



GREAT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR REOPENING

July 20, 2020

OUR CURRENT CLIMATE

- This is an medical issue more than it is an educational issue.
- Guidance continues to change.
- People are concerned.
- There are no easy answers.
- Whatever our plan...we are in this together!

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- The safety of our school community remains our number one priority, and we will follow state and local health guidelines and regulations.
- We are committed to delivering a high-quality learning program for all students, and will address all academic levels, learning gaps, and social-emotional needs.
- We will ensure that our practices are inclusive and that all resources and tools are available to all students we serve.
- We will be transparent in our communications with stakeholders and will communicate regularly to share information, gather input, and engage our community.
- We will provide staff with the training and resources they need to successfully deliver the educational program.

TIMELINE

- July 20 Overview of reopening plan & considerations
- August 3 School Board considers approval of Health & Safety Plan
- August 4-12 Families select learning options
- August 26 First student day (per current school calendar)*

KEY RESOURCES

- CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators of K-12 Schools and Child Care Programs to Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease (COVID 19)
- Chester County Health Department School Guidance
- PA School Reopening Task Force Report
- PolicyLab: Evidence and Considerations for School Reopenings (Children's Hospital of Philadelphia)
- REL Mid-Atlantic: Guidance for Reopening Pennsylvania's Schools
- SickKids: COVID 19 – Recommendations for School Reopening
- American Academy of Pediatrics: COVID 19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry
- Many other resources and publications

CONSIDERATIONS FROM GUIDANCE:

- 6 feet for social distancing is the optimal distance; some evidence to suggest 3 feet mitigates risks as well (CCHD & AAP).
- Students/staff should wear masks when unable to social distance at 6 feet.
- Control all points of entrance and hallway traffic.
- Frequent handwashing and sanitizer use is urged.
- Increase circulation of outside air.
- Increase and frequently clean, especially “high touch” areas.

FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

17% No intention of sending students

27% Intend to send students to school

56% Decision dependent on the District's plan

Of those sending students or possibly sending students, 82% would consider sending children if social distancing was 3-6 feet.

FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

Of those considering sending students, 76% indicated 5 days per week was acceptable.

58% Would use busses to and from school

44% Would rely on Great Valley's food service program

7% Would claim an exemption from mask-wearing

FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

49% Supported a “live” instruction all day model

39% Supported a blend of live and independent assignments

REOPENING OPTIONS

1. Reopen all schools 5 days per week with virtual option
2. Hybrid schedule: Blend of in-person & virtual instruction
3. Virtual instruction for all students

FULL REOPEN WITH VIRTUAL OPTION

- Permits access to facilities and school resources.
- Allows maximum social interaction.
- Special education and other specialized services can be provided.
- Students/staff would be required to wear masks when less than 6 feet.
- Cafeteria seating would be extended into other areas for social distancing, as well as into classrooms.
- Students would sit two per seat and wear masks on busses.
- Hallway traffic would be reconfigured (directional hallways/stairwells).
- Cleaning and sanitation (bathrooms, water stations, etc.) would be increased.

FULL REOPEN WITH VIRTUAL OPTION

Other consideration:

- Possible elimination of secondary student lockers
- Coordination of student arrival and dismissal times
- Configuration of health room spaces
- Communication of COVID-19 cases

FULL REOPEN WITH VIRTUAL OPTION

Virtual Program: Two Approaches

- Students would follow the typical school schedule and participate in classes through a Microsoft Teams connection.
- Cameras may be in the classroom to stream instruction to the students.
- Students would participate in activities to the best extent possible and have the same assignments as students in the classroom.
- Students would have breaks throughout the day, such as lunch and recess, with students in their same grade level.
- An asynchronous component for select classes/special areas could be used to limit students' screen time.
- We are still evaluating an enhanced version of our spring format as well.

FULL REOPEN WITH VIRTUAL OPTION

Instruction provided by a Great Valley Teacher

Elementary	Secondary
Two to three 20-40 minute live sessions per day addressing the four core areas (English/Language Arts, math, social studies, science)	Two to three whole class live sessions per week per course
Weekly small group instruction (Reading/word study/math)	Weekly small group instruction
Weekly individual student conferences	Individual check-ins
Targeted intervention and support for students	Targeted intervention and support for support

HYBRID OPTION

- Half of students attend one day while the other half participate via camera in classroom
- The next day – students alternate
- Hybrid may be an enhanced version of our spring program and not involve cameras (blend of live & recordings/assignments)
- 6 feet of social distancing could be permitted
- Consideration for special education programs to run 5 days
- May cause issues for working parents

HYBRID OPTION: SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Need for increased mental health support for students and staff
- Elementary playground may be closed
- Secondary lockers may not be used
- Physical education classes will eliminate/greatly reduce shared equipment
- Music classes may utilize facial coverings
- Nurses' offices will implement specific safety procedures per the Chester County Health Department
- Students/staff must self-monitor & take own temperatures before arriving
- Visitors must have temperature taken upon entry
- Possibility of delaying the start of school until after Labor Day

ALL STUDENTS VIRTUAL

- This model could happen at any time
- Based on information previously shared tonight
- We will continue to monitor the current situation and review emerging guidance
- Social and emotional impact on children

COMPONENTS OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

- Based Upon Template Provided by Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE)
 - Actions Steps Under Yellow and Green Stages (schools remain open)
 - Materials, Resources, and Supports Needed
 - Professional Development
 - Lead Individual Responsible for Planning and Preparations
 - If in Red Stage, Online Format for All Students

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

- Programs for Learning
- Safety Procedures
- Transportation
- Food Service

ATHLETIC/MARCHING BAND PLAN

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
WWW.GVSD.ORG/COVID-19 - SUMMER UPDATES



District Home

- Summer Updates**
- Home
- Summer Office Hours
- Athletics
- Band & District-Sponsored Activities
- Facility Rental/Use
- Food Program
- Health and Safety Plan (School Reopening)
- Summer Correspondence
- Summer Reading and Resources

Summer Updates

This section of our website is designed to share information and updates related to the summer of 2020 and the start of the 2021 school year. Information will be added as it becomes available. Check back often, or subscribe to the RSS feed to receive updates in your browser.

Please use the links to the left to access information related to each topic.

Summer School Board Meetings

Please be aware of the following topics that will be discussed at School Board meetings throughout the summer.

QUESTIONS?