

GMNS 2020/2021 Reopening Plan

Drop off/Pick up

- * Each class will drop off and pick up at designated doors. **All must be wearing masks.** These pick up and drop off points will be assigned to each class in order to encourage and facilitate social distancing during these times. (We will share particulars of your child's assigned door in the days to come.)
- * Parents will separate from their child at the designated door of the building and children will be escorted to their classroom by staff. **Parents will not be permitted to come in the building to drop their child off.** If a child is late on any given day, the parent or caregiver is to call the main office so a staff member can meet them at their designated door.
- * We ask that one adult accompany the student to drop off and pick up.
- * At drop off and pick up, adults and students must adhere to social distancing protocols outside the building and wear masks. Once your child enters the building, parents and caregivers are asked to immediately leave the school grounds in order to ensure proper social distancing protocols.
- * Each child's temperature will be checked upon arrival at school and a parent or caregiver must complete a health waiver form in order for their child to enter the building. This form will be loaded to our website. We ask that parents print out the form at home and fill it out before you arrive at school. If you are in need of forms we will provide them for you. If a child has a temperature of 100 degrees F or greater they will be not be permitted to enter the building on that day.
- * Teachers and staff will have their temperatures checked upon arrival at school and will complete a health waiver form daily.
- * Access to the building by visitors will be greatly limited. In the case where a visitor must enter the building they must wear a mask and will have their temperature taken. If a visitor refuses to wear a mask and have their temperature taken they will be denied access to our building.
- * At dismissal your child will exit from the same door they entered school. Adults and students must adhere to social distancing protocols outside the building and wear masks. Once you are in possession of your child, please immediately leave the school grounds in order to ensure proper social distancing protocols.

The School Day

- * We will follow the childcare and day care guidelines from NYS which account for student needs, as well as health and safety,
- * To start the year, students will come to school with no supplies. They do not need a backpack or a snack. GMNS will provide all necessary materials for the students, including snack. If your child is in the extended day Pre-K class, they are asked to **bring lunch only in all disposable containers**. Nothing will be sent home.
- * Students will be given their own personal set of supplies to use. They will not share supplies.
- * Teachers will be permitted to interact with students as long as they are wearing appropriate PPE (masks).
- * Children will utilize sinks for hand hygiene (and not have access to hand sanitizer.) In addition to the obvious situations where students would wash their hands (I.e bath rooming and before snack, as examples), we will implement a rigorous supervised hand washing campaign where students will wash their hands throughout the day during designated times and be supervised/supported by school staff following CDC guidelines.
- * There will be a limited amount of toys in the classroom with rotation happening frequently depending on the curriculum and concepts being emphasized. A strict cleaning protocol will be in place following CDC guidelines.
- * All surfaces will be cleaned on a regular basis during class time following CDC guidelines.
- * Our Pre-School and Pre-K classes will be capped at 15 students as per CDC guidelines. The Toddler class will, as always, will not exceed 10 students.
- * Playground will be cleaned between uses.
- * At this time, there will not be a virtual option for Nursery and Pre-K.

Suspected Cases, Contact Tracing and Travel

- * If during the school day a child presents with any symptoms, the child will be sent to a specific location in the building and will be supervised by one adult until a parent or caregiver arrives to pick the student up.
- * Once your child is picked up from school please contact your child's doctor for your child to be evaluated. If your child is determined to not have Covid-19 by their doctor, then your child may return to school once their symptoms have subsided and are fever free for 24 hours.
- * If your child tests positive for Covid-19, or there is a positive test in your family, or if your child has come in close contact with someone that has tested positive for Covid-19 you must keep your child home and notify the school immediately. We will then notify NYS and the local Dept of Health and follow their directives with regard to contact tracing and school closure.
- * The governor has issued travel advisories for people who have traveled to specific states where a 14 day quarantine is mandated upon arrival back to New York. We ask that if you travel to any of these locations, that your child does not return to school until your 14 day quarantine is complete.

Below is the link to the NYS website where you can find up to date information on the travel advisory put in place by the governor.

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>