

Grace Lutheran School believes that students learn best in the classroom. We have created a comprehensive plan to account for all safety protocols needed and comply with recommendations and requirements shared from our local public health officials and the CDC to achieve this goal. **Our plan is to be in school full time in all grades PK2-12 this fall, which we feel best supports student learning, in a safe environment, all day/every day.**

Given our large facility footprint and smaller class sizes (student to teacher ratios), we are confident that we can safely welcome students back to campus and adequately follow physical distancing requirements. The agency primarily responsible for overseeing private schools is the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's public health districts. GLS/GLHS falls under Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) district. This plan has been reviewed by this district and follows the recommendations of that agency. We will continue to monitor these guidelines and protocols and adapt based on new information or direction from state and/or local officials.

The State Board of Education and our local school districts have been releasing reopening plans for their schools in the fall. There are differences between our plan and theirs, however, there is consistency in personal hygiene recommendations and physical distancing. While we often follow the recommendations and practices from the SBOE and School District 25, we are under no obligation to follow their reopen plan.

The following plan will be reviewed weekly so that we can be nimble to any changes that may be necessary for continued student/staff safety.

Overall Prevention/Safety Strategies

- **GLS/GLHS staff members, students (K-12) and scheduled visitors are required to wear masks/face coverings/clear face shields when physical distancing cannot be maintained at school (i.e. entry and exit, in hallways, common spaces).**
- **Uniform approved face coverings are to be solid color or a Royals spirit wear face covering.** All students (K-12) will be given a Royals spirit wear face covering prior to the start of school. Additional face coverings will be available for purchase in the school office. Should there be a medical exception for mask use, please let your student's teacher or building administrator know.
- **Temperature screenings and health checks will be used prior to access into the building.** Students are to remain home if temperature exceeds 100.4 as per CDC guidelines or COVID related symptoms are present.

- We have improved our facility with increased cleaning and hand sanitizing stations located in proximity to each classroom. A schedule of specific cleaning and sanitizing procedures will be maintained to provide a safe environment for students and staff. Students, teachers and staff will be trained in proper hand washing techniques and sanitation practices.
- As we begin, we will minimize large gatherings, encourage physical distancing in our classroom configurations, keep students in cohort groupings throughout their day when possible, and limit locker use.
- Specific schedules, traffic patterns, and transitions that allow for physical distancing, to the extent possible, have been developed.
- **Grace Lutheran's campus is closed to all visitors**, except those with appointments. If you have an appointment, please check in at the front desk, where your temperature will be taken. Visitors will be required to wear a face covering.
- Wellness Education and Health-related signage will be present around campus.

Educational Excellence

Grace Lutheran will continue to provide instructional delivery at the highest level in an in-person model. Students will continue to have high levels of access to technology and instruction in using tools such as Google Classroom and other digital platforms.

Facts/Renweb will be the primary tool for communication and reporting progress to our families. Should GLS/GLHS be given the directive to close by either Southeastern Idaho Public Health or the Governor's office, Grace Lutheran Schools will move to a synchronous learning model in grades K-12 for daily instructional delivery.

Entering and Exiting the building:

Temperature screenings and health checks will be used prior to access into the building. Students are to remain home if temperature exceeds 100.4 as per CDC guidelines

- Entrances are limited to:
 - Front Entrance-High School (grades 9-12)-doors open at **8:05 a.m.**
 - Front Entrance-Elementary School (grades K-8)-doors open at **8:10 a.m.**
 - Early Childhood Entrance (EC2-EC4 and Extended Day Program)-doors

open at **7:00 a.m.**

- Students will be asked to proceed directly to their classroom after being checked (homeroom or first hour) and not linger/congregate in hallways. Teachers will help to ensure students maintain spacing in lines as they move through hallways.
- **Parents will be asked to limit their entry to the front office areas of our buildings and not go to classroom areas.**
- Students are to exit campus at the end of the school day unless participating in extracurricular activities or meeting with teacher/staff

End of Day Pick-up will occur outside for all students at outside classroom pickup locations. Those students being picked up from our Early Childhood program will be brought to the Early Childhood Center entrance upon parent arrival.

Attendance:

Daily attendance is expected as per our Family Handbook.

Classroom Seating:

Desks will be spaced to provide the greatest amount of physical distancing between students. In rooms where desks are not used, student work areas will be physically distanced to maximize the spacing between students

Hot Lunch:

EC2-Kindergarten students will have lunch in their classrooms and, if ordering hot lunch, the meals will be delivered to the room.

Students in grades 1-8 students will eat lunch in classrooms. Students desiring hot lunch will either pick up meals in the cafeteria (5-8) or they will be delivered to the classroom.

High School students will continue to have the privilege of an open campus for lunch. Students who choose to go off campus for lunch will be encouraged to participate in Covid Safe practices, in accordance with recommendations from the CDC. On campus lunch procedures will remain the same with modifications to proximity of students eating lunch together to encourage physical distancing and face coverings when that is not possible.

Chapel and Large Gatherings:

Chapel is an integral part of GLS. To begin the year, we will provide an online weekly chapel service in classrooms at our regularly scheduled chapel times. We will resume in-person

chapel when appropriate. Other large gatherings such as assemblies and multi-age groups of children will be discontinued for the time being.

Field Trips:

Learning outside the classroom is a highly held value at GLS and scheduling educational field trips will be evaluated on a case by case basis. To begin the year we will direct teachers to curtail field trips in the interest of student safety. Our goal is to reschedule major excursions to later in the year.

Athletics (Middle School/High School):

Grace Lutheran will follow IHSAA guidelines for all activities, athletic events and practices. Our goal is to maintain school activities and athletic schedules to the best of our abilities adhering to the CDC prevention guidelines and best practices will increase our chances of being successful.

Staff, student or visitor exhibits symptoms at school:

Student/staff/visitors who exhibit symptoms would be moved to an isolation room and Grace Lutheran School administration will work directly with Southeastern Idaho Public Health for guidance/ plan of action for students and staff.

<p>Illness Prevention and response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stay home if sick.● Practice physical distancing.● Practice good hand hygiene.● Cover cough and sneezes.● Wear cloth face coverings in public places.● Disinfect surfaces and objects regularly.● Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.	<p>If a student experiences symptoms of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student may return to school after 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery as defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms
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Student Remote Learning (K-12)

Should a student be given the directive by a medical provider or Southeastern Idaho Public Health (SIPH) to quarantine due to exposure or a positive test case, please notify school administration immediately so that a learning plan can be established.

If a student is required to quarantine via a directive given by SIPH, the method of remote learning will be coordinated by building principal, classroom teacher, and student/family. This could be through a synchronous model of direct classroom instruction where students are part of classroom teaching while it is occurring, a hybrid of synchronous and asynchronous where parts of instruction are live and parts are self paced, or all self paced learning. The determination of the instructional model will be identified by building level principal, classroom teacher and student/family.

All guidelines and protocols of our plan are subject to change based on new information or direction from Southeastern Idaho Public Health or the CDC.

Helpful Links to General Information:

- ***Regional Health District Contact Information -***
<https://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health/healthdistricts/tabid/97/default.aspx>
- ***Center for Disease Control (CDC) -***
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- ***<https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/>***