

The following guidelines will be in place for the 2020-2021 school year at Dove Academy. These measures may be updated or changed as new information becomes available. All decisions will be made in coordination with the CDC, State of Michigan Back to School Roadmap, MDE and the Wayne County Health Department.

GENERAL

- School will make reasonable best efforts to ensure health and safety are paramount while minimizing risk.
- Large gatherings and assemblies will not be permitted.
- Visitors to the school and to the classroom will not be permitted. School will be closed to visitors aside from drop off and pick up, which can only occur via the carline.
- Handwashing and infection prevention instruction will be required and taught to students and staff.
- Student face coverings are strongly recommended but not required in the classroom for students in grades PreK through 5th grade, but they will be required when they are in motion.
- All students in grades 6th through 8th grade are required to wear a mask while at school.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

- Visitors, students, and staff are to be excluded from the building if they exhibit or report any of the following:
 - Elevated temperature >100.4 , or they are experiencing, or recently experienced within the last 24 hours, any acute respiratory illness symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
 - They have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.
 - They have had close contact in the last 10 days with someone with a diagnosis of COVID-19. Close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet close for 15 minutes or more to the diagnosed person.
- Staff will use Crisis Go! To answer COVID screening questions each day before entering the building as well.
- Parents/guardians should use the car line for student drop off and pick up. Only essential visitors will be allowed into the building and they will be screened as above
- Upon arrival at school, students will be screened before they enter the classrooms.
- Upon arrival to school and during dismissal, students should not congregate in large, open spaces. They should pick up a "grab and go" breakfast and report immediately to the classroom where they will eat.
- Staff will monitor for appropriate social distancing as students enter the designated entry door(s).
- A staff member will check the temperature of each student as they enter the building.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

- All students must wash their hands (with soap and water or hand sanitizer) before and after eating breakfast and lunch.
- Breakfast and lunch will be eaten in the classroom. Students will pick up breakfast as they enter the school building and then proceed directly to their designated classroom.
- Lunches will be delivered to the classrooms by the Nutrition Services staff.
- Disposable trays and prepackaged utensils will be used.

CLASSROOM

- Students will use hand sanitizer when entering and exiting the classroom.
- All staff will wear masks.
- Students and staff will be encouraged to maintain distance from each other in the school and taught appropriate hygiene/COVID-19 practices.
- Teachers will increase the space between desks, rearrange student desks to maximize the space between students, and turn desks to face in the same direction (rather than facing each other) to reduce transmission caused from virus-containing droplets (e.g., from talking, coughing, sneezing).
- Students will be assigned seats that maintain social/physical distancing standards.
- Students should not share community supplies of any kind.
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands once every hour.
- Students are required to wear face coverings when they are in the hallway and where social distancing is more difficult.
- If students must leave the classroom, a mask will be required, and teachers will log students' names and locations of visits in order to make contact tracing easier should a student/employee become ill.

SPECIALS/RELATED ARTS CLASSES

- Specialty teachers will rotate to classrooms to minimize student traffic in the halls.
- Should specialty teachers use equipment that might be shared, staff members will disinfect the equipment after each use.
- Physical education classes can be taught in the gym or outside. Teachers will plan activities that require social distancing for students and will sanitize equipment and the space in between class visits.
- Art should be taught in the regular classroom.

RECESS

- Recess times will be staggered to limit the number of classes on the playground at a time.
- All students must wash their hands (with soap and water or hand sanitizer) before and after recess and before returning to the classroom.
- While at recess, staff will monitor for social/physical distancing.
- Playground equipment will be cleaned/sanitized routinely.

STUDENT ILLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES

- Symptoms of COVID-19 may include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, runny nose or congestion, or other flu-like symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.
- The lack of a fever is not a reliable indicator for pre-symptomatic individuals. If other symptoms exist, students will be required to remain out of school as indicated.
- Students who are ill or experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms should not report to school and should notify the school.

- If students become ill once they arrive at school, students will be isolated from others and sent home immediately.
- Students will be required to remain out of school for at least ten (10) days following onset of symptoms, unless tested and symptom free. COVID-19 test results must be confirmed in writing by the medical provider or health department.
- Students or employees who have direct close contact (< 6 ft distance for over 15 minutes) with a COVID-19 patient, will need to quarantine at home for 14 days or longer.
- Should a symptomatic student's parent/guardian refuse COVID-19 testing, the student will be excluded from school for 14 days or until the parent/guardian provides written documentation by the medical provider or health department the student is safe to return.
- Students must be fever-free for 72 hours before they can return to school..

SCHOOL CLOSURES (IF NEEDED)

- The academy will consider phasing school closures based upon city, county, and state guidelines and will consider the percentage of site population testing positive for COVID-19 relative to the environment of the school building. For example, age-level, make-up of building occupants, likelihood of exposure to employees and students in the building.
- If it is determined that a school should be closed, families will be informed of the timeframe that school will be closed and students will have access to virtual content during that time

TECHNOLOGY

- Staff will limit the sharing of devices. When devices must be shared, staff will assign specific students to specific devices. Staff will ensure devices are sanitized between uses.
- In the event of a school closure or mandated quarantine, students will have access to a Chromebook or similar device to easily transiting to remote learning.