

# Reopening Summary

Dear Parents and Families,

We hope you are all safe, healthy, and enjoying a bit of summer with your family. There continues to be uncertain times in the world and we are definitely not immune to that here in Utah. We know many of you have questions and concerns regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year. It has been a work in progress meeting with our state and county health officials, receiving mandates from our Governor, and creating reopening plans aligned with our state superintendent of schools.

As an administration, we have created some bullet points that will help you understand what procedures will be in place for your child/children at the start of the school year. The majority of the protocol has been **mandated by the government** and will be implemented at all schools in the state for the fall semester. Depending on which health district your Epic location resides within, there may be more stringent guidelines in place. As of right now, all of Canyon Grove Academy's locations are currently under the **"yellow phase"** as set forth by Governor Herbert. Under the yellow phase, the following will be in place throughout the fall semester of the upcoming school year. As we near the end of the fall semester, our state officials will again reassess the health and safety measures in place. As seen multiple times throughout this pandemic, plans will be changed as the needs of the community change according to the effects of COVID-19.

## Reopening Summary for Canyon Grove Academy Students and Families

- School is open with all precautionary measures in place.
- All staff and students will wear masks all day as mandated by Governor Herbert.
- Monitoring procedures in place for students, staff and visitors who enter the school.
- Parents have the option to choose at-home learning or at school learning.
- Lunch procedures will include sitting six feet apart while eating
- Buses:
  - Students must wear masks and have assigned seating.
  - Precautionary measure for safety & health of driver in place.
- Training for staff on a safety plan, recognizing COVID symptoms, and health awareness protocol.
- Health and safety disinfecting procedures heightened school-wide.
- Parent training on home-health checks prior to bringing students to school.
- Students social distancing – 6ft apart within the classroom (or as available).
- Students walk in hallways with a six-foot space between them.
- Individual student supplies – no shared equipment of any type (from pencils to computers).
- Drinking fountain use is prohibited. Students must have a water bottle.

- Sanitizing and health measures in place before and at the end of the day, as well as periodically throughout the day.
- Handwashing, handwashing, handwashing!
- One way hallways marked with arrows.
- Social distancing in the cafeteria, recess, and in group settings.
- Avoid large gatherings of assemblies, performances, and activities. Use virtual options instead.
- Restroom use is narrowed to every other stall and every other sink to keep a 6-foot distance. (Only two students at a time in the restroom).

As you can see in the protocol listed above, the guidelines we need to follow may seem stringent but are in support of the county and state for the health and safety of our students, staff, and families. We are sometimes receiving new information daily. Because our Epic day programs are project-learning based, with an emphasis on collaboration and working together, this is an especially difficult task to undertake. We have received many calls regarding how COVID-19 will affect students and we thought answering some of those questions would be helpful.

- **Are we following the order, too?** Yes, all schools in Utah must follow the Governor's order of wearing masks.
- **Will there be cubicles keeping students apart?** No, there will not be cubicles. Students will wear masks and social distance 6 feet apart throughout their school day wherever possible.
- **Will there be Epic days at all locations?** This is still to be determined based on parent surveys, health and safety measures in each county, and participation rate.
- **Will there be Discovery Days and field trips this fall?** There will be no Discovery Days or field trips until our state moves to the "new green" phase which is likely to be next summer.
- **Are we going to half-size classes?** This is still to be determined.
- **Will my student be in trouble all day for his/her mask?** No, your students won't get in trouble but will be reminded to keep his/her mask on at all times.
- **What will happen if someone from the school does get the disease?** CGA will have a tracking system in place should a student, staff, or visitor contract the disease. For example: assigned seating in classrooms and buses and a new digital visitor tracking system.
- **What is our game plan for keeping all disinfected?** Sanitizing measures have been set forth throughout the school and in all classrooms.
- **My student is scared to come to school.** Parents have the option to allow their student to do their learning at home until their anxiety is eased over time.

- **Is it possible for the school to still be canceled if a breakout happens?** If a breakout happens and the state returns to either the orange or red phase, all schools will return to full-time at-home learning. We are in continual contact with our state officials, we have home learning material ready to go, and we will keep an open line of communication with our CGA community.

As we navigate through these unprecedented times together, we want our Canyon Grove community of families to know that we are here to support and help in as many ways possible. One thing we can be assured of is that our children are strong, resilient, and amazing! In order to best assist our school as a whole, a survey has been created to gather information from each of you to open the lines of communication. We will determine our final reopening plan by combining our state-mandated procedures with our [parent survey](#) results so that all areas of concern are addressed.