

Gilford School District
2023-2024 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Introduction: The 2023-2024 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan explains how the Gilford School District will operate during the 2023-2024 school year with respect to health and safety protocols. The Gilford School District will continue to review any updated guidance from the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (NH DHHS). The Gilford School District believes that the majority of learners excel in an engaging in-person learning environment.

Instructional model: We are planning for full in person academic programming and co-curricular activities.

Daily schedule for students:

- Gilford High School student hours 7:29 AM - 2:14 PM
- Gilford Middle School student hours 7:25 AM - 2:20 PM
- Gilford Elementary School student hours 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

District Safety Protocols - In all Buildings:

Positive COVID-19 Communication: We ask families to report COVID-19 related absences to the schools for our awareness. There will be no contact tracing during the 2023-2024 school year.

Isolation: If a person has tested positive for COVID they must isolate for 5 days after the date of the positive test or the date of symptom onset (whichever came first).

- The person may return to school after 5 days of isolation if they are fever free (without fever reducing medication) for at least 24 hours and other symptoms are improving,
- If the fever has been present in the prior 24 hours, or if other symptoms are not improving, then you should continue to isolate until fever free and symptoms are improving for at least 24 hours, or until 10 days of isolation,
- When the person returns to school, he/she should wear a well fitted mask in school for days 6-10 after the date of the positive test or the date of symptom onset (whichever came first) when they return from 5 days of isolation.

The Gilford School District supports those who choose to wear a mask. All masks must abide by the school dress code.

Hygiene: Learners and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly and use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible. Sanitizing stations will be located inside of the school buildings throughout the district. Learners and staff are encouraged to cover their coughs and sneezes with their elbow or a tissue.

Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols: The district will continue to maintain disinfecting and regular daily cleaning. Cleaning supplies (paper towels and spray) will be made available for learners and staff in the school buildings.

Transportation: There will be no Covid-19 restrictions on the busses. Students will be sitting two to a seat at times. School Bus expectations are in place on the bus. Please see school handbooks for bus expectations.

Field Trips: Field trips will continue as normal for the 2023-2024 school year.

School Volunteers: Volunteers will resume their work in our schools for the 2023-2024 school year.

Resources:

NH DHHS

CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

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