



GREATER NEW ORLEANS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
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SCHOOL OPENING GUIDELINES

Greater New Orleans Christian Academy (GNOCA) will be opening its doors on August 15, 2022, with face to face, full-day schedules. We will be practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and using the screening and sanitation protocols as directed by the CDC Guidelines, Louisiana Department of Education, Jefferson Parish Education Department, and Arkansas-Louisiana Conference Department of Education.

GNOCA'S intent is to open with in-person instruction, in as close to normal conditions as possible, while keeping the students and staff as safe as we can. We are actively working on measures for a safe and vibrant school environment, and anticipate the joy of seeing all the beautiful faces back on campus for our first day of school,

Disclaimer: All of the following information is based on what we are currently hearing from state and local authorities, but is subject to change based on any new laws or procedures enforced by the state of Louisiana or the ARKLAC

The following are efforts to help with the prevention and possible future shut down due to COVID. Below are some of the Main Procedures and Guidelines:

1. The safety of our students and staff is our top priority.
2. Our reopening plans will be fluid and routinely adjusted to reflect updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
3. GNOCA will have student orientation regarding the standard procedures in relation to the current issues and school environment.
4. We will be prepared to immediately shift to 100% at-home virtual instruction should school closure become necessary during the school year.

5. Schools will follow established COVID-19 safety protocols.
6. Hand washing and/or the usage of hand sanitizer will strictly be enforce.
7. We will maintain physical and social distancing all the time. Distancing In Classroom: Desks will be placed at the maximum distance allowable in each classroom. Small groups will include distance seating when possible. Students will be strongly encouraged to stay at their own desk areas whenever possible specially during lunch.
8. Students and staff will be on a voluntary basis to wear face mask
9. Students and teachers should have scheduled hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitizer every two hours as well as at the following times as found in CDC Guidelines including at arrival, before and after eating, before and after using outdoor play equipment, and at exit. Frequent hand washing for students and staff will be encouraged.
10. Drinking fountains will be open. However, we are encouraging our students to bring water bottle since we have a child friendly fountain.
11. Classroom, Bathroom, & School Sanitation: We will be adding surface sanitation to our regular professional cleaning procedures each day. In addition, classrooms surfaces will be disinfected everyday. The same procedure will be done in the bathrooms, and will include additional sanitation.
12. Updated Sickness Policy: Individuals who have a fever of 100.4°F or above, or other signs of illness, will not be admitted to the facility. Due to the issues surrounding COVID, we are updating our sick policy. Students will be scanned quickly for temperature upon entering the school. All students with fevers will not be admitted to school that day. Students who have had an illness will need to receive a doctor's note in order to return to school.
13. Quarantine Procedures: If a student becomes sick at school, they will be taken to the music room with all of their school work and personal items. Their desk area and common surfaces will immediately be sanitized. We will sanitized the music room following the school dismissal.

Regarding Lunch:

1. When at school, students will eat in the classrooms or outside when weather permits.
2. “No food sharing” rule will be strictly enforced.
3. Additional food safety and sanitation will be posted as CDC guidelines develop.

Regarding Transportation:

1. We will maintain social distancing on the school bus.
2. Children from the same household will be able to sit together on the bus.
3. Students must wear face coverings/masks while riding the bus.
4. Weather permitting, windows will be lowered to increase ventilation on the bus.
5. Temperature checks will be required for all students upon entry.
6. If it's possible we highly recommend that you bring your own child at school.

GNOCA will continue to provide an education that addresses the spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of our students. We do this in combined grade classrooms with a low student/teacher ratio.

The day to day procedures will look different but the quality of the education will remain excellent. If you are looking for a full day of differentiated instruction, low student to teacher classroom ratios, music and arts program, and happy students, consider GNOCA for your child.

We will be ready to educate students on day one. That's our commitment. The plan is still in progress and will be further developed based on CDC guidance and input from the school personnel and administrators.