



**GRENADA SCHOOL DISTRICT
FACIAL COVERINGS PLAN**

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The Grenada School District Board of Education approved the Grenada School District Facial Coverings Plan as documented in the Board minutes of July 14, 2020.

Approval of the Facial Coverings Plan was made with the understanding that the Superintendent or his designee has the authority to make changes or adjustments as conditions for the COVID-19 Pandemic change.

The District encourages social distancing (6 feet apart) for all students and staff. The District also encourages the use of facial coverings. Teachers and staff will be required to use a facial covering (mask or shield) while teaching or on duty.

In an effort to keep students and staff safe, the Grenada School District Board has approved the following guidance:

- A facial covering is recommended, but not required, if students and staff are 6 feet or more apart (social distancing). This is considered low risk or low exposure by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- A facial covering is required if students are less than 6 feet apart. This is considered high risk or high exposure by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Students will likely move in and out of conditions where they are 6 feet or less from others (social distancing) throughout the school day. Therefore, all students must have access to a facial covering at all times. Teachers will educate students as to when and where facial coverings are necessary.

Note: Cloth or disposable face coverings should not be placed on:

- Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious.
- Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.
- Students who are unable to wear cloth face coverings due to medical issues, will be required to bring a medical statement from his/her physician to the school's principal.
- Plastic face shields may be worn by students-who have trouble breathing.
- Face coverings must not contain any vulgar, offensive, or derogatory language, including but not limited to gang/group symbols or affiliation, political/religious/racial or sexual references.

Parent Responsibility to Report COVID-19 Cases

The District asks parents to immediately report to their child's principal if their child has had close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or if their child has tested positive for COVID-19.

If your child has close contact with someone who has COVID-19: We ask that parents keep their child at home for 14 days after the last contact with the person who has COVID-19, watch for fever (100.4°F), cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms, and if possible, keep your child away from others who are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19. Close contact means your child was within 6 feet of someone who had COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes, has provided care to someone with COVID-19, had direct physical contact with the person (hugged, touched, kissed them), shared eating or drinking utensils, or the sick person sneezed, coughed, or got respiratory droplets on your child.

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19: You should keep them at home, in isolation to the extent possible, for at least 14 days until your child is free of fever, without medication, for at least 24 hours.

Your child will receive virtual / on-line instruction while absent and the absence will be excused without a doctor's excuse.

Principals will contact Dr. Herrington to report COVID-19 related cases. She will contact the health department.

PROTOCOL FOR LOW-RISK EXPOSURE

Scenario #1 – The school is notified that a student in a traditional class has tested positive for the virus. The student was in a class where social distancing was practiced, and a facial covering was worn at all times by all students and the teacher. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this is a low-risk exposure.

Scenario #2 – The student is in a traditional class where facial coverings were worn, but social distancing was not practiced due to seating arrangements (Less than 6-feet apart). According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), this is a low-risk exposure.

For both these low-risk scenarios:

(a) Parents will be notified by phone or email. (It is important that parents or guardians notify the school if they have a change in their email, address, or phone number).

(b) If your student was NOT within 6 feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more, the student will be allowed to remain in school. (The principal will do an investigation to determine the proximity of all students in the setting).

- Parents should monitor their child for symptoms each day.
- Parents should contact the school if any symptoms develop over the next 14 days.
- The school will monitor your child for symptoms by taking the student's temperature twice a day for 14 days.

(c) If your student WAS within 6 feet of the infected person for 15 minutes or more, the student will be sent home to be quarantined for 14 days from the time of exposure and the parent is to monitor their health.

PROTOCOL FOR HIGH-RISK EXPOSURE

Scenario #3 – The school is notified that a student participating in an activity/sport has tested positive for the virus. The infected student on the football team was engaged in physical contact with other team players where no facial covering was worn. According to Center for Disease Control (CDC), this is a high-risk exposure.

- a) Parents will be notified by phone or email. (Parents or guardians must notify the school if you have a change in your email, address, or phone number).
- b) Your student will be sent home to quarantine for 14 days and you to monitor their health.

Scenario #4 – A parent sends their child to school after the child has received a quarantine order for 14 days due to exposure or testing positive for COVID-19. The student has not been exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms including fever. The principal receives a report that this student is under a quarantine order, but the parent sent him/her to school.

- The principal will communicate with student to confirm if he/she is under a quarantine order. If confirmed, the student will be placed in the school's isolation room.
- The principal will immediately call the parent to come pick the student up from school. The principal will conference with parent regarding the seriousness of ignoring the quarantine order.
- If the principal cannot contact the parent, the student will be placed in an isolation room. Mr. Benji Britt will be called to transport the student home if the child is capable of staying alone at home or has supervision at home. The principal will also send an email asking the parent to contact the school.
- The principal will contact Dr. Herrington. She will notify the health department that the quarantine order was not followed.
- The parent will be notified that their student will be placed on virtual/on-line learning while the pandemic is active.

We encourage students to stay home when sick, even without documentation from doctors. Our school district has little, or no control of what students do outside of the school days, but if students become “virus educated”, they will protect themselves as well as others.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Governor, President, Mississippi Department of Education, and the Mississippi Department of Health are currently adjusting guidelines for schools. It is our hope that this information will provide additional guidance and recommendations. Please be patient as we work to keep all students safe while offering a high-quality education.