



## Greenfield Public Schools

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Dear GPS Parents & Guardians,

We are very excited to welcome your children back into our school buildings. Of course, there are many precautions that need to be implemented due to COVID-19, so we want to prepare you for some of the changes that you can expect. First and foremost, please know that we are doing everything in our power to keep your children safe. This includes:

- New protocols related to mask-wearing, social distancing, and handwashing
- Weekly pooled testing and rapid testing of symptomatic students or staff
- Medical waiting rooms for students exhibiting symptoms of illness so that symptomatic children are separated from children coming to the nurse's office for other needs.
- Implementation of state guidelines related to quarantine and isolation whenever there is possible COVID-19 exposure or out-of-state travel.

We anticipate that there will be lots of questions as we make the adjustment back to in-person learning, and we want you to know that your school nurse is a resource for any questions that you may have related to COVID-19 protocols. We are happy to help you, and we also ask you to partner with us to keep our school environment safe. This means that we are asking you to assess your children daily and keep your children home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache (in combination with other symptoms)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

In the past, we have permitted children to remain in school if they exhibited minor symptoms of illness. We cannot do that this year. Please be prepared that **if your children exhibit these symptoms at school, they will be removed from the classroom** and will need to be picked up. We ask that you provide contact information for two people who have transportation and will be able to come get your child **within 30 minutes** of notification.

Also, if your children are exhibiting any of the symptoms on the above list, they will likely need to be tested for COVID-19 before returning to school. The fastest and easiest way to get your child tested is at the “Stop the Spread” testing site at Greenfield Community College. Please bookmark this link so that you know how to sign-up for a test when needed:

<https://www.cic-health.com/stopthespread>. If your children are ill either at home or at school, please communicate with your school nurse so that you know what conditions need to be met in order to return.

Finally, all families are expected to adhere to the Massachusetts Travel Advisory in regards to out-of-state travel. Please visit this site regularly for updated guidance:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory>. At the time of this writing, any Massachusetts resident who is not fully vaccinated and who travels out of state must meet one of the following conditions in order for him/her/them to return to school:

- A negative COVID-19 test result from a specimen taken less than 72 hrs before arrival in Massachusetts or later

**OR**

- Quarantine for 10 days

**COVID-19 test results should be submitted to your school nurse** in order to clear your child to return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community healthy & safe. Please indicate that you understand all of these new expectations by signing and returning the attached form.

Sincerely,

Nurses of Greenfield Public Schools



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I understand that it is my responsibility to **assess my child daily and to keep my child home from school** if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache (in combination with other symptoms)
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Furthermore, I understand that according to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Travel Advisory, **if my child travels to out of state** (<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory>)

one of the following conditions must be met in order for him/her/them to return to school:

- A negative COVID-19 test result from a specimen taken less than 72 hrs before arrival in Massachusetts or later

**OR**

- Quarantine for 10 days

**If my child comes into contact with a known case of COVID-19, I will keep my child home** and contact my school nurse for further instruction about quarantine, testing, and return to school.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent/guardian signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**If my child becomes ill at school**, one of the following people will be available to pick him/her/them up **within 30 minutes** of notification

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to child

Please return this form to your School Nurse. Thank you.