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THE GRAMON SCHOOL • GLENVIEW ACADEMY • NEW BEGINNINGS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Gramon Family of Schools continues to follow the New Jersey Department of Health guidelines to limit the spread of COVID-19 within our school community. Information regarding the Gramon Family of Schools COVID-19 status is located on our dashboard at www.gramonfamily.org. The Gramon Family of Schools' COVID-19 status is updated every Friday.

In order to continue to protect the health and safety of our students and staff, our health office will now be providing additional notification for families when there is a positive case of COVID-19 in your child's class. If you receive this notification, this means that even though there is a positive COVID-19 case in your child's class, your child was **NOT** considered to be a direct contact. This letter will be emailed and sent through our Blackboard System.

Our health office will continue to call our families if your child has been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. It is very important that all your information is up to date in our Real-Time student database system. If you need assistance, please contact the front office at your child's school.

Please review the following guidelines below regarding:

1. Quarantine and Isolation
2. Test-to-Stay Program
3. Travel – Domestic and International
4. Masking
5. Free Test Kit Information

1. **Quarantine and Isolation Guidelines**

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status (Isolate)

Students, regardless of vaccination status.

- Stay home for 5 days and isolate.
- End isolation after at least 5 full days after positive test.
- Wear a well-fitted mask at school for another 5 days.
- If student is unable to wear a well-fitted mask for 5 days, student will be required to stay home until day 10.

If a student was exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, and is up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations

- Student does not need to stay home unless symptoms develop.
- Even if no symptoms develop, student should get tested at least 5 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19.

- If symptoms develop get tested immediately.
- Continue to stay home until results are received.
- If student tests positive for COVID-19, follow quarantine guidelines under item #1.

Up-to-Date Vaccinations:

- **Up to at least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 Vaccination series for Pfizer.**
- **Up to at least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series for Moderna**
- **Up to at least 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination**
- **Fully boosted**

If student was Exposed to COVID-19 outside of school, and is NOT are up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccinations:

- Stay home for 5 days and isolate.
- Wear a well-fitted mask around others.
- Even if symptoms don't develop, get tested at least 5 days after close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- After quarantine
 - Watch for symptoms until 10 days after the close contact with someone with COVID-19.
 - If symptoms develop get tested immediately.
 - Continue to stay home until test results received.
 - Wear a well-fitted mask around others for another 5-days.
 - If student is unable to wear a well-fitted mask for 5 days, student will be required to stay home until day 10.
 - If student tests positive for COVID-19, follow quarantine guidelines under item #1.

If student was exposed to COVID-19 outside of school and had confirmed COVID-19 within the past 90 days (Student tested positive)

- Student does not need to stay home unless symptoms develop.
- Watch for symptoms until 10 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.
- If symptoms develop isolate and get tested immediately.
- Continue to stay home until test results are received.
- Wear a well-fitted mask around others.

***Vaccinations Not Up-to-date:**

- **Over 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 Vaccination series for Pfizer.**
- **Over 6 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series for Moderna**
- **Over 2 months after receiving your J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination**
- **You are not boosted or are unvaccinated**

2. **Test to Stay Program:**

If student is exposed to COVID-19 at school and is unvaccinated and did not test positive for COVID-19 within the last 90 days, quarantine is not required. However, student will be required to participate in the Test-to-Stay program and will be tested for COVID-19 by the school nurse on Day's 1, 3, and 5. If the student tests positive or is unable to participate in the test-to-stay program, the student will be required to quarantine at home for 5-days.

3. **Travel Requirements:**

There are no changes to our current travel requirements

Domestic Travel

For students traveling to or from New Jersey, domestic travel is considered to be any travel lasting 24 hours or longer to any U.S. states or territories other than Pennsylvania, New York, and Delaware.

Unvaccinated students who travel domestically should get tested 3-5 days after returning to New Jersey and quarantine for 5 days even if the test is negative for COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated students and students who have recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to get tested or self-quarantine after travel. However, the NJ Department of Health recommends fully vaccinated individuals self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested for COVID-19 if symptoms develop.

International Travel

Any student returning to the United States after traveling abroad, should get tested for COVID-19, 3-5 days after travel, be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms, and isolate and get tested if symptoms develop. Unvaccinated students should stay home and quarantine for a full 5 days.

Parent/guardians should notify their school nurse if the student will be traveling to a state or territory beyond the immediate region, including the destination of such travel and the date of return or expected return to New Jersey.

4. **Masking**

There is currently no masking mandate in place for students. Wearing masks at the schools is voluntary. However, if COVID-19 cases rise in the schools or the level of COVID-19 activity rises in the county to a level of "orange", the Gramon Family of Schools will reevaluate the

need for students and staff to wear masks at school. The schools maintain supplies of masks and are available for all student during the school day.

Students will be required to wear masks:

- During Test-to-Stay Program
- On school transportation for 6-10 days following isolation/quarantine or while in the test-to-stay program.

5. **Free At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits by Mail and Helpful Links**

Please visit the following website to order free at-home COVID-19 test kits:

<https://www.covidtests.gov/>
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

Helpful Links:

- Get vaccinated/boosted: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>
- Test Site Finder – Order Free At Home Test Kits - Free Public Testing
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing>

We very much appreciate your cooperation in this regard as we work toward safely operating our schools. Parents/guardians will be notified of any updates to the guidelines in this memo.

If you have any questions, please contact your school administrators at 973-808-9555 for Gramon School/Glenview Academy or 973-882-8822 for New Beginnings.

Warm regards,

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