



**Glacial Hills Elementary School #4168-07**  
**Safe Learning Plan**  
**2020-21 SY** (Updated 8-17-20)

*The information contained in this plan will be updated and/or adjusted as needed due to new information, guidance, and/or requirements set forth by the Minnesota Department of Education and/or the Minnesota Department of Health.*

	<b>In Person Learning Model</b>	<b>Hybrid Learning Model</b>	<b>Distance Learning Model</b>
<b>Teaching and Learning Procedures</b>	<p>Students will remain in their class groups throughout the day with the teacher. There will be limited exposure to other class groups throughout the day.</p> <p>Grades 4-6 students will remain in their homerooms for all daily instruction and the teachers will move among each class rather than the kids moving from classroom to classroom for the subjects of math, reading, and science/social studies. The same procedure will happen with grade 1-2 for reading and math.</p> <p>PE classes will still be provided daily.</p> <p>Music is not offered at this time.</p> <p><i>An equitable distance learning option is available "to all families who choose not to attend in-person learning due to medical</i></p>	<p>Students will attend in-person learning two days per week and distance learning will be provided three days per week.</p> <p>Groups will be determined by families. Group A will attend on Monday and Tuesday. Group B will attend on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday will be a deep cleaning and planning day.</p> <p>Chromebooks will be available for those who request one.</p> <p>Refer to the "Distance Learning" column for details for the days that you are not in the building.</p> <p><i>An equitable distance learning option is available "to all families who choose not to attend in-person learning due to medical risks or safety" as stated in Executive Order 20-82.</i></p>	<p>Students will be learning remotely from home full time.</p> <p>Chromebooks will be available for those who request one.</p> <p>Students are expected to check in with the homeroom teacher or assigned contact daily for attendance and/or instruction.</p> <p>Teachers available daily for support during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for timely responses. However, communication received after 4:00 p.m. may experience a delayed response until the following morning.</p> <p>Further details on the expectations for attendance and learning will be provided to the students and families by the classroom teacher.</p>

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<p><b>Special Services</b> (including, but not limited to Special Education, Title 1, EL, Speech/Language, OT, PT)</p>	<p>Services will be provided as documented in a student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or other identification process employed by the school.</p>	<p>Services will be provided as documented in a student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or other identification process employed by the school.</p>	<p>Services will be provided as documented in a student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or other identification process employed by the school.</p>
<p><b>Health and Safety</b></p>	<p>Only staff and students will be allowed in the building.</p> <p>Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry into the building.</p> <p>Students will report directly to their classroom upon arrival.</p> <p>Social distancing will be encouraged.</p> <p>Masks are required to be worn in the building.</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be followed.</p>	<p>Only staff and students will be allowed in the building.</p> <p>Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry into the building.</p> <p>Students will report directly to their classroom upon arrival.</p> <p>Social distancing will be encouraged.</p> <p>Masks are required to be worn in the building.</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be followed.</p>	<p>Only staff and students will be allowed in the building.</p> <p>Temperature checks will be conducted upon entry into the building.</p> <p>Social distancing will be encouraged.</p> <p>Masks are required to be worn in the building.</p> <p>Cleaning and disinfecting protocols will be followed.</p>
<p><b>Food Service</b></p>	<p>Breakfast and Lunch will be</p>	<p>Breakfast and Lunch will be</p>	<p>Meals will be available for pickup</p>

	<p>served at school.</p> <p>Students will be spaced appropriately in the cafeteria and will remain with their classroom group.</p>	<p>served at school.</p> <p>Students will be spaced appropriately in the cafeteria and will remain with their classroom group.</p> <p>Meals will be provided for those who request them during distance learning days.</p>	<p>and delivery for those who request them.</p>
<p><b>Transportation</b> (Palmer Bus Services provide the transportation and are hired by Minnewaska Area Schools.)</p>	<p>Students will have a seating chart that will allow for as much distance as possible, but may not be 6 ft.</p> <p>Buses will load from back to front and unload from front to back.</p> <p>Bus seats will be cleaned and disinfected in between student use.</p>	<p>Students will have a staggered seating chart that will support social distancing.</p> <p>Buses will load from back to front and unload from front to back.</p> <p>Bus seats will be cleaned and disinfected in between student use.</p>	<p>Buses will not transport students on distance learning days.</p>
<p><b>Child Care</b></p>	<p>No child care is offered during in-person learning</p>	<p>Child care for identified Tier 1 essential workers will be available on distance learning days.</p>	<p>Child care for identified Tier 1 essential workers will be available during school hours 7:30-3:30 for enrolled students 12 and under for days when school is scheduled to be in session per the approved calendar.</p>

Priorities considered when putting this plan together:

- 1) The health and safety of students and staff
- 2) Educational options to meet the needs of our families
- 3) The need to provide settings for social interaction and relationship building.
- 4) The need to allow for flexibility to re-evaluate as circumstances change.

**We ask for everyone's cooperation in following the safety protocol to reduce the spread of the virus so we can stay in school!! Please encourage your children to follow these guidelines as well. We appreciate the families and community doing their part in keeping everyone safe. Set the tone for the year. Present the selected plan and procedures as positively as possible. Remember, you help determine your child's attitude. Set them up for success by teaching them to make the best of it. Be a sounding board for their worries and disappointments. Stay positive and model perseverance! We are all in this together.**



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Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Will the school calendar still be followed?**

A: Yes, the calendar will be followed and you can find it on our website at [www.glacialhills.org](http://www.glacialhills.org)

**Q: Will the school day hours stay the same?**

A: Yes, classes begin at 8:00 and end at 2:45 - buses will drop off/pick up as they are scheduled so student arrivals and departures may vary a little from these times.

**Q: Who will be required to wear a mask?**

A: All staff and students kindergarten and above will be required to wear a mask, as per Governor's Executive Order 20-81. For more information, please see the Minnesota Department of Health website:  
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/facecoverfaq.html>

**Q: Will students be allowed to wear their personal facial coverings?**

A: Yes, these masks must follow the dress code and meet the facial covering guidelines that cover the nose and mouth of the student. The school will provide each student with one cloth mask and 3 disposable masks as well. We are asking families to keep the reusable masks disinfected and regularly washed.

**Q: Will students and staff be screened daily for symptoms?**

A: Yes, parents should be taking their child's temperature prior to sending their child to school and making sure that the child has no new onset or worsening COVID signs or symptoms.

Additionally, temperatures will be taken upon arrival at school. If a temperature of 100\* or higher is noted then parents will be notified to come and pick up their child. The child will be monitored in a designated area until parents are notified.

**Q: What if my child becomes sick at school?**

A: If your child is sick or presenting symptoms of COVID at school he/she will be monitored in a designated area until parents can be notified. Recommendations from local health officials and MDH will be followed.

**Q: What if my child tests positive for COVID?**

A: Immediately notify the school. Follow the recommendations of your family physician and the Minnesota Department of Health. If you are distance learning, this will continue as your child's health allows. If you are in-person learning, your child will immediately switch to distance learning if their health allows.

**Q: What if my child was exposed to COVID?**

A: Immediately notify the school. We will reference the Minnesota Department of Health decision tree, and contact our Regional Team to determine the next steps. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

**Q: What if someone in my home has tested positive for COVID?**

A: Immediately notify the school. We will reference the Minnesota Department of Health decision tree, and contact our Regional Team to determine the next steps. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/exguide.pdf>

**Q: Who will be allowed in the school?**

A: Only staff and students will be allowed in the building.

**Q: How often will the building and rooms be cleaned?**

A: Each learning space will be provided cleaning supplies so staff can frequently clean surfaces and materials. Custodial staff will be regularly cleaning the bathrooms and other high contact surfaces outside of the classrooms. They will also do nightly cleaning and disinfecting of lockers, entry areas, and other high traffic spaces.

**Q: Will students bring backpacks and other personal items to school?**

A: Yes, all students will be allowed to bring their backpacks to school. These will be placed in their lockers in the morning. They will not be allowed in any classroom or other part of the building. They will have opportunities throughout the day to go to the lockers as needed, and with permission of the teacher.

**Q: How will supplies work? Will each student need to have their own supplies daily?**

A: Students will need to bring their own supplies as listed on the school supply list. Classroom supplies will be provided to individuals as necessary and will be properly disinfected before other students use. *The school also has received some donations of supplies so if it is a hardship to purchase these things, please visit with your child's teacher or Mrs. Mathias.*

*Please reach out to your child's teacher or Mrs. Mathias if you have any further questions and we can add things to this list for the benefit of all!*

**Resources:**

Minnesota Department of Health: School and Child Care - COVID 19

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/index.html>

Minnesota Department of Education: COVID Updates

<https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>