



WESTERN GATEWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETURN TO LEARN PLAN 2021-2022

A MULTI-FACETED APPROACH TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL OPEN AND PREVENT FUTURE COVID SHUTDOWNS

5 DAYS A WEEK

- School will be in session 5 days a week
- Western Gateway Elementary School (WGES) will not offer a virtual option for any grade level
- School start times will remain the same

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED

- In compliance with Senate Bill 658, masks are optional (and encouraged) unless Oklahoma County is declared a state of emergency and in consultation with the county and state health departments
- If declared a state of emergency, WGES will determine if a mask mandate is necessary

COVID PRECAUTIONS AND CLEANING

- WGES will provide students and staff with personal hygiene education as a preventative measure
- Social distancing is encouraged when space allows
- Students will not be restricted to pods
- Hand sanitizer will be available and encouraged for use
- Electrostatic sprayers will be used in classrooms as needed, especially during flu season

COVID CASES & CONTACT TRACING

- WGES will track the number of positive COVID cases reported in the county
- Contact tracing will not take place unless directed by the county health department
- Vaccinations are encouraged but not required for those eligible
- COVID testing will be offered for employees and students as long as the demand for testing warrants keeping a testing site open

VIRTUAL MEETINGS & REMOTE LEARNING

- If school is closed due to COVID, inclement weather, or other extraordinary circumstances, virtual learning may be instituted
- Virtual parent / teacher conferences and IEP / 504 meetings will be offered to parents who cannot or choose not to attend in person

BREAKFAST & LUNCH

- Students will resume breakfast and lunch as they were prior to COVID
- Students will eat in the cafeteria
- Breakfast and lunch are free to all students for the '21-'22 school year and will be provided if school is closed due to COVID
- Guests at lunch will be limited to special occasions set by the school



PARENT, GUESTS & VISITORS

- Visitors and guests will be allowed in the building for programs and other special events
- All visitors and guests must check in at the front office
- School community meetings and volunteers are welcomed in the building and on field trips

OTHER INFO

- Students with disabilities will be provided services based upon their IEP or 504 educational plan
- Field trips will be allowed based on the procedures that were in place pre-COVID
- Recesses will resume as they were prior to COVID
- YMCA will continue to provide before & after school services

2021-2022 MASK REQUIREMENTS

GREEN 0-2% per site	YELLOW 2.1-3% per site	ORANGE I 3.1%-4% per site	ORANGE II 4.1% - 5% per site	RED 5% + per site
Masks welcome & encouraged, not required; follow typical school procedures, no changes necessary.	Masks welcome & encouraged, not required; follow typical school procedures, no changes necessary.	Masks will be required in hallways, upon entering / exiting buildings, and in large group settings. Masks will be recommended in classrooms.	Masks will be required at all times.	School shutdown for 10 calendar days.
				



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

THAT MAKE YOU AND YOUR LA FAMILIA OSO (BEAR FAMILY) SICK!

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Put your used tissue in a waste basket
- Or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve – not your hands
- You may be asked to put on a mask to protect others
- Wash your hands with soap & water after coughing or sneezing
- Or use hand sanitizer

STUDENT SYMPTOMS

DECISION-MAKING FOR POTENTIAL COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR EXPOSURE

Low-risk: general symptoms

Fever (100.4F or higher) Headache
Prolonged Sore throat Nausea / vomiting / diarrhea
Congestion / runny nose Fatigue / muscle or body aches

High-risk: red flag symptoms

Cough
Difficulty breathing
Loss of taste and / or smell

EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 POSITIVE PERSON?

Close contact: less than 6 feet, 15 minutes or longer

NO

Has 1 low-risk symptom present – STOP – Contact Parent or Guardian/ Send home – return to school 24 hours after symptom resolution (without fever reducing medicine)

Has 2 or more low-risk symptoms present OR 1 high-risk symptom present – STOP – Contact Parent or Guardian/ send home – Evaluation by health care provider

1. Health care provider confirms alternative diagnosis for symptoms. A note from health care provider must be on file. COVID test not needed – return to school after 24 hours without fever and symptoms improving
2. Negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test – return to school after 24 hours without fever and symptoms improving
3. Positive SARS-CoV-2 PCR test or no provider visit or test – return to school only after 10 days since symptom onset and 24 hours without fever. Quarantine close contacts of confirmed cases. Contact local health care provider with questions.

YES

STOP – stay home* – return to school after 10 days from last contact, unless symptoms develop. If symptoms develop, perform SARS-CoV-2 PCR test

*In consultation with local health care provider

This care pathway was designed to assist school staff and is not intended to replace clinician's judgment or establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition. Diagnosis and treatment should be under the close supervision of a qualified healthcare provider.