

## **2022-2023 Return to Learn Plan**

The American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Programs (ARP ESSER) statute and interim final requirements include several provisions for Local Educational Agencies (LEA) that receives ARP ESSER funds, including a Return to Learn Plan and the opportunity to provide public comment. Those desiring to comment publicly on the 2022-2023 Return to Learn Plan will have an opportunity at regular and special board meetings.

### **THIS PLAN IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

The Griggsville-Perry School District will continue to resume a traditional full day schedule, including lunch, on all regular student attendance days. School hours will follow the regular school day hours per the 2022-2023 district calendar.

### **Instructional Model/School Day**

The District will continue to provide a traditional full day schedule, including lunch, on all regular student attendance days. School hours will follow the regular school day hours as listed below:

#### **Elementary**

Doors Open: 8:00am  
Classes Begin: 8:30am  
School Dismissed: 3:15pm

#### **Middle School**

Doors Open: 8:00am  
Classes Begin: 8:30am  
School Dismissed: 3:15pm

#### **High School**

Doors Open: 8:00am  
Classes Begin: 8:30am  
School Dismissed: 3:00pm

Instruction missed due to absences related to COVID-19 will be handled in the same manner as other absences due to sickness. Students and parents are encouraged to contact their child's teacher during any extended absence.

### **Prevention strategies are subject to change throughout the school year**

At a minimum, in October and April of each school year, (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), the District will review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

Griggsville-Perry CUSD 4 will consider the public health guidance from: Public input at regularly scheduled board meeting, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for athletics, when making COVID-19 health decisions.

### **Prevention Strategies**

What sort of **prevention strategies** will the Griggsville-Perry District have in place throughout the school year? The layered mitigation measures that will be addressed in the following question:

1. Does the District require **vaccines** for those students/staff who are eligible?  
No, the District will not require vaccines for students or staff.
2. Does the District require **masks** for students & staff?  
No, the District does not require masking for students and staff. If Pike County is at high COVID-19 transmission levels, the CDC and IDPH recommends that masks be worn. However, even during high COVID-19 transmission levels, masking will remain optional.
3. Can my student wear a **mask** at all times while at school?  
Yes. Although not required, students are allowed to wear masks at all times while at school.
4. Does the District require **health screenings** for students & staff for COVID-19?  
Only students and staff who are healthy should come to school. Students and staff who have symptoms of any infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and contact their healthcare provider for testing and care. Students and staff who are COVID-19

positive, confirmed with a PCR test or probable antigen test, will need to stay home for at least five days from onset of symptoms and be fever/symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

5. How will the District handle students reporting **mild symptoms or chronic symptoms** of COVID-19 this school year?  
Students that are exhibiting mild COVID symptoms at school will not automatically be excluded due to the fact that the symptoms of COVID-19 are also symptoms of common illnesses like seasonal allergies and colds. Students with chronic conditions like asthma or allergies might have symptoms such as nasal congestion or cough without an infectious illness. To balance these considerations and to prevent potentially excluding students repeatedly, the list of symptoms has been limited to those most likely to be part of an infectious syndrome. Upon receiving parent permission, District school nurses will also be able to administer a BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen rapid test for symptomatic students. If the results of this test are negative for COVID, the student may be allowed to stay in school.
6. Will students who are **close contacts** with COVID positive individuals be required to stay home from school?  
No--only students who have tested positive or are sick will be required to stay home. The District nurses will make the determination to send students home based on the severity of symptoms.
7. What types of COVID **screening/tests** are offered by the District?  
As an additional mitigation measure the BinaxNow test will be available for students and staff. Test samples are collected through a nasal swab and results are available in 15 minutes. **Upon receiving parent permission**, this test can be administered at school by a District's school nurse.
8. Does the District plan to continue **cleaning procedures** utilized last school year?  
Yes. Similar to last school year, classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized daily. Disinfectant application through manual cleaning methods will also be conducted routinely in all building spaces.
9. **Will the District provide masks, hand sanitizers and personal protective equipment as appropriate?**  
Yes. Masks, frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and will be made available to staff and students. Hand hygiene will be included in the curriculum to help educate students on the importance of proper hand hygiene.

### **Mental Health**

The District has two full-time school counselors and access to a variety of state and local mental health resources to support student/staff mental health. Social-emotional health is an emphasis in every building throughout the District. Prioritizing student-staff mental health will continue to be an emphasis during the 2022-2023 school year.