

The Galloway School COVID-19 Safety Protocols  
August 2021

After much thought and collaboration with our Medical Advisory Committee, which is comprised of highly qualified medical personnel, The Galloway School will begin the 2021-2022 school year following the safety protocols outlined, below. We believe these steps are necessary and appropriate at this time to safeguard our students, teachers, and staff, and to help mitigate the possible interruption and disruption of our students' education. These policies are subject to review by our Medical Advisory Committee each nine-weeks or more often, if necessary. Any resulting changes will be shared with our Galloway families, as they develop.

**1. Face Masks - Required**



Faculty, staff, and students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be required to wear masks (covering the nose and mouth) when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, except when actively eating/ drinking or when meeting in a large space and physically distancing (ie., library, gym). Masks will not be required outside. Face masks should not have vents nor be "gaiters."

**2. Temperature Checks Upon Arrival**



School staff will scan students' temperatures upon arrival. The child's temperature must be below 100.1°F without medication. It is essential to the health and safety of all students that children not come to campus if they need medication to avoid a fever. Additionally, we will contact parents to arrange for child-pick up if a child develops fever during the school day. In addition, we will also scan staff's temperatures upon arrival.

We will also temperature screen faculty, staff, and visitors to limit viral spread.

**3. Classroom Cleaning**



Proper handwashing, physical distancing, and other COVID protection habits will be reviewed in August and frequently throughout the year. Additionally, fans equipped with heap filters will run throughout the day in each classroom. Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized every day, including use of a UVC light each night.

**4. Facility Preparation**



Physical barriers and distancing supports are being refreshed throughout the school. In lower school classrooms, plexiglass barriers will remain on tabletops. The cafeteria will continue to have clear vinyl barriers and seating markers. Red stop markers on floors in upper and lower school will continue supporting physical distancing during transitions. We are also preparing the outdoor chess board, the teachers' lounge, and the library as classroom options so that students occasionally have opportunities to remove their masks in even more socially distanced environments.

**5. Meet the Teacher, Extracurricular Activities, and Campus Events**



We are actively altering our plan for Meet the Teacher, in response to rising health concerns. We will publish this information very soon. Additionally, we will wait to see how the year begins before offering Early Morning/Before School Care. Finally, we are developing plans for afterschool activities and all those special campus events we've missed since 2020. We will share those plans with you, as they unfold.

### **Additional COVID-Response Details and Policies**

#### ***Student and Staff Health Screenings:***

- All parents are asked to conduct symptom screening on their honor for each child, prior to campus arrival. We will not be requiring submission of screening responses through the Varify application, though you may use it to assist with your self-screening.
- Parents must not send a child to campus if the child has symptoms (as listed in this document) or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19. Parents should opt to receive virtual instruction until conditions for re-entry are met (as listed in this document).
- All Galloway employees will be required, on their honor, to complete a daily self-screening prior to reporting to work. Teachers and staff must report to their supervisor or school nurse if COVID 19 symptoms exist. Teachers and staff must also report if they have been in close contact (see definition below) with someone who is lab-confirmed with COVID 19.
- Rapid COVID-19 tests are available on campus for all Galloway staff, free of charge, if they choose. Results are revealed in 15 minutes.

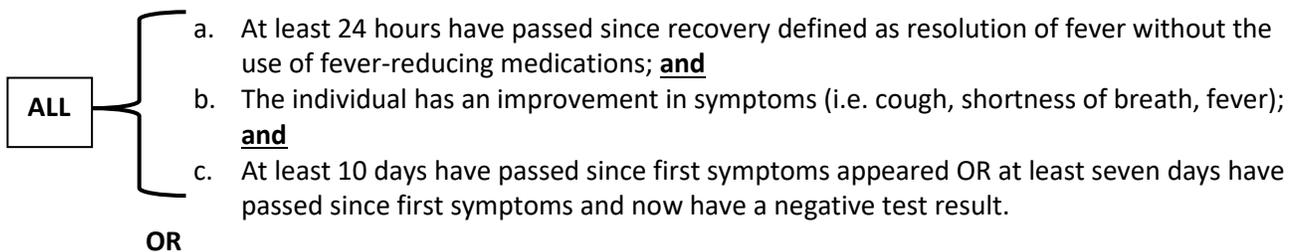
#### ***Policies to Promote and Encourage Sick Students and Staff to Stay Home:***

- All students and staff are required to stay home if they have COVID-19 symptoms or positive test results.
- Galloway will consider annual Perfect Attendance awards-modifications each nine-weeks. During the first nine-weeks, perfect attendance will not be counted toward the annual recognition. The purpose of this change is to encourage students who are ill to stay home.
- Galloway will consider adjustments to employees' sick-leave policy each nine-weeks. During the first nine-weeks, staff absences based on positive test results, known close exposure to someone with positive test results, or several COVID symptoms, will not be docked leave. The purpose of this change is to encourage staff who are ill to stay home.

#### ***Individuals Confirmed or Suspected with COVID 19:***

Any individuals (students or staff) who themselves either are (a) lab confirmed to have COVID 19 or (b) experience the symptoms of COVID 19 (listed below) must stay at home throughout the infection period, and cannot return to campus until the campus nurse screens the individual to determine if any of the below conditions for re-entry have been met:

1. In the case of an individual who was tested positive and been diagnosed with COVID 19, the individual may return to school when the following criteria are met:



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- d. obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or
2. Any employee or student who has COVID-19 symptoms or recent exposure to someone with COVID symptoms should stay home until symptoms are mitigated to avoid potential viral spread.
3. Any member of the same household of an individual (students or staff) who is lab confirmed to have COVID 19 must stay at home throughout the infection period. He or she must also follow the same protocols identified in 1., above.

***Identification and Isolation of Possible COVID-19 Cases on campus:***

- The campus will have an isolation room near/in the nurse's office for students with symptoms.
- If a student shows signs or symptoms of those consistent with COVID-19, the school will assess the student. If COVID-19 symptoms are present, we will isolate the student until pick-up.
- Galloway staff will immediately clean the areas used by the individual displaying symptoms.
- Students who report feeling feverish will be given an immediate temperature check.

***Response to a Lab Confirmed case of COVID-19 Cases on campus:***

- The school must notify the local health department of anyone with a positive COVID-19 lab test.
- The Galloway School will close off areas that are heavily used by the individual with the lab-confirmed case until the non-porous surfaces in those areas can be disinfected unless more than 3 days have already passed since that person was on campus.
- Consistent with board policy for notification requirements for other communicable diseases, and consistent with legal confidentiality requirements for the protection of the student or staff member, the school will notify all teachers, staff, and families of all students in the school if a lab-confirmed COVID 19 case is identified among students, teachers, or staff who participate in any on-campus activities. No student or staff names will be provided.

***Contact Tracing and Parent Contact:***

- Close and personal contact is defined as: being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield) or being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes while not wearing a mask or face shield.
- Individuals are presumed infectious at least two days prior to symptom onset or, in the case of asymptomatic individuals who are lab-confirmed with COVID 19, two days prior to the confirmed lab test.
- To minimize close contact and aid contact tracing, we will keep class groups together, as much as practical, and keep seating chart.
- The school will directly contact families of students or staff with close-contact to lab-confirmed positive COVID-19 cases. We will require individuals exposed through close contact to remain off campus until the 10 day incubation period has passed. Students will move to virtual instruction during this time.

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***COVID-19 Symptoms Screener: (different from any baseline allergy, asthma, or migraine symptoms):***

- Feeling feverish or have a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.1°F
- Headache
- Cough
- Significant muscle pain
- Sore throat
- Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing
- Chills, shaking, or exaggerated shivering
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Diarrhea
- Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19