



GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS

2021-2022 RETURN TO SCHOOL AND WORK PLAN

We're excited to begin the 2021-2022 school year and welcome our students back to school for in-person classes. While COVID-19 remains a serious concern, the safety of students and staff remains our top priority. We will take every precaution to keep everyone safe and healthy, continue to promote safe health practices, and monitor conditions closely to determine how best to adapt to potentially changing conditions.

KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE



COVID-19 Vaccinations

The District strongly encourages people age 12 and older to be vaccinated for COVID-19. When possible, we will host free COVID-19 vaccination clinics in the district. We'll keep you informed of upcoming vaccination opportunities.



Face Masks

The Ohio Dept. of Health recommends students and staff wear face masks while at school. Groveport Madison Schools also recommends using masks when indoors; however, we do not require their use at this time. One exception is when on school buses. Under current state health orders, students and staff must wear a face mask on school buses through Monday, September 13.

Students in grades 6-12 are expected comply with the masking expectations of their parent/guardian while at school. It is the student's responsibility to monitor their own behavior in this regard.

We will do our best to enforce the masking expectations that parents/guardians set for their elementary-age children. Please notify your child's teacher if you expect your Pre-K-5 student to wear a mask while indoors. That will allow their teacher to identify and ensure students who are supposed to wear a mask during the school day are doing so.



Social Distancing

We will follow current guidance, which allows for social distancing of three feet or more. Whenever possible, we will increase social distancing to six feet.

MAINTAINING A SAFE AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



Indoor Air Quality

This summer, we installed filtering systems to remove airborne particulates and disinfect the air coming from the HVAC systems in all of our schools and offices.



Cleaning & Sanitization

We will maintain cleaning and disinfection protocols in schools and offices. Frequent hand-washing will be encouraged, and we will keep a supply of hand sanitizer and other products to promote a healthy environment.



Touchless Water Fountains

Over the summer, we also installed touchless water fountains and water-bottle filling stations.



Outdoor Classrooms and Activities

We will continue to promote the use of outdoor education and play settings.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



There are currently no restrictions on students participating in athletics nor other school-related activities. There are currently no restrictions on crowd sizes nor are spectators required to wear masks at District events. We encourage the use of face masks and will follow CDC-recommended health and sanitization protocols.

COVID-19 REPORTING, TESTING, AND CONTACT TRACING



Contact Tracing

The District will continue to notify anyone we are aware of having had close contact with an individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.



Confirmed Cases, Exhibiting Symptoms, and Potential Exposures

The District will offer free, fast-response COVID take-home tests (results available within 15 minutes) to anyone who has a known exposure to COVID. Please note the following quarantine guidelines:

- **Fully vaccinated, known exposure, and no symptoms** – No quarantine is required with voluntary proof of vaccine or permission to access vaccine records in the state system.
- **Unvaccinated, wearing a mask when exposed, and having no symptoms** – Modified quarantine. Must wear a mask at school for 10 days and can stay in school if symptom-free during that period. No participation in extra-curricular activities for 10 days.
- **Unvaccinated and not wearing a mask when exposed** – Quarantine for five days. If negative COVID test after the fifth day (provided by the District or at a medical clinic of your choosing) and still no symptoms, you can return to school or work seven days after quarantine began.
- **Positive COVID test result** – Quarantine for 10 days and must be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school/work.

Help us keep everyone in school safe and healthy by getting vaccinated and wearing your mask!

KEEPING YOU INFORMED



The GoCruisers Website

While we'll immediately contact you by phone or text if there are any concerns related to your child, the best way to remain informed of District news is to check our website, [GoCruisers.org](https://www.gocruisers.org), regularly.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



The past 16 months have been tough for many of our staff, students, and families. We want to do everything we can to help address any social-emotional needs impacting your daily life. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's school, principal, or school counselor.