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### **Georgia Military College Preparatory School Shares Coronavirus Policies and Protocols**

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA –Georgia Military College Preparatory School (GMC Prep) announced in May that students would be returning to in-seat instruction for summer school in June. With established protocols and policies based on CDC recommendations and guidance from the Georgia Department of Public Health (GDPH) in place, a small group of GMC Prep School students were the first to return to campus for in-seat instruction for summer school.

Additionally, GMC Prep began on-campus athletic conditioning for four of its athletic programs for approximately 60 to 70 students daily, and will continue athletic conditioning and practice through the summer. GMC Prep, however, has not yet made a determination if and when it will participate in competitions with external groups. In July, GMC anticipates an additional 100 students to be on campus participating in summer camps throughout the month for theater, music, visual arts, band, and Bulldog Blast.

As GMC Prep prepares for the return of faculty and students to campus in August, a number of policies and protocols have been implemented to maintain the safety of all during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To date, GMC has committed approximately \$250,000 on equipment and supplies to reduce exposure on our campuses and mitigate the possible spread of the virus.

With protocols and policies in place, GMC will resume in-seat instruction in August at GMC Prep School for grades 3-12 for the academic school year. The Prep School nursing staff will continue to follow updates from the CDC and remain in close contact with the GDPH regarding how GMC Prep School should continue to proceed safely. Health and safety are GMC's main focuses with education as a top priority. All efforts will be to provide a safe learning environment for GMC students.

Below is a list of coronavirus policies, protocols, and measures GMC Prep has in place that have been coordinated and reviewed by GMC's Director of Health Services, Wendy Smith, BSN, RN, based on guidance from the CDC and GDPH:



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- Screenings:
  - All staff and faculty are required to check their temperature before coming to campus and will be checked upon arrival on campus.
  - The Prep School will screen every student upon their arrival to campus before they enter a building. The screening will include a daily temperature check, hand sanitation, and responses to select questions.
  - If a student's temperature is 100 degrees or higher, they will not be permitted to enter GMC facilities and will be sent home.
  - If a staff or faculty member's temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, they will be sent home.
  - Students will also be subject to random temperature checks by nursing and athletic training staff if they show any possible symptoms.
  - Finally, GMC is testing a standalone temperature gauge that students, faculty, staff, and parents will pass through that will automatically read temperatures.
- Installation of New Equipment, more specifically **ionization systems in GMC's ventilation systems:**
  - 150 ionization units will be in place in classrooms and congested areas on the Milledgeville campus.
  - These units will provide a 99.4% reduction rate of SARS-CoV 2 (also known as COVID-19) within 30 minutes:
    - 84.2% of the virus is inactivated after 10 minutes.
    - 92.6 % of the virus is inactivated after 15 minutes.
    - 99.4% of the virus is inactivated within 30 minutes.
- Etiquette and Social Responsibility:
  - Additional hand sanitizing stations have been placed around campus to ensure access to hand washing/hand cleaning supplies.
  - Students, faculty, and staff are to wash hands, utilize hand sanitizers, and practice coughing and sneezing etiquette.
  - Students, faculty, and staff will be encouraged to bring personal wipes, hand sanitizers, masks, and gloves.
- All Prep School Students, Faculty, and Staff Will Be Issued Two GMC Standard Masks.
  - Everyone will be required to have a mask with them at all times and, out of courtesy and etiquette, will wear masks in congested areas.
- Enhanced Cleaning of Facilities:
  - GMC works within CDC guidelines on cleaning and using approved chemicals to fight the spread of COVID-19.
  - GMC staff members have attended lectures and training held by the University System of Georgia and the Georgia National Guard to help us refine and validate our COVID-19 cleaning procedures.



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- High traffic areas and "touch points" are continually sanitized with daily cleaning of all occupied areas.
- Buildings are disinfected continuously with the ionization systems in place and using a method known as "fogging" when required.
- GMC coordinates across departments to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.
- GMC has purchased six specialty fogging pieces of equipment to aid in disinfecting our facilities.
- GMC has purchased products listed on the EPA's "List N." These are disinfecting products known to be effective for use against COVID-19 (CoV-2).
- GMC has several pallets of hand sanitizer on order to be prepared for the resumption of classes.
- GMC placed approximately 100 additional hand sanitizer dispensers around campus.
- GMC will further refine plans for campus safety in regards to COVID-19 as more information is learned from data and medical science.
- Finally, in compliance with Governor Kemp's guidance, GMC food service staff members are required to wear masks and gloves at all times in the GMC dining facilities.
- GMC constantly researches and works with several companies specializing in sanitizing and disinfecting to find new methods, products, and equipment to make facilities safer.
- These policies, protocols, and measures will continue to be updated as appropriate.

For up-to-date information on GMC's protocols for coronavirus, visit <https://www.gmc.edu/currentstudents/coronavirus-info.cms>. This link is updated daily.

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