

## Covid-19 Information

Gilbert families may have questions about the start of school as the coronavirus continues to impact our state and our community. We will review and add to our mitigation plan as more information comes forward. We have put together an easy guide of frequently asked questions to help guide your family through this difficult time. The wellness and safety of our families and students is the priority. Gilbert Community School district did an outstanding job working together to navigate this situation while students were able to learn in the process.

## 2022-2023 Frequently Asked Questions

### Mitigation Update

*Updated September 8, 2022*

#### **Is the Gilbert Community School District following a Return to Learn plan for the 2022-2023 school year?**

Yes, our return to learn plan includes students being in person for learning.

#### **Will Gilbert CSD require masks this year?**

Gilbert CSD will not require masks to be worn by students or staff. *\*Mask donations have been made. Masks are available upon request in each school offices and classrooms.*

#### **Are masks required on the school buses?**

No, masks are not required on school buses.

#### **When should a student stay home from school?**

Students should follow [CDC guidelines of Covid-19 symptoms](#). People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills
- Cough, Shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue, Muscle, or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19.

**If my child is diagnosed with COVID-19, will they be required to stay home?**

Yes, children and staff diagnosed as positive for COVID-19 are required to stay home for 5 days after their symptoms started.

**Will parents be notified if there is a positive COVID-19 case in their child's classroom?**

No, parents will not be notified.

**Will my child be required to quarantine if they are considered a close contact?**

No, children exposed through close contacts are not required to stay home.

**Other mitigation strategies for the 2022-23 school year:**

- Lockers will be used
- All meetings can be held face to face – consider the option of online meetings if beneficial (i.e. if it will increase participation, option for parent-teacher conferences, etc)
- Hand sanitizer will be available for students.

## Return to Learn Update

**What instructional model will be used to start the 22-23 School year?**

Students will be in person for learning.

**Is online instruction available?**

An Online Model is available on a case-by-case basis.

This option is very different from the online option offered during the 2020-21 school year. We are partnering with Edmentum to offer their EdOption Academy. It is a K-12 student-centered virtual learning option with Iowa licensed teachers that the Iowa Department of Education accredits. EdOption Academy teachers will meet all curricular student needs, not Gilbert teachers. If you have a special circumstance please contact Carrie Clark, Director of Teaching and Learning, at [clarkc@gilbertcsd.org](mailto:clarkc@gilbertcsd.org) or 515-232-3740.