



Gilbert Schools

Every Student. Every Day.

July 31, 2020

Gilbert Families,

At Governor Reynolds' press conference yesterday, the Iowa Department of Education (DE) and Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) partnered on developing the Reopening Iowa's Schools Safely and Responsibly document. Gilbert CSD's parent choice option is our hybrid model.

Last week all families were asked to complete the District Parent/Family Return to Learn Survey.

- 92.91% of our students were represented in this survey.
- 82.9% plan to send their child(ren) to school. (onsite)
- 15.1% plan to send their child(ren) to school remotely.
- 2% plan to use the homeschool option for their child(ren).

It was decided to leave the survey open for those few who are left to respond. We are using the results to help guide our reopening plans.

The next step for families considering the remote learning model is to fill out the commitment form. Here is the [link](#). This form will allow students to start the school year remotely. **If you choose to start the year remotely, the form will need to be submitted by August 12.** The remote learning option will remain open for families that begin the year onsite but wish to then move to Remote Learning. For those who choose to do remote learning through October 2nd, you will be asked to reevaluate and submit a request to continue remote learning or join the onsite learning option. For those that choose to do remote learning for the entire first semester, in December, you will be asked to reevaluate and submit a request to continue remote learning or to join the onsite learning option.

We have updated the Gilbert CSD Mitigation Strategies document. Under the physical distance heading, the bullet point "a minimum of 3 feet between seated children will be maintained" was removed. The word "maintain" does not allow for group work or small group instruction when needed. The other changes are minimal. We shifted bullets to different headings. Please take a look at the document. It is at the bottom of this message.

Please remember if you have any questions, comments, or thoughts, feel free to contact Mr.

Beecher, beecherl@gilbertcsd.org or Mrs. Clark, clarkc@gilbertcsd.org. We are very willing to listen and find answers to your questions.

Thank you for your patience.

[Reopening Iowa's Schools Safely and Responsibly](#) - Iowa Department of Education & Iowa Department of Public Health Guidance

[Evaluating Sick Students and Staff](#) - Flowchart from Iowa Department of Education & Iowa Department of Public Health

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[Gilbert CSD Return to Learn/Reopening Plan](#)

[Gilbert CSD COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies](#)