



**GMC Prep School
Five Step Program
Providing a Safe & Healthy School Environment**

#1 – ACTIONS TO TAKE WHILE AT HOME – IF IN DOUBT AS TO YOUR HEALTH, DO NOT COME TO CAMPUS!

- To be successful in mitigating COVID-19 at GMC Prep it requires a **partnership between everyone in our Bulldog Family (parents, students, faculty, and staff)**. Our parents and our students are critical to our Success in **ensuring we do not allow the virus to be introduced on our Campus. This is key to our preventative measures to not even introduce the virus at our Prep School.**
- **Parents are critical** to mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and **must help by monitoring their child's health**, and **not allowing them to come to school if there is any question as to their health**. Likewise, faculty and staff are responsible for monitoring their health and must remain home when they are sick.
- If any member of the Bulldog Family has a fever and/or is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, then that person must stay at home. Symptoms include:
 - Fever
 - Cough
 - Shortness of Breath
 - Fatigue
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Sore Throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Diarrhea
- This is not an exhaustive list. **Bottom line – If a Bulldog exhibits any of these symptoms, do NOT allow them to come to our Prep School.**
- Please check the CDC's webpage for all other related symptoms by visiting <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- GMC will have a flexible COVID-19 attendance policy in place to ensure our students can continue their education and success at GMC Prep.

#2 – BEFORE ENTERING ANY FACILITY YOU MUST HAVE YOUR TEMPERATURE CHECKED.

- Upon entering any facility, EVERY Bulldog must have their temperature checked using an industrial temperature reading system or hand held device.
- Any student who registers a temperature of 100 degrees or more will be denied admission to the facility and will be sent home.
- Any faculty or staff member who registers a temperature of 100.4 or more will not be permitted to remain on campus.
- Each Bulldog must have their mask on them to gain entry to our campus.
- Anyone who remains at home out of caution or is sent home will be considered present under GMC Prep's flexible COVID-19 attendance policy.
- This temperature check is a key component of our comprehensive preventative program to not even introduce the virus at our Prep School.

#3 – AIR FILTRATION AND SURFACE SANITATION.

- All Prep Classrooms and Student Areas are now equipped with ionizer systems which will continually clean indoor air and have demonstrated in a study to reduce COVID-19 by 99.4% within 30 minutes.
- The ionizer systems, and the increased efficiency of different filters now being installed, are a key component of the GMC comprehensive preventative program to ensure that if the virus is introduced on campus it is immediately eradicated.
- GMC works within the CDC guidelines on enhanced cleaning and use of approved chemicals to fight the spread of COVID-19.
- High traffic areas and 'touch points' are continually sanitized with daily cleaning.
- Classrooms and Student areas are disinfected daily, and more often if needed.
- A more in depth cleaning method known as 'fogging' will be used when appropriate.
- All Classrooms and Student areas are equipped with hand sanitizer that can be used upon entry.
- All sinks in restrooms, locker rooms, classrooms, and labs are equipped with soap dispensers for required hand washing and are refilled daily.

#4 – EVERYONE ON CAMPUS, EVEN VISITORS, WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A FACE MASK AT ALL TIMES AND KNOW WHEN IT SHOULD BE WORN.

- All Bulldogs will be required to have a mask with them at all times and will be expected to maintain face masks in a sanitary and safe condition.
- As part of GMC’s character mission, we will teach that etiquette and respect should be used by every person at our Prep School. Out of courtesy and respect for others you (EVERYONE) is encouraged and expected to wear masks when social distancing is not feasible, especially in crowded hallways between classes, when outside the classroom, and when someone else is wearing a mask and you are within six feet of them and are unable to social distance.
- If a Bulldog is wearing a mask in a classroom and you need to engage with them and are within six feet, out of respect and courtesy you will put on your face mask.
- If a family, or parent, has traveled out of the approximate area where they live, then parents should make a personal assessment and determine if their child should wear a facial covering at all times for ten days out of respect for others.
- In accordance with Governor Kemp’s guidance, ALL food service staff are required to use masks and gloves at all times in the GMC dining facilities.

#5 – EVERYONE ON CAMPUS, EVEN VISITORS, WILL FOLLOW THE GMC COVID-19 ETIQUETTE AND PROTOCOLS.

- **Personal hygiene is critical to help mitigate the possible spread of the virus should it be present.** Therefore, we will **teach and insist that our Bulldogs adhere to the following:**
 - The habit of washing hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer, continually throughout the day while on campus.
 - The importance of not touching one’s own face.
 - Bulldogs will be practicing contactless greetings and respect of other’s personal spaces.
 - Bulldogs will be discouraged from sharing phones, books, or other personal items.
 - Each member of the Bulldog Family must exercise SELF-RESPONSIBILITY and continuously conduct SELF-ASSESSMENTS (i.e. “Am I feeling well?”, “What’s my temperature?”, “Is social distancing feasible?”, “Should I be wearing a mask?”).

CHARACTER ABOVE ALL!