropriate distancing.

### ***WHAT ARE THE FACE COVERING PROTOCOLS?***

- All faculty, staff, and students will be required to wear face coverings during the school day.
- Face covering requirements may change as state and local guidelines change.
- An appeal process for permission to refrain from following the face covering expectation due to medical reasons with a doctor's note can be submitted to the office.

### ***ARE VISITORS ALLOWED IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING?***

- Parents needing to deliver items to their child during the day are required to wear a face covering and drop off the items at the main office, but not to individual classrooms.