

# Return to Learn Update 7/3/2020



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*Please read this important message from Gilbert Community Schools*

July 3, 2020

Gilbert Staff & Families,

Our Return to Learn (R2L) plan has been submitted to the state and is available on our website, This [link](#) will take you to the COVID-19 page of our website.

This plan addresses three options:

These options, or variations of them, will be used depending on the degree the virus is impacting our community.

<b>Onsite Learning</b>	<b>Hybrid Learning</b>	<b>Required Continuous Learning (Remote)</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Buildings are able to open at approx. 100% capacity for face to face instruction.</li> <li>• Mitigation strategies may be in place (as described in the plan).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating students between on-site and remote learning.</li> <li>• Appropriate mitigation strategies will be in place.</li> <li>• Most students will attend school 2 days/wk and engage in remote learning each wk. on the other days.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% remote online learning.</li> <li>• Either online or packet-based.</li> <li>• Opportunities to interact with staff and students would occur virtually.</li> </ul>

Our plan focused on five major sections:

- Infrastructure
- Health & Safety
- Curriculum & Standards
- Social-Emotional Behavioral Mental Health (SEBMH)
- Equity

This situation remains very fluid. Our R2L plan is a living document. As new recommendations are released they will be reflected in this plan. We know there are many questions, some we have answers and some we are still investigating.

### **How and when will we know what learning model will be in place on August 27th?**

Our hope is to start the school year together. We will be using the recommendations from Story County Public Health, IA dept. of Public Health, the CDC, IA Dept. of Education, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. To make this decision now would be premature. We will continue to update you as we get closer to August 1st.

We are not sure right now. We are studying the recommendations to make sure the decision made is in the best interest of all involved. Currently, we are measuring rooms, considering changes to daily schedules to reduce congestion in hallways and other options.

### **What about face coverings, will my child have to wear one?**

Staff will be required to wear a face-covering when social distancing is not possible. Students will be highly encouraged to wear a face-covering when social distancing is not possible. According to guidance, this is proving to be an effective method of preventing transmission when other mitigation is not possible. We realize some may disagree with this guidance. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our students and staff.

In the coming weeks, we will be surveying parents/guardians to gather information such as::

- Basic needs for students and families
- Internet access, not only if you have it, but what are the best times to connect
- Understanding your plans in regards to sending your children to school
- Other supports needed as we return to school

Getting your feedback is critical and will help us work through additional details of our district's plan. There are many parts to work through and we are sensitive to our district families' needs. We understand you need to make plans as well. Although none of us have all the answers today, trust that we are working diligently to make sure we get this year off to a great start!

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!