

# Government Street Christian School Re-Entry Plan 2020/2021

The logo for Government Street Christian School is a circular emblem. It features a central shield with a red cross, a white horse, and a white dove. The shield is set against a background of a blue and white checkered pattern. The text "GOVERNMENT STREET CHRISTIAN SCHOOL" is written around the perimeter of the circle, and "EST. 1972" is at the bottom.

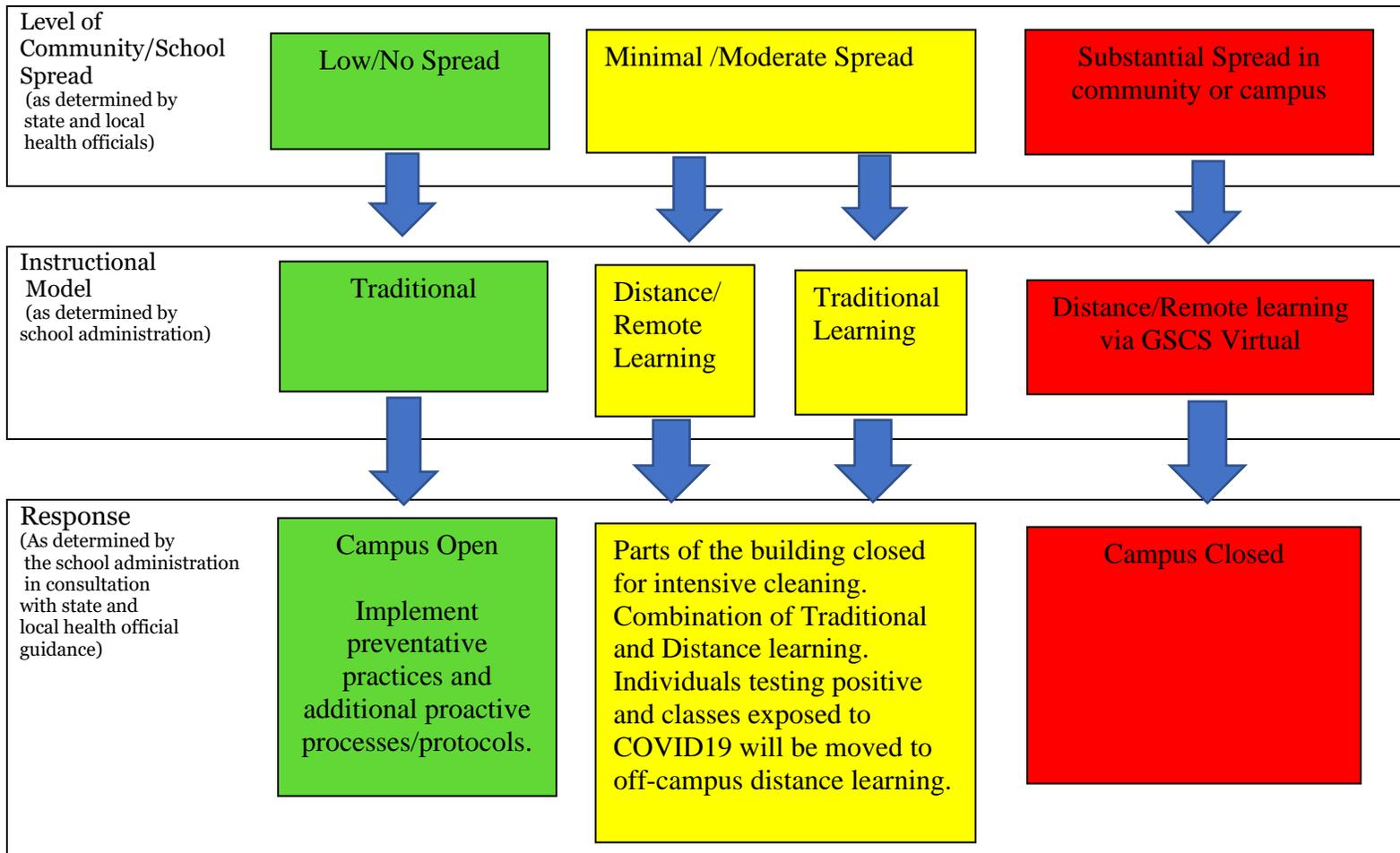
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# GSCS Decision Points for Traditional/On-Campus Learning and Off Campus Virtual Learning.

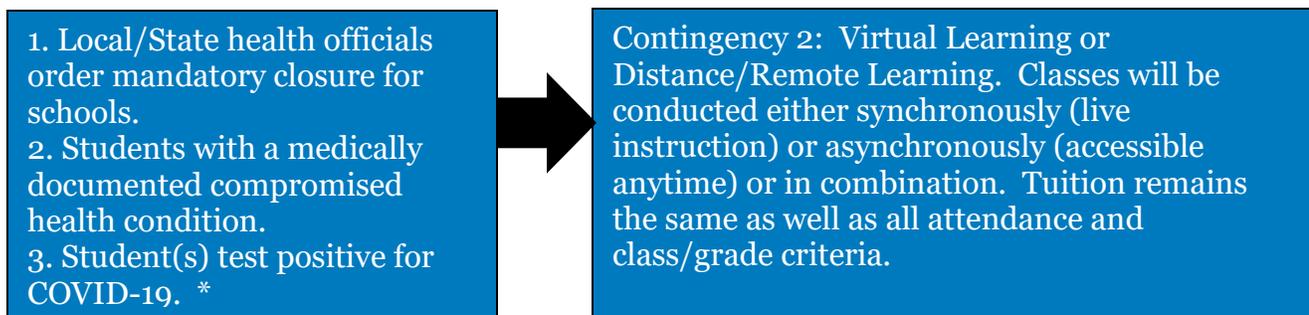
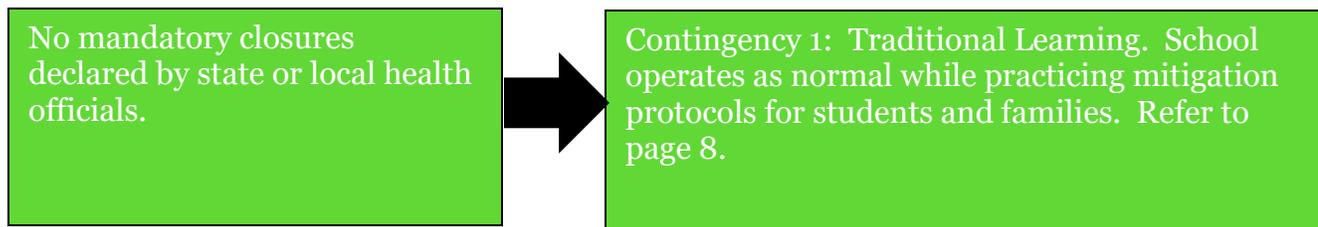


# Re-Entry Planning

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## The Process

Government Street Christian School in consultation with federal, state, local government and health officials and other education institutions is working diligently to develop a re-entry strategy that allows for flexibility, transparency, and prioritizes the health and safety of our school community. GSCS is currently preparing the physical campus to support students returning in August 2020. The administration has developed two contingencies.



\* 1. A student who presents with symptoms will not be allowed to return campus until cleared by a physician.  
2. A student who presents symptoms during the school day will be quarantined until a parent arrives. The student will not be able to return to school until cleared by a physician.

# On Campus Learning

## Contingency 1

The administration of Government Street Christian School is preparing for on-campus school operations to resume in the fall of 2020. GSCS will follow specific health precautions which will be in accordance with our local, state, and federal requirements to the best of our ability. Specific decisions regarding on-campus modifications will be finalized over the next several weeks, however, current considerations can be found on the last page of this re-entry plan.



The standard drop-off and pick-up **times** will *likely* remain the same. Parents will be asked to not walk their child(ren) into school buildings, but to remain in their vehicles and use the drop-off and pick-up lines only. Upon entering the building, students will have their temperature checked and a modified social distancing protocols will be in place.



GSCS's participation in athletics offerings will be determined by guidance provided by Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) and our accreditation agency.



Elective choices and some after school activities may be altered or suspended for the 20/21 school year.

## Preparing for Interruptions

Following the recommendations from local, state, and national officials and trends from past pandemics, GSCS is preparing for waves of interruption to on-campus learning. In the event our local community experiences a spike in COVID-19 cases and an interruption of physical operations occurs, a shift to GSCS virtual will happen immediately.



# GSCS Virtual

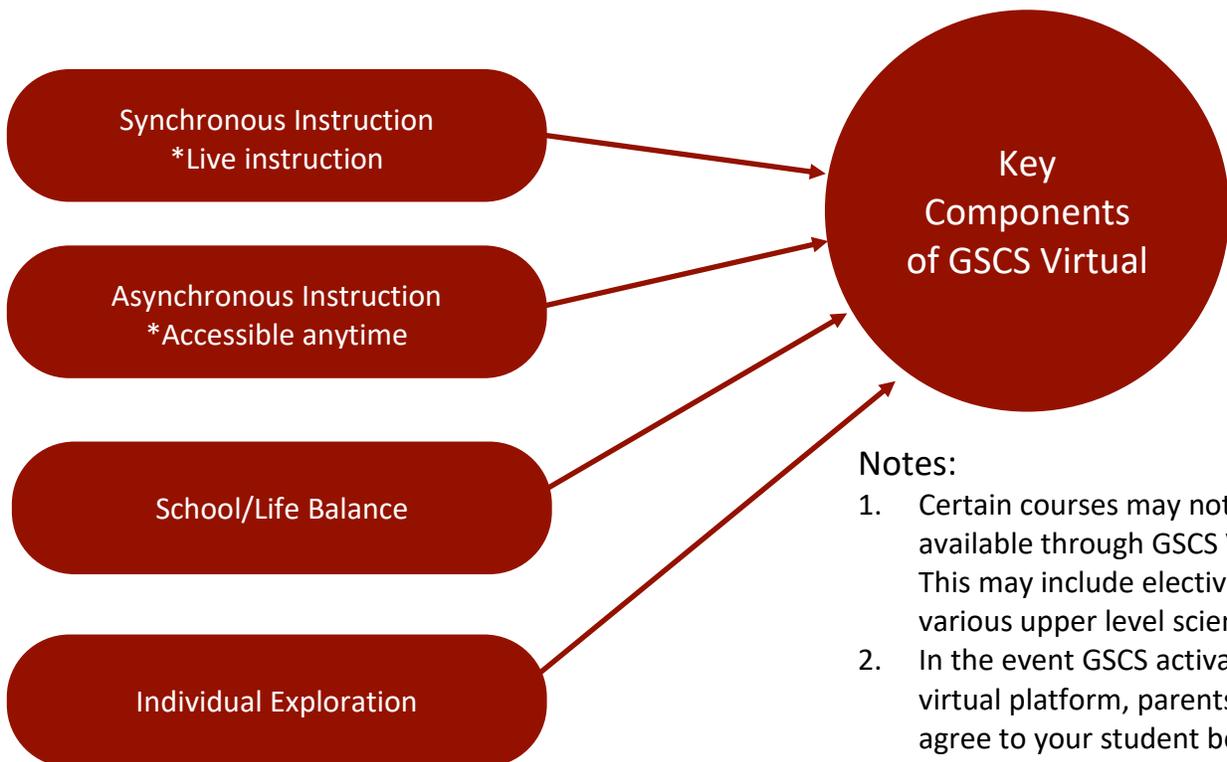
Contingency 2

## (Distance/Remote Learning)

### GSCS Virtual

In the event of a mandatory Stay-at-Home order or a direct threat to the campus community, GSCS will maintain continuity of learning through GSCS Virtual. Also, for children with a documented compromised medical condition may opt for GSCS Virtual until such time they receive medical clearance.

GSCS Virtual does not change our mission of assisting parents in equipping their children to be balanced citizens prepared to impact their homes, churches, and communities for Christ. In this model, we continue to educate the whole child, encourage pursuit of individual passions, promote life balance, and build confidence. GSCS Virtual blends daily synchronous (live) instruction with asynchronous (accessible anytime) instruction with a schedule intentionally designed to provide school/life balance, mindfulness and daily reading.



#### Notes:

1. Certain courses may not be available through GSCS Virtual. This may include electives and various upper level sciences.
2. In the event GSCS activates the virtual platform, parents are to agree to your student being present (remotely) during synchronous instruction which will take place during normal school hours.
3. Parents are also agreeing to serve as proctors when required.
4. Tuition will remain the same.

# Digital Platforms

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Google Classroom

Students in grades K4-12 received a crash course in Google Classroom during the COVID-19 pandemic. This platform will continue to be used by students in those grades in the event of a mandatory closure or individual quarantine. All class assignments, videos, and announcements will be housed in Google Classroom.



zoom

Zoom is a video conferencing platform that can be used to provide synchronous virtual class meeting space similar to Google Meet. This platform was used primarily for secondary Chapel and lower elementary.

The Edgenuity logo, which includes a stylized 'X' icon and the word 'Edgenuity' in a bold, sans-serif font.

Edgenuity

Edgenuity is an on-line platform that GSCS utilizes for high school certain electives, advanced math, science, and AP courses.



Freckle helps teachers differentiate instruction quickly and to effectively deliver guided practice to students at their own academic level. The platform includes interactive student practice activities aligned to state standards, teacher resources such as progress reports and inquiry-based lesson plans and an administrator dashboard.

# Physical

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While specific decisions and plans will be finalized over the next several weeks as more information and updated public health guidelines are issued, strategies are being developed in the following areas including but not limited to:



Temperature checks will be required for students, faculty, staff, and vendors. Masks may be worn by students but must meet the apparel policy in the Student Handbook.



Sanitizing and cleaning processes in classrooms. Upper school classrooms will be sanitized between classes. Lower school classrooms will be sanitized throughout the day.



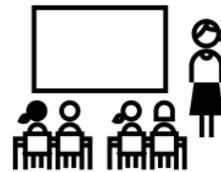
Institution of capacity limits to allow for social distancing in spaces such as the chapel room, gym, library, and cafeteria.



Changes to campus access for visitors and parents.



Modification of programs and events in compliance with limits on crowd sizes and social distancing measures for meetings, performances, and athletic programs.



Temporary expansion of classrooms to allow for social distancing. In most circumstances upper school students will remain together as a class and transition at staggered intervals. Lower school remain together as a class throughout the day. Interaction with other classes or groups will be kept at a minimum.



Implementation of online and virtual platforms in conjunction with in-person services to keep in-person contact at safe levels for Academic Instruction, student activities for those with a medically documented compromised immune system.



Pedestrian traffic flow signage posted on campus.

**GSCS on-campus COVID-19 Protocols. These guidelines will supersede previous policies until further notice.**

1. Government Street Christian School and Before/After School Care will commence on-campus learning on August 10, 2020.
2. With guidance from the CDC, GSCS will implement all social distance policies as much as is possible.  
K4-6th grade will remain together as a class throughout the day. Classes sizes will be limited to 12 students per teacher. Classes will separately eat lunch either in the classroom or other designated areas. Please consider sending a lunch from home.  
Grades 7th – 12th will remain together as a class and transition as a class from room to room. Classes will eat lunch by grade level separated in designated areas. Please consider sending a lunch from home.
3. In order to limit direct contact between parents and other children and staff, a drive-thru drop off will be implemented. There will be signs directing you. Drop off schedule will be between 6AM-8 AM. Pick up will be drive-thru as well between 2:40PM-3:15PM. Parents/visitors will not be allowed to enter the building without an appointment. Students will be checked at the entrance by school personnel. A designated entrance diagram for the school will be available for distribution before August 10.
4. Before Care are will be offered between 6AM and 7:30AM. After School Care 3PM – 6PM. All protocols here in listed for the school apply to Before/After School care.
5. Temperatures of the children will be taken before entering the building and a series of questions asked of the parents concerning where they have been and who they have been in contact with. No child with a temperature over 100°F will be allowed to remain on campus without a physician’s clearance. This temperature will be recorded when the parent signs in their child.
6. Absolutely NO SICK children will be allowed to be in attendance. The current health policy will be strictly adhered to except for the following revisions that will be in effect until further notice in order to mitigate the spread COVID-19:
  - a. A child showing any symptoms of a contagious illness such as but not limited to—fever of 100°F or higher, vomiting, diarrhea, common cold symptoms, croup, sore throat, fifth disease, impetigo, ringworm, hand, foot, and mouth, any unexplained rash, pinkeye, lice or just overall appears to be sick—the child will be isolated from the group immediately and the parents will be contacted to pick them up.
  - b. A child presenting symptoms during the school day will be quarantined until a parent arrives. If your child is not allowed to stay or sent home due to illness, he/she must be kept home for 48 hours and be symptom free without the aid of medication before returning to school and will not be admitted without a notice from his/her physician stating that the child has been seen and/or treated and is no longer contagious and is able to return to and participate in the activities of the center. A child testing positive for COVID-19 will remain off-campus until cleared by a physician.
7. In order to take every reasonable measure to prevent the spread of COVID-19, all staff will be asked to prioritize sanitization and develop a daily schedule for sanitizing all high traffic areas as well as frequently touched items and surfaces. Frequent hand washing with soap and water will be the preferred method.
8. Staff who are at greater risk from COVID-19 will be asked to consult with health professionals to assess their risk of currently working with children.
9. Social distancing, sanitation, and hygiene precautions will apply to assemblies, P.E., athletic events, and other activities outside the classroom.

**Parent’s or Guardian’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_