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Grand Coulee Dam School District

Oversight

Our guidance for COVID safety comes from multiple sources, including the CDC, WA Department of Health, WA Labor and Industry, Region 7 Public Health, and Okanogan County Public health. The most recent guidance can be found at doh.wa.gov



School Schedule

The start of the 2021-2022 school year will be more like our typical non-COVID year. All students are in person, five days a week. Details on masking, vaccinations, hygiene, etc. are listed below. Sick students or those with ill household members may not come to school.



Screening

Students and staff will participate in a screening process for proper masking and COVID symptoms or exposures, similar to the 2021 school year. This screening will continue for at least one month for students, and indefinitely for staff.



Bus Routes

Check with your child's school office, or the school district website, for the most recent details on bus stops and times. Students will be screened on busses for at least the first month of school. Properly fitted and worn masks are a requirement to ride the bus. Sick students, or those with ill household members may not come to school or ride the bus.



Vaccinations

Students are not required to receive the COVID vaccine at this time. Students age 12 and up may receive the Pfizer vaccine. All staff and volunteers are required to show proof of full-vaccination or waiver status by October 18, per Governor Inslee.



Masking

Double layer masks, worn above the nose and below the mouth are required of all persons entering the building, riding the bus or attending indoor events.



Hygiene

Proper handwashing continues to be one of the best defenses against illness. In addition to handwashing, students and staff are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the building, when handwashing is not readily available. CDC guidelines are used for classroom sanitation.



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COVID Flow Chart

The most recent guidance for attending school after possible exposure or development of symptoms is located on our website. Health room staff are available to answer questions and help determine appropriate quarantine and return dates.



Social Distancing

Students in classrooms will social distance at 3-feet whenever possible. Staff will social distance at 6 feet from other staff and students. All persons will social distance as near to 6 ft as possible when eating (masks off). Proper masking is a requirement regardless of social distancing, except when eating or outside.



Communication & Contact Tracing

The school reports positive cases and known close contacts to Okanogan Public Health. We also participate in contact tracing with our area partners. Parents/guardians are informed by school staff of close contacts or positive cases in their student's classrooms-though student specific information is not shared.



Athletics

We are following WIAA guidelines for athletes and spectators. Criteria are dependent on whether the sport is indoors or outdoors and considered low, medium, or high risk.



Internet Assistance

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Information can be found at the school offices or our website.



Attendance

Daily student attendance is crucial for student success. Please make every effort to make sure your child is at school and ready to learn everyday.



Still Have Questions?

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us.

High School office: 633-1442
Elementary office: 633-0730

