

GreatHearts

CLASSICAL EDUCATION. REVOLUTIONARY SCHOOLS.

As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, Great Hearts Texas maintains its commitment to quality classical education, with the health and safety of our students and staff as a top priority. The following changes to our Safe Return policy will provide a return to normalcy while optimizing the health and safety of those we serve.

- In accordance with Governor Abbot's [Executive Order GA-36](#), masks are no longer required to be worn by students, faculty or staff.
- Any student, faculty or staff who wishes to wear a mask may continue to do so. Masks must continue to comply with our current uniform policy.
- In accordance with TEA guidelines, GH will no longer implement mitigation measures such as desk shields, social distancing, contact tracing, and quarantining of close contacts. Classrooms, multi-purpose rooms and lunchrooms will return to full capacity. While routine contact tracing and quarantining of close contacts will not be done, GH retains the authority to quarantine sections, grade levels, or schools to reduce known spread.
- Current air filtration systems put in place at the beginning of 20-21 school year will continue, which [have been shown](#) to have a positive impact on student attendance.
- Parents will be reminded to continue to screen their child for symptoms of COVID-19 and other contagious illnesses and not send students to school when they are exhibiting symptoms.
- Positive cases of COVID-19 must continue to be reported to the school nurse who will report to the county health department as required by law.
- Per current TEA guidelines, test-confirmed positive cases of any staff, visitor or student must be submitted to Texas Department of State Health Services via an [online form](#). This should be done each week for any identified cases and is submitted by the district nurse.
- Grades/sections will be notified of positive cases in adherence to our existing communicable disease notification policies.
- Efforts to ensure proper handwashing and respiratory hygiene will continue, providing both staff and students instruction at the beginning of the school year as well as providing hand washing opportunities and frequent use of hand sanitizer.
- Rapid COVID-19 testing is available free of charge to any student or staff with COVID-like symptoms (while available) at the discretion of the campus RN.

These guidelines are subject to change in the event that local COVID-19 cases increase, or at the direction of state and local authorities. Modifications to these guidelines may be made at the discretion of individual campus covid response teams as conditions warrant. For questions or comments, please contact info@greatheartstx.org.

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