

# **Country Gardens Charter School “ON-Campus Learning”**

## **Health & Safety Protocols For the 2020-2021 School Year**

**We are very excited to welcome all our students back to our amazing campus. We have built a new playground, new outdoor lab areas and new ZooQuarium exhibits! Thanks so much to Mr. Zach and his crew, and Mr. Nick and his helpers, for all their hard work this summer! “Mabel” our new milk cow is waiting to meet you-so “Mooove” yourself into high gear, as our new year is about ready to take off! Please be ready to follow all the COVID-19 protocols below, as suggested from local/state officials and the CDC. We want to provide all our students, staff and families with a healthy school environment!**

### **Before leaving home**

1. A parent will check their child for any symptoms that would prevent them from attending/remaining at school. Do not send your child to school if your child is sick with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, vomiting and shows COVID -19 symptoms as per CDC guidance.
2. A parent will check that their child has at least one filled unopened water bottle with them, labeled with their name.
3. The school will provide a washable face mask, with their name on it, for each student, placed in their own zip loc bag, labeled with their name on it. A parent may choose to send their child to school with their own face mask/covering as long as it has no inappropriate messages or pictures on it.

### **On the school bus**

- Social distancing of 6ft should be observed at all bus stops.
- **Face Masks/Coverings**: Drivers and riders will be required to wear a face mask/ covering. If your child does not have their own, CGCS will hand them their own in a zip loc bag, to put on upon entering the bus. These will be turned in at the end of the route and will not be taken home. Students who bring their own mask will be required to put it on before entering the bus.
- Students will sit in assigned seats, and with other family members, if present.(No Exceptions.)
- Sanitizer will be available on the bus and buses will be sanitized and disinfected at least twice daily.

### **At school**

- Students may not arrive until 7:35 AM if dropped off and will report directly to their classrooms upon arrival, unless eating breakfast.
- **Face Masks/Coverings**: All students will be required to wear their own mask from home or wear the one the school provides. These will be given out upon arrival to the campus/or on the bus and will be checked back in at the end of the day in each student’s zip loc bag. All masks provided by the school will be labeled with the student’s name. Any mask brought from home must be labeled with the student’s name in permanent marker. If it is not marked, the school will mark the mask. Masks found without names will be immediately **thrown away**. Make sure your child’s mask is marked.

- **There will be NO LOST AND FOUND this year.** All items found without a student's name on it will be thrown away. Make sure your child's lunch bags, jackets, towels, bathing suits, clothing and hats are all marked with their first and last name.
- Students will wash their hands when entering their classroom or classroom building. The teacher/staff will take their temperature at the beginning of the day and later if necessary.
- Physical distancing of at least 6 ft when feasible, will be expected and monitored.
- Teachers and staff will wear face shields/masks and/or face coverings when in the classroom and buildings and when necessary- outside.
- Face coverings will be required, per local or state mandates, during specific times throughout the day. Specific activities such as swimming in the pool and eating will not require face coverings.
- At elementary recesses, Specials, ZooQuarium and Structured Recreation classes, classrooms will stay together as much as possible.

### **In the classroom**

- Students will be physically distanced and facing forward as much as possible and masks will be worn when necessary.
- Students will need their own cubby bin-see new supply list. There will not be community supplies.
- Electives/specials will observe classroom physical distancing and safety protocols.
- When computers are utilized (very limited), they will be sanitized after and in-between each student use.
- Hand washing and sanitizing will be done throughout the day when possible.

### **At breakfast/lunch**

- The Past Times Café will be open to serve students both breakfast and lunch. Student workers will wear face coverings and face shields. Gloves will be worn when appropriate and safe.
- Classes will be spaced apart when dining in our outdoor patio area, with designated seating at tables, to optimize social distancing. The Past Times Café indoor dining area will be closed for eating, as it will be utilized for spacing between students when in line for ordering their meal choices.
- Additional lunch periods will be added to allow for physical distancing.

### **Clubs, Tutoring, Field Studies, School Events, etc.**

- Clubs will be allowed with protocols being followed for all safety and social distancing. Clubs may be limited by numbers of students to facilitate these protocols.
- Visual and performing arts clubs will follow specific safety protocols that include frequent sanitizing.
- Student field studies, field trips and travel will be scheduled on a case by case basis, depending upon, the size of the group, and the destination.
- Scheduling of school events (assemblies, Open House, etc.) will be determined by future developments and guidance from our state officials.

### **Hygiene**

- Years ago, Mr. Nick-our Science Director, developed a 20 second hand washing technique used when leaving Zoo Lab. He created a song to go with it and when sung correctly, it guides the students through complete washing of the hands for at least 20 seconds. This will be taught to all teachers and staff, so that all students will use this as a guide to proper hand washing. Frequent hand washing will be encouraged at regular intervals throughout the day with both soap and water.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and other areas as well.
- EPA approved solutions will be used to clean surfaces in the classrooms and throughout the campus.
- Classrooms will be disinfected during the day when possible and at night after students have left.
- High use areas and touchpoints will be cleaned throughout the day.

## **Visitors on campus**

- **All persons entering any school building will be required to wear a mask/face covering. If you do not have one, you will not be permitted to enter the premises. All other safety protocols will be expected and adhered to by all.**
- Parents/Guardians will report to the front office when necessary and not go into the café. They will limit their time in the lobby.

## **Training and signage**

- Training will be provided for all employees and students on the expected safety protocols, including: handwashing, face coverings, sanitizing, social distancing and COVID19 symptoms and protocols regarding students who might be sick.
- Signage will be posted at entrances and visible throughout the campus.

## **If A Child Is Sick On Campus**

1. CDC and state health department protocols will be followed.
2. Students will be isolated from other staff and students.
3. Temperature checks will be conducted as feasible.
4. The area will be cleaned and disinfected.
5. Parents will be called to pick up the sick child and information will be shared with persons in close contact with the child, per CDC and health department guidance and regulations to maintain confidentiality of students.
6. Notification will be made to health officials as mandated by local and state regulations.

## **Calendar Reminders**

- The first week of school is August 3-7, 2020. Curbside packet pick up for the first two weeks will be August 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 7pm. When “on-campus” learning is allowed school will be in session M,T,Th,F 8am-3:30-pm, Wednesdays and all Early Dismissal Days are 8am-1:30pm.
- T shirt sale has been postponed and a future date will be announced. Hours for sale 8 am-7pm
- Check new supply list for students, as there are changes from last year.
- 8-12<sup>th</sup> graders need to call the office to sign up for electives, if they did not return their form in the packets last year.
- Make sure you have turned in your bus registration for a spot and time on our bus schedule. Space is limited. If the school is not allowed to open for the entire year, then your bus registration fee will be returned. But at this point in time, it is necessary to get your bus space reserved so that we can place you on our route schedule, so we are prepared for bus service when the Governor allows us to resume “on-campus” learning.

**Ongoing Updates as per the CDC and local/state guidance will be provided on the website: [www.cgcsaz.com](http://www.cgcsaz.com) and our Facebook cgcs1**