

## **Global Educational Excellence**

*Transforming educational communities by fostering academic excellence,  
positive character and appreciation of cultures.*



**GEE SY 2024-2025**

**Preparedness and Response Plan**

**Post-COVID**

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## Introduction and Overview

### Mission

*“To promote lifelong learning by nurturing academic excellence, positive character and an appreciation of cultures.”*

It is imperative that we remain diligent in our resolve to take all conceivable preventative measures in order to maintain a safe school house to ensure that we maintain 100% in-person teaching and learning. There is always the possibility of a resurgence of COVID, or the emergence of other viruses. Therefore, this updated Preparedness and Response Plan will remain active indefinitely.

Note: All references to COVID within this document may also include other viruses (E.g., Monkey Pox). If other viruses emerge, this Preparedness and Response Plan will be updated in a timely manner to include those viruses specifically.

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Masking within the schoolhouse or on the bus is a personal choice to be respected by all.

### The Academy will:

- Provide adequate supplies to support healthy hygiene behaviors (including soap, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol for safe use by staff and students, paper towels, tissues, and signs reinforcing proper handwashing techniques).
- Teach and reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or the safe use of hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Educate staff and students on how to cough and sneeze into their elbows, or to cover with a tissue. Used tissues will be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately using proper hand hygiene techniques.
- Systematically and frequently check and refill soap and hand sanitizers.
- Limit sharing of personal items and supplies such as writing utensils.
- Limit use of classroom materials to small groups and disinfect between use, or provide adequate supplies to assign for individual student use.
- Procure portable handwashing and/or hand sanitizing stations to set up throughout school buildings.

## Spacing, Movement, Ventilation and Access

- Social distancing is no longer required.

## Screening Students and Staff

- The [CDC](#) no longer recommends routine screening in K-12 schools.

## Testing & Quarantine

Quarantine and isolation are determined by the local health department and are used as important tools to prevent the spread of disease. At this time, quarantine is no longer required for people who are exposed to COVID except in certain high-risk congregate settings.

## Symptom Monitoring

Following exposure:

- Watch for symptoms, such as fever, cough, shortness of breath or other COVID [symptoms](#).
- If symptoms develop, get tested immediately and isolate until receiving test results. If test is positive, then follow [isolation](#) recommendations.
- If possible, stay away from others in the home, especially people who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID.
- Avoid people who are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, and nursing homes and other high-risk settings.

**Test to Stay:** Test to Stay (TTS) is no longer required.

**Mask to Stay:** Mask to Stay (TTS) is no longer required.

## International Travel

International travelers returning to school are no longer required to present evidence of a negative pre- or post-flight PCR result.

## Communication

- COVID outbreak parent notification letters are no longer required.  
**Wayne & Washtenaw:** Students and staff who feel sick should stay home and away from others as much as possible. For COVID cases and other suspected [communicable diseases](#) (pp. 10-14), exclude from school for 5 days after symptom onset AND until symptoms have improved and the individual is fever-free for at least 24 hours.  
**Washtenaw only:** In accordance with all the [WCHD protocols](#), weekly reporting is required of any Washtenaw school or childcare with more than 25 students. Schools with fewer than 25 students may submit the report only when they have cases. Weekly reporting to WCHD is submitted using [this WCHD form](#). This WCHD form should be submitted every Friday by 5pm.

## Food Service

- Regular food preparation and service resumes.
- No seating arrangement to maintain social distancing is required.

## Athletics

- The Academy will comply with all guidance published by Michigan High School Athletic Association ([MHSAA](#)) and the National Federation of State High School Associations ([NFHS](#)).

**Cleaning**

- Regular cleaning routines resume.

**Transportation**

- Regular bus rules and procedures resume.

**Circumstances Require Shift to Online eLearning**

In the event circumstances are such that returning to online learning is a necessity:

Circumstances requiring a return to 100% online teaching and learning places both students and teachers online. Guidelines and Protocols for 100% online teaching and learning can be found in the [GEE SY 2024–2025 eLearning Handbook](#).