

Health and Safety Guidelines and Greene County Career Center Pledge

Dear Families,

The Greene County Career Center cares about the health and safety of our students and staff. Throughout the summer we have been working diligently with administration, staff, and public health officials to review and develop procedures and guidelines related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

We are asking for your help in keeping our buildings “COVID-19 Free” by following our district’s guidelines, insisting that your child follow our district’s guidelines, pledging to report your child’s illness, and keeping students at home when necessary.

The Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention (“CDC”) indicates you may have COVID-19 if you have:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Our best defense against viruses is avoiding their transmission. By following the recommendations of the CDC and the health department, we can reduce illness in our schools and as a Career Center, it is imperative that we can remain open for hands on instruction. We are asking for your commitment along with all parents and staff to:

● **Keep sick children home.** If your child has symptoms listed above or a fever of 100.4 degrees or higher, seek appropriate medical attention and keep students home until they are symptom-free and fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. If your child has tested positive for COVID-19, your child must be kept at home until he/she is symptom free for 3 days (72 hours). We must have your cooperation in order to keep students and staff safe. **By delivering your child to school or placing your child on the school bus, you are assuring the district and other parents that your child is not ill and is fever-free.**

● **Report absences.** Report your child’s absence and share possible COVID-19 symptom information with our attendance secretary or school nurse as soon as possible, so we can track possible case numbers.

- **Remind your child/children of the following important health habits:**
 - **Wear face covering as directed by school policy.** Protect yourself and others by wearing a face covering at all times as directed by school staff.
 - **Wash hands.** Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - **Cover** your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Use an elbow if no tissue is available and do not cough or sneeze without covering up.
 - **Do not share** personal items – pens, pencils, cell phones, electronic devices, laptops, water bottles, drinks, food, or unwashed utensils. Be mindful of the ways this can spread of viruses at all times.
 - **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick. If your child has had close contact with a person with COVID-19, keep your child at home.
 - **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, and mouth whenever possible.
 - **Abide** by the district’s physical distancing procedures.

Without question, students returning to school buildings includes a possible risk of contracting COVID-19. This type of virus can be very serious, particularly for persons at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Even with everyone following district’s guidelines and all cleaning efforts, please understand certain risks remain. We take our responsibilities to students and staff, particularly their safety very seriously, and we know that you do, too. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 with health officials, implement revised safety protocols as needed, and provide updates to our families.

Sincerely,

David Deskins, Superintendent
Greene County Career Center

The GCCC Pledge

Staff/Parent/Students

I have read, and understand the importance of following the district's guidelines created in collaboration with our local health department and CDC guidance in reducing the known risks associated with students returning to school buildings.

I pledge to follow the district's guidelines and join other students, parents, staff, and community members in their efforts to keep our schools safe and students and staff healthy.

As a student or staff member, I further pledge to stay home and call in my illness when I have a fever over 100 degrees, have symptoms included in the guidelines, had close contact with a person who has COVID-19, or tested positive for COVID-19.

As a parent/guardian, I further pledge to keep my child or children home if they have: a fever over 100.4 degrees, have symptoms included in the guidelines, had close contact with a person who has COVID-19, or tested positive for COVID-19; and, I will make arrangements in advance to prepare for this possibility.

Parent/Guardian _____
Date

Student _____
Date

Staff Member _____
Date