



## Oak Grove Lutheran Schools

### Smart Restart Plan for the 2020–21 School Year

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

\*\*\*Most recent updates highlighted in yellow and posted 8/21/20\*\*\*

#### **When can I drop off school supplies at my locker?**

South Campus - During your scheduled meeting with your classroom teacher is the ideal time to drop off supplies

6th Grade - You may drop off locker supplies during your orientation with Mr. Schumacher, or anytime between 8-4 on August 20, 21, 24, 25, or 26.

7th - 12 Grade - Anytime between 8-4 on August 20, 21, 24, 25, or 26th.

#### **Study Hall Exemption -- Can I leave campus if I am exempt from study hall?**

No and Yes

Periods 4 and 8 -- Yes, you may check-out and go home if you have study hall 4th or 8th period.

Periods 1 and 5 -- You may come to school at the end of periods 1 or 5 and check-in with your study hall supervisor before the end of the 1st or 5th period.

Periods 2, 3, 6, and 7 -- No. We need you to stay on Campus. We are attempting to limit possible exposure opportunities throughout the day that may exist off campus. Furthermore, contact tracing will be more accurate and efficient if students remain on campus and within the study hall room.

### **What is the Shuttle Schedule and how will that work?**

Due to capacity constraints on our shuttle, we are asking all families to use the shuttle out of necessity only.

Students waiting to board the shuttle must wait in their cars. Students waiting to board the shuttle are not allowed to wait in the school.

The shuttle seats will be sprayed and disinfected between arrival and departure times.

Depart North Campus 7:30 -- arrive at South Campus at 7:50

Depart South Campus at 8:00 -- arrive at North Campus at 8:20

#### **BRIDGE TIME AT SOUTH CAMPUS**

- Elementary Students riding the shuttle to the North Campus will be dismissed from their classrooms at 2:20
- The students will gather in the gym with Mr. Kegel
- Mr. Kegel will supervise the students until the shuttle to the North Campus begins boarding at 2:50

Depart South Campus at 3:00 -- arrive at North Campus at 3:20

Depart North Campus at 3:45 -- arrive at South Campus at 4:05

### **What if two students at the elementary school have different last names, but go to the same daycare? How will they be dismissed?**

Students attending the same daycare will be dismissed at the same time to board their daycare shuttle.

### **How will families be notified when a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?**

Families and students who are identified as close contacts to a positive COVID-19 case will be notified by a school official and given further instructions.

An email will be sent to all Oak Grove families notifying them of a positive test for COVID-19 in one of our students or staff members.

### **Do students who leave the state need to quarantine when they return home?**

No.

Currently, North Dakota does not have any quarantine restrictions in place for visitors from other states, or residents of North Dakota returning from other states. Oak Grove will follow the state's lead should quarantine restrictions be put in place for residents or visitors.

- ***What if that state is a hotspot?*** -- For the reason stated above, there will be no quarantine restrictions for students/families returning from other states.

### **What are the expectations for High School students on Wednesdays/Fridays when they are practicing distance learning?**

- Students must log-in to class Zoom at the start of each period
- Attendance taken at the start of each period
- Wednesdays/Fridays will follow the Maroon/White schedule for the week
- Class periods remain the same
- Teachers will determine the design of their class for Wednesdays/Fridays
- Tests may be given
- Quizzes may be given

### **Can my child ZOOM on their phone from the car?**

- Yes -- With the Caveats below:
  - Student MUST NOT be driving the car at the time of class
  - Credit is attached to courses at the high school level
  - Being present, and participating fully in class, is essential to learning and achievement

### **Why is the High School/Middle School not in class on Wednesday/Friday?**

1. Classes online on Wednesday/Friday allow our teachers to connect with students who chose to attend Oak Grove through our Academy Model. Teachers may choose to invite those students to campus for assessments. Or, they may connect virtually to clarify content or other misunderstandings.
2. Wednesdays/Fridays also allow us to bring entire grades onto campus for state/federally mandated assessments.
3. With the possibility of having to go to a hybrid model, or an entirely online distance model, Wednesdays/Fridays online allow both teachers and students to maintain proficiency in an online learning environment.
4. Wednesdays/Fridays online allows our cleaning staff to deep clean classroom areas on two consecutive nights without students in between.

### **Will donated hand sanitizers be checked to ensure they are not on the unsafe list?**

Yes. We have asked our teachers to take out any Saniderm products or UVT products.

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-consumers-not-use-hand-sanitizer-products-manufactured-eskbiochem>

### **What will lunch look like?**

- Elementary School
  - Lunch will be delivered to classrooms
  - Students will sit at their desks, remove masks, focus on eating,
  - Students will have no more than 15 minutes with masks off during this time
- Middle and High School
  - Lunch choices are limited to minimize time standing in line
    - Hot Lunch Entree or Lumberjack Cold Lunch (Sandwich, fruit, chips, milk)
    - Fewer Ala Carte Choices:
      - Drinks (3 options only)
      - Dessert Goodie -- Served by lunch staff
    - Salad served by kitchen staff at end of service line with limited choices
  - Lunch will be served during our Chapel Advisory Period
    - Middle School -- 10:53 to 11:34
    - High School -- 11:38 to 12:23
  - During Chapel Advisory
    - Students go to their assigned chapel advisor's classroom
      - Students are placed into 9 groups of 15 at the middle school
      - Students are placed into 13 groups of 12 at the high school
    - Chapel Advisory groups will watch a pre-recorded Chapel from Mrs. McEvers and Mr. Norell and process the chapel message together
    - During this time, Advisory groups will be called down to the lunchroom, one group at a time, to get their lunch
    - Groups will return to their Chapel Advisory classroom to eat lunch, continue watching and processing chapel whilst eating.
    - Each day, 2 to 3 Chapel Advisory groups will be allowed to eat (physically distanced, 2 students per table) in Eid.
    - Students will return trays to the cafeteria as they finish their lunch

### **Will there be additional outdoor time for elementary students since they will be staying in their rooms throughout most of the day?**

Yes. Teachers are encouraged to utilize outdoor classrooms and activities more frequently.

### **Will middle and high school students rotate classrooms?**

Yes. Students will have individual schedules and move between classrooms. Students will have different classmates in different classes. Students will hand sanitize each time they leave and enter a classroom. At the conclusion of class, Students will be given a disinfecting wipe to clean their desks OR the teacher will spray desks with approved disinfectant. Students will sanitize their own desks.

### **If rotating classrooms, how will that be organized to minimize hallway congestion and maximize efficient movement?**

According to guidance from the North Dakota Safety Council, our passing time in hallways (4 minutes between classes) is small enough to pose no additional risk to students as long as students are masked. Oak Grove students, teachers, staff, and visitors are required to be masked when in our buildings.

### **Do we have a full-time nurse on each campus and what will be their role?**

No.

Oak Grove employs a nurse who serves on a part-time basis between both campuses.

### **Who is available to help if/when students are feeling overwhelmed?**

Oak Grove is fortunate to have two outstanding school counselors. Mrs. Carlson is available to all students at the elementary school and Mrs. Kroll is available to all middle and high school students.

Additionally, Oak Grove teachers and staff pride themselves on building relationships with their students and knowing them well. Teachers are always available to visit with overwhelmed students.

### **Why are 6th graders on campus 5 days per week?**

Sixth grade is a significant transition for students. Not only is the campus unfamiliar, but so too are the teachers, classes, and expectations. To be successful in sixth grade, students must feel secure in themselves and their surroundings. Having 6th grade students on campus five days a week for the first semester lays a strong foundation for continued academic success.

**How will 6th graders who elect to do online learning, or are being quarantined, be impacted by being online 5 days a week?**

Students who are required to quarantine will be allowed to switch directly to a synchronous online learning model. Once the quarantine period has expired, students will return to in-person learning.

Students choosing the Oak Grove Academy in sixth grade will begin to build relationships with teachers, but will remain unfamiliar with our campus. Currently, no sixth grade students are enrolled in our Oak Grove Academy.

**How will mask wearing be supported/enforced among students and staff?**

All people entering Oak Grove buildings are required to wear masks.

If an individual does not have a mask, Oak Grove has a large supply of disposable masks on hand for individuals that need one.

Staff and students will be trained on proper mask use.

Students and staff will be reminded to wear masks correctly when not doing so.

Individuals who repeatedly prove to be incapable of wearing a mask correctly will be moved to an online academy model.

**What kind of cleaning is going to happen at school and how is that different from last year?**

In the past, cleaning procedures focused on large, shared spaces(vacuuming classroom floors and hallways, cleaning bathrooms, cleaning dry erase boards, etc.)

Now, in addition to cleaning large spaces, added attention will be given to individual student space. Desks sanitized throughout the day and after school. Classroom doors, locker handles, any shared classroom equipment will be sanitized throughout the day. Shared manipulatives will be limited, and sanitized after each use. Bathrooms will be cleaned and toilets/sinks sanitized throughout the day. Students will sanitize their hands when entering a room and upon exiting the room.

At our South Campus, JDP Electric and Valley Services Mechanical (Nick and Joel Peterson Families) donated Bipolar Ionization Air Filtration Units. The implementation of similar units on the north campus is being evaluated.

**Will there be spare masks available in case masks are forgotten, become dirty, etc.?**

Yes.

### **What cleaning procedures will be used when we have COVID-19 cases at school?**

In the case of an identified COVID-19 case, affected classrooms will be cleaned according to the most recent state guidance available.

Cleaning procedures as directed by the state are in flux. Currently, the regular, daily cleaning procedures we complete each night (use of specialized disinfectants) will be sufficient to use the classroom, safely, on the following day. Oak Grove will continue to adjust cleaning procedures based upon the most recent state guidance.

### **What is the status of theater program?**

We fully expect theater to have multiple productions throughout the year.

Guidance from NDHSAA, ND DOH, CDC, and ND DPI, in conjunction with school administration, Oak Grove COVID-19 task force, and the theater department will determine appropriate safety procedures and protocols for rehearsals and performances.

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### **Back to School - At A Glance:**

- Our First Day of School for K-12 is August 27, 2020; First Day of ELC is August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- We will offer In-Person and Online Instruction options.
- We will follow the ND Smart Restart Odometer in consultation with the state and local officials to determine risk levels.
- We cannot *eliminate* the risks associated with COVID-19, but we can *mitigate* the risks by implementing hand washing, social distancing and mask wearing protocols.
- This plan is intended to be fluid and flexible and represents the best thinking and research available at this time.

### **Will we offer In-Person Instruction/Classes?**

- Yes, Relationships and Community are at the heart of Oak Grove
- We will provide safe, all day, in-person instruction, to all students ELC-12 to the greatest extent possible
- Social Distancing and Masks will be utilized by both staff and students (in grade level appropriate areas)

### **Is an Online Instruction option available?**

- We know some students/families have embraced online learning

- We know some students/families have underlying health conditions that make online learning more appealing
- We know some students/families are uncomfortable with the idea of school all day, every day, for all students
- As a result, a hybrid online synchronous instruction option is available to our students
- Students choosing to enroll in our hybrid online synchronous academy must do so for all classes a semester at a time

**With both In-Person and On-Line Classes – will my student still have a small class size?**

Yes, small class sizes are an integral part of the Oak Grove experience and that will remain constant in our Restart Plan.

- South Campus: For grades 2 – 5 the Total Teacher Case Load including both in-person and online students is 20. For grades K/1 the Teacher Case Load is 15.
- North Campus: Class sizes are determined by the the square feet available in a classroom to allow for 25 square feet of physical distancing between students.

**Can a student flex between In-Person and Online Instruction?**

Yes, but in most cases only at Christmas or semester break.

Students will choose to enroll in either In-Person or in our hybrid Online Synchronous Academy and must do so for a semester at a time. We want to ensure adequate staffing and resources to support all students at Oak Grove whether in-person or learning online. Oak Grove may allow a student to switch enrollment status on a case-by-case basis.

**Is the Cost of Tuition the same for In-Person and Online Instruction?**

Yes, tuition rates have been determined and approved by the Board of Regents for the 2020–21 school year and are the same whether enrolled for In-Person or Online classes.

**What if the School moves to On-Line Instruction Only, will I receive a tuition discount?**

No, the cost to deliver the Oak Grove experience and educational requirements remain consistent whether we are In-Person or Online, therefore our rates will remain the same.

**Who determines if the School will move to On-line Instruction Only?**

NDDoH and Fargo Cass public Health will guide all closures for our school classrooms and buildings.

**If we are mandated to move to On-line Instruction only, how will it be different from this spring?**

With feedback from our teachers, staff, students and families we learned a great deal about what worked well, areas we need to improve, and processes that need to be implemented to create a more robust and consistent experience across the Grover student community. Some examples include teachers utilizing only Google Classroom, ZOOMing daily with classes following a consistent schedule, providing access to ExactPath (an online learning curriculum for materials and assessments), and when possible, inviting small groups of students to campus for instruction and assessment.

**Are Masks Mandatory?**

Yes.

Masks are a vital element of our reopening plan. In order to invite all students back to campus for in-person instruction, all individuals on campus must be masked indoors at all times.

Without masks, we cannot fully open.

We cannot *eliminate* the risks associated with the COVID-19 Pandemic, but we CAN implement practices to *mitigate* the risk. Therefore, we will implement mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing protocols into the school day.

**Will Masks be provided for students or do families provide them?**

The wearing of masks by all staff and students is necessary for the safe return to school. Students are expected to wear a mask to school each day.

- Families are responsible for providing masks for their child(ren)
- Oak Grove recommends purchasing three masks per student and washing masks daily
- Proper sizing is crucial to mask effectiveness, so please ensure proper fit
- Oak Grove will have a supply of masks on hand for those who forget a mask for the day

Educators will teach students how to properly wear a face covering as well as monitor their continued safe use.

Additionally, School Supply Lists are on the Oak Grove website [www.oakgrovelutheran.com](http://www.oakgrovelutheran.com) You will see items such as hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are a part of that list.

### **How will mask breaks happen throughout the day?**

Mask breaks will occur outside. Teachers are encouraged to utilize an outdoor classroom setting with physical distancing greater than six feet to allow students an opportunity to learn without wearing a mask.

Indoors, students will be required to wear masks at all times, with the exception of lunch.

The CDC defines close contact as being unmasked, within six feet of an individual for more than 15 minutes. Therefore, students will be given 15 minutes to each lunch, unmasked, in their classrooms each day.

### **How will the mask policy be enforced?**

The policy will be reinforced by teachers and staff leading by example and demonstrating the importance of working together to keep our Grover community safe. To keep our community safe, we must all recognize the responsibility we share to care for our neighbors.

We've probably all heard the expression, "A Parent is a Child's First Teacher". Learning happens in the everyday moments you share with your child. Parents play an important role in helping our students understand the importance and necessity of wearing a mask to be able to return to the classroom.

Please begin working with your child to get them accustomed to mask wearing now, before the start of school.

### **How will social distancing be observed?**

- In the elementary, students, when moving around the building will move in classroom groups and will reasonably try to limit exposure to other groups.
- At the high school, the North Dakota Safety Council has assured Oak Grove that passing time in hallways between periods is safe, especially when masked.
- Desks will be arranged in rows to allow for 5 feet of social distancing between desks (25' sq. of distance between students on all 4 sides)
- <https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/06/26/schoolreopening062620>
- School events, assemblies and gatherings will be adjusted to meet capacity limits based on location (indoor vs. outdoor), nature of activity, and current community circumstances

### **Will health screenings be conducted upon arrival for each student?**

Parents are asked to conduct wellness screenings (temperature and symptom) on their child(ren) prior to dropping off at school.

Once at school, wellness screenings will be conducted in classroom settings at the start of school and after lunch.

Temperature checks will be conducted at school on a random basis upon student arrival but is not intended to take the place of the home wellness check.

We will ask families to answer the questions on the Daily Health Checklist found in the Oak Grove Smart ReStart Plan for each student before coming to school.

Please refer to pages 9 and 16 of the restart plan.

### **What time can I drop-off and pick-up my child at campus?**

South Campus:

- Last Name A - H -- Arrive at 7:55 -- Dismiss at 1:55
- Last Name I - P -- Arrive at 8:05 -- Dismiss at 2:05
- Last Name Q - Z -- Arrive at 8:15 -- Dismiss at 2:15

North Campus:

- **Standard Drop-off Time**
  - Drop off between 8:00 and 8:20
  - Go directly to first period classroom
  - Grab and Go breakfast will be available -- Students choosing grab and go breakfast are asked to grab breakfast and go directly to first period classroom
- **Exception**
  - Students required to be dropped off prior to 8:00 must go directly to EID and maintain social distancing.
- **Standard Pick-up Time**
  - Students not participating in a supervised school activity must be picked up by 4:00
  - Students waiting for rides must maintain mask wearing and social distancing

### **Why is the staggered drop-off/pick-up time necessary at the South Campus?**

Mitigating the health risks to students and staff is an important component of our safe and healthy education environment. This piece will be critical in allowing us to be able to sustain staying open daily and help mitigate risk to students, and allowing our teachers the time they will need to work with students who may need to stay home as we recognize that number will change daily.

The staggered drop-off/pick-up will allow for more spacing for those students to get into their classroom. Students will be going directly to their classrooms. Students will also be dismissing from their classrooms back to the designated pick up door.

### **The School Day ends at 2:15 for all South Campus Students – why?**

For the first time in their careers, our teachers are being asked to deliver both an in-person and on-line curriculum simultaneously while also following social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines. Additionally, elementary students will spend the majority of the day in their classroom. The purpose of our early release is to create time for teachers to check in and work with their online students while also giving them adequate time for grade-level collaboration and instructional preparation.

Similarly, our students are being asked to follow social distancing, wear a mask and adhere to safety protocols all while spending most of their day in their classroom. An early release will help students stay engaged in their education, while also providing more time for them to be outside and move around in a safe setting after school which promotes their social-emotional wellbeing.

**Will the YMCA partnership still be offered on South Campus?**

Yes, our partnership with the YMCA After School Program will continue and your student will be able to go to the program beginning at 2:00.

**Will Shuttle Service between Campuses be Provided?**

Yes, but please consider using only out of necessity rather than convenience as our capacity is limited.

Please do not utilize the shuttle service if there is any other way for you to get your child/children to school.

We are fortunate to provide this service contracted through Valley Bus. However, due to social distancing guidelines we are very limited in the number of students we can serve. If you are able to drive your student(s) we will need your help more than ever this year due to the limited capacity of bus services in our community

**Is lunch provided?**

South Campus -- Yes, lunch will be provided as an 'in-classroom' experience.

North Campus -- Small, classroom groups will be called to Eid where lunch will be served. Eating in Eid is limited to 40 students at a time. Students not eating in Eid will be eating in classrooms. An alternating schedule will be utilized between classroom and Eid dining experiences.

Juniors and Seniors will be required to stay on campus this year during lunch as a part of our Mitigation Strategy.

Prepaid food delivery services across grades 6-12 is permitted.

**Will Chapel be offered?**

Yes, chapel experiences will be offered in the classroom setting.

**What about “special” classes such as band, choir, gym, library, art?**

Based on current research (see link below) and input from medical professionals on our COVID-19 task force, we are able to safely provide these classes with mitigation strategies.

<https://smt.d.colostate.edu/reducing-bioaerosol-emissions-and-exposures-in-the-performing-arts/>

**Why do 6th Graders have to be in band or choir?**

North Dakota Century Code requires that all 6th Graders in the state take a music class. This is a state requirement Oak Grove is beholden to. To meet this requirement, Oak Grove offers either band or choir.

If your child does not play an instrument, or if you feel instrumental music is too risky at this time, consider choir.

### **What is the status of fall sports?**

The NDHS Activities Association has given each School District the ability to make determinations about their activities and programs.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rVuP8ThM8YG8Cy26RUr577ougZCO016cOKtUbLLMwrU/edit>

- Football, Volleyball, Trap, Tennis and Cross Country/Track have all been approved to start practicing.
- All games and events will be scheduled and approved through the Athletic Directors Office
- Spectators must wear face coverings
- Social Distancing must be observed at all activities
- Spectator capacity will be determined by Region 1 Activities Directors with limits based upon state risk color and location of activity (indoor vs. outdoor)
- Events will be live streamed when possible.

### **Can I volunteer at school?**

Yes, volunteers are a welcome and important part of the Grover experience. However, current circumstances mandate that we make every effort to limit the number of volunteers and visitors in our buildings. More information on volunteer opportunities will be made available.

If you are coming to campus, please call ahead and check in at the main office. All volunteers must wear masks when on campus.

### **What happens when a student or teacher tests positive for COVID-19?**

- We will follow isolation and quarantine guidelines and directives as set forth by The NDDoH and Fargo Cass Public Health.

- Our COVID-19 coordinators (Josh Kading, Jordan Schumacher) will contact effected students and families
- Quarantine does not have to mean missing school
- A quarantined student will become an online student for the duration of quarantine determined by Fargo Cass Public Health
- Please refer to page 11 of the restart plan.

### **What happens if a member of our household tests positive, what should I do?**

If you are identified as a close contact, please contact the appropriate COVID-19 coordinator at Oak Grove.

Children or staff who are identified as close contacts to a confirmed case of COVID-19 must be excluded from the school (quarantine) until 14 calendar days after their last known exposure to the case.

- For North Campus students call the COVID-19 Coordinator, Jordan Schumacher at 701.893.3073.
- For South Campus students call the COVID-19 Coordinator, Josh Kading at 701.373.7100

### **What resources have been used to guide the reopening plans?**

- North Dakota K-12 Smart Restart Fall 2020  
<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/sites/www/files/documents/Covid-19/NDK12restartguide.pdf>

- ND Department of Public Instruction  
<https://www.nd.gov/dpi/parentscommunity/nddpi-updates-and-guidance-covid-19>
- ND Department of Health  
<https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus>
- Fargo Cass Public Health  
<https://fargond.gov/city-government/departments/fargo-cass-public-health/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- American Academy of Pediatrics  
<https://www.aappublications.org/news/2020/06/26/schoolreopening062620>  
<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections>
- CSU Aerosol Emissions Study  
<https://smt.d.colostate.edu/reducing-bioaerosol-emissions-and-exposures-in-the-performing-arts/>
- Guidance for Opening Up High School Athletics and Activities  
[https://nfhs.org/media/3812287/2020-nfhs-guidance-for-opening-up-high-school-athletics-and-activities-nfhs-smac-may-15\\_2020-final.pdf](https://nfhs.org/media/3812287/2020-nfhs-guidance-for-opening-up-high-school-athletics-and-activities-nfhs-smac-may-15_2020-final.pdf)
- ND High School Activities Association Guide to Extracurricular Activity Restart -  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rVuP8ThM8YG8Cy26RUr577ougZCO016cOKtUbLLMwrU/edit>

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