



Guidelines for reopening school 2020-2021:

The School Board of Oak Grove Christian School has approved a reopening plan for the 2020-2021 school year based on information and guidance received from the Washington County Health Department as suggested by Governor DeWine.

All elementary and full-week k4 students will be on campus five days per week with the first day of school on campus being Tuesday, September 8. **Please take note that this plan is subject to change.** All precautionary measures will be assessed on a regular basis and our teachers will be prepared to quickly begin the process of switching to distance learning if necessary.

The School Board understands there needs to be some preventative actions put into place before we welcome our students back. It is our hope and prayer that these precautions will help keep our students and staff safe and our schools open.

Having said that, OGCS will begin the school year with the mindset of PREVENTION. We will take every precaution to do all that is humanly possible to keep the corona virus at bay. A committee from the school board has met with a representative of the Washington County Health Department (WCHD) to seek assistance in coming up with this PREVENTION plan.

This reopening plan was designed using the guidelines the WCHD deems necessary to prevent the spreading of this virus. The plan was then submitted to the OGCS school board for approval and we now present this plan to you, our school families. You will notice three categories in this plan: REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED and OPTIONAL.

- It is REQUIRED that desks be used in elementary classrooms and that they will be set up in traditional rows, and RECOMMENDED they be placed at least 3 ft. apart.
- Students will not share school supplies such as pencils, crayons, glue sticks... instead they will each be REQUIRED to have their own supply with their name on each individual item.
- Face covering/face shield wearing for staff is REQUIRED when working closely with their students, but OPTIONAL when 6 ft. away from their students.
- Student face coverings/face shields are RECOMMENDED for grades 3-7. Children younger than third grade wearing face coverings is OPTIONAL.

- Temperature taking is RECOMMENDED prior to students leaving their homes for school. If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, it is REQUIRED that the student stay home from school. Parents are REQUIRED to never give their child a fever-reducing medication before sending them to school.
- Temperature taking of each student and staff member is REQUIRED upon arrival and randomly throughout the day. A temperature of 100 degrees or higher for a student or staff will REQUIRE the student or staff member to be sent home. The student will be placed in an area away from the other students, but never left alone until the parent or guardian picks up the child.
- Students and staff must be fever free for 3 days without a fever-reducing medication before returning to school. It is also RECOMMENDED students and/or staff be tested for COVID so they can get back to school/work as quickly as possible while not infecting others. A Self-Monitoring Symptom Log will be available for parents. If staff or students have three or more of the listed symptoms it is RECOMMENDED they stay home even if they are fever free.
- A student or staff member testing positive for the corona virus will be REQUIRED to be out for 14 days. Students will be REQUIRED to keep up with their school work and the teacher will be REQUIRED to provide this distance learning.
- OGCS is REQUIRED to let parents know when their child may have been exposed.
- Classrooms, restrooms, the cafeteria, the gymnasium and the outdoor playground equipment will be sanitized between groups. However, the water fountain will be off limits and individual water bottles labeled with the student's name are RECOMMENDED. Hand sanitizer will be available for use in all areas of the school other than the restrooms where soap and water washing for 20 seconds is REQUIRED.
- We will not participate in any field trips, assemblies, group chapels, or school programs during this PREVENTION phase. Holiday class parties will still be allowed, but it is REQUIRED that snacks be store bought and sealed for these parties and they must be teacher led.
- Visitors will not be permitted in the building. Any parent or guardian picking up a child for an appointment is REQUIRED to remain outside of the building while their child is being called for.
- It is RECOMMENDED that students do not travel to any areas that are considered high risk during this PREVENTION phase. It is RECOMMENDED that if a student must travel during this time that they consult the school to determine if an area is considered high risk. If a student does travel to a high risk area during this phase, it is REQUIRED that the student be kept out of school for 14 days from the date of their return from the high risk area.

We're still considering how to NOT mingle one group of children with another while still providing a safe environment for our Branches program during this PREVENTION phase. We need to first hear from the parents who will need this before and aftercare program before we can determine if we have the space to designate zones to keep these groups separated.

Please take and return the following survey by July 22 to allow our board to make an informed decision on the above concern and other matters. To access the survey, which is accessible by computer or phone, use the following link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=lpheivBLIEGS9c21pWfpylvnjroODJBLp_h0kKqBrCmBUOTJBS0hSVDZMM0Y2TUpGRDEzRDVJSEJMSC4u

Thank you so much for your patience, cooperation and understanding as we strive to make decisions that will keep everyone safe and our school open which is our ultimate goal.