

The following is Gideon Academy's plan for reopening. It covers all the areas mentioned by California's waiver application for reopening.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING:

- Doors and windows will be open when possible to increase air circulation in all areas.
- Carpeted areas will be vacuumed daily using a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter
- Outdoor areas such as the playground will have normal routine cleaning, but per CDC do not require disinfection. Playground (slides and swing set) are off limits and will be taped off.
- High touch areas will be disinfected by staff as needed.
- There will be routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces using bleach solutions or alcohol solutions.
 - More frequent cleaning and disinfection will be required based on level of use.
 - High touch surfaces include: Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.
 - Cleaning and disinfecting common tables by staff during the 10 minute gap between learning center's lunch time.
- Disposable gloves will be used to clean and disinfect.
- Surfaces will be cleaned using soap and water and followed by the use of a disinfectant.
- Learning Centers and restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected daily and as needed on high touch surfaces.
- The Learning Centers will be provided with sanitation products such as disinfectant sprays, disinfecting wipes for surfaces, and hand sanitizers for student/staff use.
- Hands free sanitizer devices will be available outside of restrooms and Learning Centers for use upon entering or exiting buildings.
- Restrooms are equipped with hands free soap dispensing.
- Encouraged hand washing practices to include:
 - After blowing one's nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - After using the restroom.
 - Before eating or preparing food.
 - Before and after providing routine care for another person who needs assistance.

SMALL, STABLE, COHORTING

Gideon is organized into small cohorts called Learning Centers.

First cohort is grades 1-4 with 10 students. This is known as the Lower Learning Center.

The second cohort is grades 5-6 with 6 students. This is known as the Middle Learning Center.

Each learning center is in their own classroom.

ENTRANCE, EGRESS, AND MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL

Arriva/Entrance:

Gideon is open to receive students at 7:30am. School officially begins at 8am. Students arrive at Gideon by their parents transporting them. Upon arriving, all students are to enter through the side gate entrance marked "ENTRANCE". They immediately go into the auditorium, wearing their face coverings and keeping 6 feet from other non-family students. The floor / ground will be marked for proper distancing. In the auditorium each student will have their temperature checked with a contactless thermometer by a school staff member. Those students with a temperature <100.4 degrees will be directed to their classroom. The students with temperatures >100.4 will be quarantined in the school office and sent home; their parents will have to pick them up.

As students reach their classroom, their teachers will be there to receive them.

Assigned Seating:

In each learning center the students will have assigned seating. Their student desks are wall mounted and the students will be facing the wall with partition between students.

During lunchtime the students will also have assigned seating; household members will be assigned together from the learning center. The primary seating is outdoors on the picnic tables. The students will be spaced 6 feet apart. During inclement weather tables will be set up in the auditorium with the same criteria; assigned seating with household members together and others 6 feet apart. There are plenty of tables and chairs to accommodate the social distancing precautions.

During Breaks:

All learning centers will have a different time for their 10 minute breaks as to not interfere with the other learning centers.

Lower Learning Center breaks at the top of the hour for 10 minutes.

Middle Learning Center breaks at 20 minutes past the hour for 10 minutes.

The students will enter their classrooms through the “Enter” door and exit through the “Exit” door. The doors will be opened and closed by the teacher to limit the contact on the door handles. Students will be wearing their face coverings entering and exiting the classrooms.

During Lunch:

All learning centers will have a different time for their 30 minute lunch break as to not interfere with the other learning centers.

Lower Learning Center lunch at 11:20 for 30 minutes.

Middle Learning Center lunch at 12:00 for 30 minutes.

The students will enter their classrooms through the “Enter” door and exit through the “Exit” door. The doors will be opened and closed by the teacher to limit the contact on the door handles. Students will be wearing their face coverings entering and exiting the classrooms.

Students will eat their lunch on the outside picnic tables. There are 7 picnic tables available. Students will be assigned to a specific table to maintain social distancing; household members will be assigned together from the learning center. The primary seating is outdoors on the picnic tables. The students will be spaced 6 feet apart. During inclement weather tables will be set up in the auditorium with the same criteria; assigned seating with household members together and others 6 feet apart. There are plenty of tables and chairs to accommodate the social distancing precautions

Using the restroom:

Students in the Lower Learning Center will use the bathroom in their building. Students will maintain social distancing. The bathroom doors will remain open since there are stalls. Only 2 students are allowed in the bathroom at one time. Other students will wait outside with 6 feet distance from other students; there are markings on the ground for proper distancing. Students will wash their hands as per the hygiene guidelines.

Students in the Middle Learning Center will use the bathroom in their building. Students will maintain social distancing. The bathroom doors will remain open since there are stalls. Only 2 students are allowed in the bathroom at one time. Other students will wait outside with 6 feet distance from other students; there are markings on the ground for proper distancing. Students will wash their hands as per the hygiene guidelines.

Egress:

Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm. As students are dismissed, they will be reminded to stay with their household.

All students will exit the school campus through the two double gates. Families will be assigned to either Gate 1 or Gate 2 in the front of the school campus. As students wait for their ride home they are to maintain social distancing from other students not from their household.

The staff will rotate on assigned supervision duty to enforce physical distancing as the students await their rides. The administrator will create this assigned duty roster.

FACE COVERING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PROTECTIVE GEAR:

All staff and students, from 3rd grade and higher, will be required to wear face coverings upon entering and exiting the school campus or any time the recommended 6 feet of social distancing may be compromised.

Children aged 2-2nd grade are highly encouraged to wear a face covering but may use a face shield in lieu of the face covering if there cannot be a perfect seal to the child's face. Children 3rd grade and older are required to wear a face covering but may use a face shield if medically excused; a student's record will be updated if this is the case.

Face covering will be available for staff or children that may need one. Face shields will also be available for those students and or staff that are exempted from a face covering due to a medical condition if they do not bring one.

Students will be required to provide their own face covering or face shield. The staff will have theirs provided by the school.

The school will maintain an inventory of 50 face coverings available and 5 face shields.

HEALTH SCREENING FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF:

Upon arrival at the school campus, students will enter a designated health screening area where they will receive temperature checks using a contactless thermometer administered by a designated staff member. Temperatures will be recorded daily. Students will be required to turn in the signed Symptom Checklist Form provided to each family stating that they are free from any of the following symptoms.

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Parents will be instructed to keep their child(ren) home if any of these symptoms are present.

Staff will be screened with the same process as the students.

See attached Symptom Checklist Form

Failed Screenings

For temperatures >100.4 personnel will be sent to the designation rooms. If a student stays home due to symptoms or exposure to someone positive with COVID-19 the school will provide Distance learning for them.

Designation rooms

Designated rooms for failures of screening process and those that demonstrate symptoms throughout the day are the following:

First designation room is admin office 2. If there are 2 students, a secondary room is designated Classroom 1, If more space is required, the auditorium will be used for larger groups 3 and larger.

Students will not be isolated with other students unless the need for the auditorium is required, in which the students will be spaced 12 feet apart with a mobile partition between them. The administrator will designate other rooms as needed beyond the initial plan.

There is the restroom in the admin office that is designated for quarantine personnel. Should more restrooms be required, the boys bathroom near the admin office will be designated.

The administrator, or whom he may designate will contact parents of the quarantined students. Also, this designated staff will inform the health department.

Staff COVID-19 Testing

Prior to reopening, Staff will be tested for COVID-19 at the Kern County Fairgrounds at 1142 South P st, Gate 26, Bakersfield. Scheduled testing for August 13, 2020.

HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES FOR STAFF & STUDENTS

- Sanitize hands upon entry to Learning Centers.
- Wear a face mask at all times (first and second graders are not required to wear a face mask). If a student arrives without a face mask, they will be provided one by the school.
 - All staff and students, from 3rd grade and higher, will be required to wear face coverings upon entering and exiting the school campus or any time the recommended 6 feet of social distancing may be compromised.
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wear a face covering but may use a face shield if medically excused; a student's record will be updated if this is the case.

- Face covering will be available for staff or children that may need one. Face shields will also be available for those students and or staff that are exempted from a face covering due to a medical condition if they do not bring one.
- Students will be required to provide their own face covering or face shield. The staff will have theirs provided by the school.
- Refrain from touching the eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover coughs and sneezes using your elbow or a tissue. Dispose of the tissue and clean hands immediately.
- Stay home when sick, or after close contact with someone who is sick. If a student or staff member is sick, he or she should not come to school.

*Signs will be posted in all Learning Centers and bathrooms with the above information.

IDENTIFICATION OF TRACING CONTACTS

What measures should be taken when a student, teacher or staff member has symptoms, is a contact of someone infected, or is diagnosed with COVID-19?

	Student or Staff with:	Action	Communication
1.	COVID-19 Symptoms (e.g., fever, cough, loss of taste or smell, difficulty breathing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send home ● Recommend testing (If positive, see #3, if negative, see #4) ● School/classroom remain open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Action needed
2.	Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send home ● Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure ● Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine) ● School/classroom remain open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider school community notification of a known contact

3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date ● Identify contacts, quarantine & exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious ● Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts ● Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time ● School remains open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School community notification of a known case
4.	Tests negative after symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May return to school 3 days after symptoms resolve ● School/classroom remain open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider school community notification if prior awareness of testing

In the event that a student is symptomatic of the COVID-19 and or fails the screening test the administrator, or whom he designates, will contact the local health department.

Once the school is notified by the health department or parents of a student that the school has a positive COVID-19 case the school administrator, or whom he may designate, will commence the Contact Tracing. The administrator will trace who the subject has come in contact with at the school; in the classroom - who does the student sit near and or lunch who are they close to. Once that has been determined by the designated staff member and confirmed who has been exposed to the student with COVID-19 the administrator, or whomever he designates, will begin contacting the parents of the exposed students. They will be informed that someone in the school has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but names will not be given.

Distance learning will be provided for those students that are quarantined at home.

Physical Distancing

In order to reduce the risk of infection,

- Students will remain in the same space and Learning Center as consistent as practicable, including for recess and lunch.
- Students and staff will remain with the same Learning Center to the greatest extent practicable.
- We will prioritize the use and maximization of outdoor space for activities where practicable.
- We will minimize movement of students and teachers or staff as much as practicable.
- Teachers will remain with one group for the whole day.
- There will be maximized space with partitions between seating and desks.
- Staff desks will be six feet away from student desks
- Staff will provide instructions for maximizing spacing and ways to minimize movement in both indoor and outdoor spaces that are easy for students to understand and are developmentally appropriate.
- Procedures will be in place for turning in assignments to minimize contact.
- Visitors, volunteers and activities involving other groups at the same time will be limited.
- Communal activities will be limited where practicable.
- Congregate movement through hallways will be minimized as much as practicable.
- Students provide their own lunch from home and will be seated together in their cohort groups, ensuring physical distancing.
- Each Learning Center will have separate breaks and maintain social distancing.
- Physical education will not be taught until the requirement of masks is no longer needed.

STAFF TRAINING AND FAMILY EDUCATION

Staff Training

Staff will be trained on the procedures to disinfect, sanitize, teach, and execute the procedures for entrance, egress, and protocol for reporting a student with symptoms of COVID-19. All training will take place prior to reopening the school and monthly thereafter.

Disinfect:

Staff will be trained to disinfect and sanitize common areas. There will be ample supply of disinfectant and sanitizing resources needed for each classroom.

Staff will also be trained on use, removal, and wash or dispose of used face coverings.

Teach:

The teachers will be trained on the procedures for assisting students to learn an academic subject while practicing safe social distancing measures and or using PPE if they have to get closer than 6 feet with a student.

Procedures for Entrance and Egress:

The staff will be trained to safely conduct entrance to their classrooms and egress from their classrooms.

If Staff Feels Sick

Staff will be trained on the symptoms of COVID-19. Staff will remain home if they find themselves with these symptoms. Also, when to seek medical attention.

Protocol for Reporting a Student with Symptoms of COVID-19

The staff will be trained on the procedures of reporting a student with symptoms of COVID-19. They will go through the procedures as a practice with the school staff following the steps of the protocol.

Family Education

The family will be educated on the school's COVID-19 policies and procedures through a few approaches.

First, information will be sent home, via email or hard copy, to inform the parents of the ongoing procedures. Second, the procedures will be posted on the school website for the parents to read or download. Third, there will be scheduled training on the campus

before the reopening of the school and every other month thereafter. The on-campus training will include:

- Hygiene
- Disinfecting
- Screening for COVID-19 symptoms
- How COVID-19 is spread
- Reporting of personnel with symptoms of COVID-19 protocol

Families will be informed of the proper lunches allied for their students to bring to school that will not require staff assistance with it.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR SYMPTOMATIC AND INDIVIDUALS

Testing for Students and Staff

Triggers for switching to long-distance learning

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2.	Close contact (*) with a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Send home ● Quarantine for 14 days from last exposure ● Recommend testing (but will not shorten 14-day quarantine) ● School/classroom remain open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider school community notification of a known contact

3.	Confirmed COVID-19 case infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Isolate case and exclude from school for 10 days from symptom onset or test date ● Identify contacts (*), quarantine & exclude exposed contacts (likely entire cohort (**)) for 14 days after the last date the case was present at school while infectious ● Recommend testing of contacts, prioritize symptomatic contacts ● Disinfection and cleaning of classroom and primary spaces where case spent significant time ● School remains open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School community notification of a known case
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(*) A contact is defined as a person who is <6 feet from a case for >15 minutes. In some school situations, it may be difficult to determine whether individuals have met this criterion and an entire cohort, classroom, or other group may need to be considered exposed, particularly if people have spent time together indoors.

(**) A cohort is a stable group with fixed membership that stays together for all courses and activities (e.g., lunch, recess, etc.) and avoids contact with other persons or cohorts.

Communication Plans

The school administrator, or whom he may designate, will be responsible for contacting the health department if someone at the school is positive or symptomatic of COVID-19. The primary means of communication will be via a phone call, the secondary method will be via email. Additionally, this contact person will notify the staff and school parents

of the positive case at the school via a phone call. If the school administrator cannot send the communication he will designate a staff member to be the proxy.

Guidance on School Closure

What are the criteria for closing a school?

Individual school closure is recommended based on the number of cases, the percentage of the teacher/students/staff that are positive for COVID-19, and following consultation with the Local Health Officer. Individual school closure may be appropriate when there are multiple cases in multiple cohorts at a school or when at least 5 percent of the total number of teachers/student/staff are cases within a 14-day period, depending on the size and physical layout of the school.

The School Administrator may also determine school closure is warranted for other reasons, including results from public health investigation or other local epidemiological data.

In the event that our physical campus is closed due to 2 or more confirmed Covid-19 cases, we are still able to move forward with our distance learning model that was implemented March 2020. In the event the decision is made to physically close our campus due to an outbreak, all PACE work will be completed from home with online support via Zoom or Facetime from Gideon Staff Members Monday - Friday from 8:00am-2:30pm. Students will be allowed to return to campus no sooner than 14 days following an outbreak and the following have occurred:

- Cleaning and disinfection
- Consultation with the local public health department
- Any symptomatic individuals must have received a negative test result prior to returning to on campus learning.