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Raven School COVID-19 Prevention, Mitigation, and Response Procedures

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we plan for returning to school at Raven School, we recognize that this will be an unusual school year, but we remain committed to supporting your student's learning, as well as his or her safety.

This document outlines the procedures our campuses will have in place to prevent or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to respond if a positive case is identified. We hope this transparency helps you to make a decision about your student's on-campus attendance at Raven School.

The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. That said, research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19 and some severe outcomes have been reported in children, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized or have severe symptoms. For many children, there are distinct benefits to attending school in person, including instructional, social, and safety benefits. For these reasons, the American Academy of Pediatrics has made a statement supporting on-campus instruction for students in the coming year.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, teachers, staff, and their families significantly. The Raven School strategy for opening and operating is outlined below. A more detailed plan can be found on our charter holder's website www.gctcw.us.

Prevention
To prevent COVID-positive individuals from entering our campuses, your student's school will have the

following COVID-19 symptom screening procedures in place:

- All staff will be screened daily by administration.
- All visitors will be required to screen upon arrival.
- All students will be screened daily using a hand held thermometer.
  The student screening procedure will be as follows:
  If a student exhibits signs or symptoms of COVID-19, he will be referred to Medical staff for further screening.

Information collected in these screens will not be retained ifthe screening is passed. If a parent indicates that a student is demonstrating COVID-19 symptoms, the school will retain that information until the student meets the criteria for return to school.

Criteria for Return to School

Conditions for return to school after an individual shows symptoms or gets a positive test result: Either:

- 24 hours with no fever; and
- Symptoms improved; and
- 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Or:

- An acute infection test at an approved testing location (https://tdem.texas.gov/covid-19/) that comes back negative for COVID-19

Or:

- A doctor's note indicating an alternate diagnosis

Mitigation

Our district will be taking the following steps to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

- All adults in the building will offered the option to wear masks if they feel more comfortable.
- All students enrolled will offered masks if they request them.

Response

In the event of a COVID-positive case on campus, the campus will take the following steps:

- All areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case will be closed off until disinfected.
- All teachers, staff, and families of all students in that school will be notified.
- The local health department will be notified.

We hope that this information gives you confidence in our systems and our ability to stop the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to will.gollihar@gctcw.org visit our website at www.gctcw.us.

While this will be a challenging year, we believe it can also be a great one, and we look forward to supporting your student in his or her learning journey.

Sincerely,

Raven School Principal