



German Pacific School - COVID-19 Policies for In-Person Instruction

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Vaccinations

Several vaccines have proven to be highly effective at preventing serious illness if an individual is exposed to the SARS-CoV-2 virus. We highly encourage every community member who is eligible to receive the vaccine to do so.

GPSSD Teachers and Staff

All our teachers and staff are in full compliance with the stringent Covid policies for teachers and staff set forth by the San Diego French American School.

Check for Signs, Symptoms and Exposures

Before coming to any GPSSD campus, all students, families and staff must check for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If a student or an employee is experiencing any symptoms, they may not come to campus.

COVID-19 symptoms typically appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus and include:

- 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

GPSSD reserves the right to conduct temperature/symptoms checks for students and staff.

If a Student Becomes Ill on Campus

Students exhibiting one or more symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be sent home as soon as possible. We will separate the student from others and will notify the student's family.

If your child has been exposed to or diagnosed with COVID-19, please report it to GPSSD. This information will be kept confidential.

The student may return to campus in accordance with the San Diego County Health and Human Services [decision tree](#).

Contact Tracing

If your child or someone in your family has tested positive for Covid-19, you must notify GPSSD immediately. This information will be kept confidential.

When there is a case of COVID-19, GPSSD will conduct contact tracing. Teachers are asked to maintain seating charts to ensure that contact tracing efforts are as accurate as possible. Individuals who are identified as close contacts will be asked to quarantine in accordance with the [decision tree](#).

Isolation/Quarantine

GPSSD will not issue a refund for instruction missed due to isolation or quarantine. We will do our best to provide online support/instruction for students that cannot come to campus due to exposure/illness related to GPSSD on campus classes.

Force Majeure

If significant transmission in our GPSSD community (students and/or staff) and/or restrictions (local, state, federal) prevent us from conducting on-campus instruction, families will not be refunded the tuition differential.

Testing

We encourage all families to participate in the State- and Federally-funded school screening testing programs at your child's regular school.

GPSSD will not conduct student testing. If your child has symptoms, please get a molecular test (PCR) and isolate until the test results are available.

Masks

Well-fitting masks must be worn at all times by all students and adults, indoors and outdoors, regardless of vaccination status. If students or adults need to remove their masks to drink water they are asked to do so outside.

Physical Distancing Inside and Outside the Classroom

With the universal mask mandate in place, there is currently no requirement for minimum physical distancing. However, GPSSD classes are small so that students will be spaced out appropriately in the classroom. Outside spaces will be used for instruction as much as possible.

Student Drop Off

Family members must self-screen for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 before coming to campus. If an individual has signs or symptoms of COVID-19 they may not come to campus to drop off their child. On campus, all individuals are required to wear masks. Parents are not permitted to stay on campus after their student is checked in.

Improved Ventilation

As much as possible, windows and doors will be kept open, in order to increase fresh air coming indoors. Where possible, the facilities have improved the rating of the filters in its HVAC units to MERV 13.

Snacks/Food

All staff and students will eat outdoors, maximizing their physical distance from others as much as possible.

Hygiene

Students and staff will wash or sanitize their hands at the beginning of the day, before and after meals, after using the restroom, after coughing or sneezing, before and after classroom sharing supplies and materials, and as they enter a building or classroom space. Hand sanitizer will be provided at entry points during peak times and in spaces that do not have sinks with soap and water

Cleaning and Disinfection

Classrooms, classroom desks/tables as well as restrooms and restroom surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected before the start of GPSSD classes.