



**Golf 67
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Superintendent Report Return to Learn Update

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Golf School District 67 Values and Beliefs

- We believe in an inclusive environment that promotes equity, diversity and enhances learning in a social environment in which the rights and dignity of the school community are respected.
- Passion and commitment inspire teaching and learning.
- All students are capable of high levels of academic and social success.
- Education should reflect 21st Century Learning.
- Children thrive when family, school, and community work as partners.
- We will allocate and pursue resources in suitable, transparent, and purposeful ways.
- Students have the greatest opportunity to learn in a safe environment.



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History

- Began our journey by assembling a Return To Learn (RTL) task force in early July
- Created an RTL framework and began to educate kids in-person beginning September 8
- Unable to fit students in more than 2 days a week, due to spacing constraints
- Wednesdays were used as both virtual synchronous and asynchronous opportunities to allow for cleaning, planning, specials classes, and small group instruction
- One school closure due to a staff outbreak and an adaptive pause from end of November until mid-January to take into account holiday travel
- No student cases have been traced back to our schools
- Almost all staff members who chose to be vaccinated have received at least their first dose
- Continue to assess data, metrics and health and safety conditions
- Have provided weekly COVID-19 testing for staff



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Revised Public Health Guidance for Schools

- Joint guidance from the IDPH/ISBE (March 2021) can be found [here](#). Highlights include:
 - Guidance indicating that schools are safe to re-open
 - Social distancing is now defined as 3-6 feet, however a 6 foot distance must be maintained when masks are removed (e.g., lunch and recess)
 - More than 50 people are allowed in a space, but masks must be worn and social distancing must be followed
- Reminder to follow the 3 W's
 - Wear a mask
 - Wash your hands
 - Watch your distance





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Return to Learn Plan



Current hybrid students will be returning to in person learning five half days a week beginning April 5.

- Classes have been measured to ensure a 3 foot distance between students to be completed over spring break
- Plexiglass barriers will be used to separate students sharing a table (*photo on slide 10*)
- We will be adding another bus route to Hynes to accommodate the larger number of riders
- Expect an increase in congestion in neighborhoods surrounding the schools due to pick-up/drop-off traffic
- Class schedule adjustments



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Next Steps: In-Person Full Day Factors to Consider



A survey will be going out to families on **Friday, March 19, 2021** to gauge interest in returning to school full days, if possible. This will allow for remote students to opt-in to in-person learning. The following possibilities may need to be considered based on the number of students returning:

- Classroom space
 - Even with 3 foot distance, many classrooms cannot accommodate our largest classes of students (27-31)
 - The library and other large spaces may have to be used as classrooms
 - Changes in class rosters may need to be considered
 - Students may have to spend part of their instructional time on Google Meets in an overflow room.
 - Changes in student schedules



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Next Steps: In-Person Full Day Factors to Consider



- Staffing
 - Need to hire unfilled positions
 - Need for supervision
- Transportation
 - No new transportation requests
 - To go full day, we will need to employ a different bus company for afternoon pick-up
 - Increase in congestion in neighborhoods surrounding the schools due to pick-up/drop-off traffic
- Lunch
 - Can fit more than 50, but kids MUST be 6 feet apart
 - If classrooms need to move into larger spaces, that could impact lunch and schedules
 - Cannot eat in rooms because of 6 foot distance requirements when masks are not worn
 - Need for added supervision



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Return to School: In Person





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How can you help?



- Please fill out the survey by Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 5:00PM. The earlier we know the number of students who want to return, the better we can plan. Please read the options carefully.
- Follow the new directions for drop-off and pick-up to ensure safety and efficiency.
- Please be patient as we make adjustments in our Return to Learn Plans.
- Continue to encourage your students to participate fully in their educational experience.
- Thank you for your feedback and grace as we work to increase in-person instruction for students.



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Next Steps



- Analyze survey responses after spring break.
- A community COVID-19 testing event is being scheduled for the weekend of April 10-11 at GMS. More information to follow
- Continue to plan for increased in-person instruction for more students, with an accompanying timeline.
- Plan for 8th grade graduation and other end of year activities.

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Travel Guidelines



Domestic Travel

If you must travel domestically, Golf 67 encourages the community to follow **all travel guidance**.

- At this time, there is NO mandatory travel quarantine for domestic travel.
- Golf 67 will not require staff or students to quarantine based on domestic travel.
- However, we expect you (and your family) to continue to be responsible with all safety measures: **wear your mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance**.

We are relying on your judgment to keep our school community safe. Please continue to monitor your child's health with daily temperature and symptom checks, even when not at school. If your child experiences any symptoms, please keep your child home and contact the building nurse.

International Travel

If you plan to travel internationally during spring break, Golf 67 will follow the CDC guidance on [international travel](#) to help prevent any potential COVID-19 exposure.



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Shout outs



Congratulations to Dr. Danielle Schneider-Maldonado
for successfully completing her
Ph.D in Instructional Technology!





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Shout outs



A huge thank shout out to our maintenance and custodial staff for all of their hard work and dedication to the Golf 67 community.

Specifically for:

- Keeping our buildings clean and safe for students and staff
- Managing the parking lots and door entrances during the snowstorm
- Making the plexiglass barriers for our students and staff
- Ensuring the buildings are stocked with PPE
- Overall, being awesome!

We could not function without all of you! Thank you!