



Prep Academy-Platt/Sherwood, GEO Prep-Mid-City, GEO Prep Baker,  
and Next Generation High School-Baton Rouge

Reopening Plan

2021-2022

Dear GEO Staff, Parents, and Students,

We Made It! I hope you all had a restful summer.. The past year has presented us with unimaginable challenges, but also incredible opportunities for big change. **On August 9, 2021, we look forward to welcoming back our students in person, five days a week.** During this school year, the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

As our schools work hard on re-imagining how we educate our children, I am excited to share with you our reopening plans for fall 2021. Based on available health indicators, we will return to **full-time, in-person learning** this August. This means that all students in grades K through 11 will be learning in-person this fall. Virtual learning options will only be available (short-term) for scholars who are quarantined due to COVID. Parents will need to contact the school and provide a note from a doctor.

Thank you for your patience, partnership, and ongoing support as we navigate educating during the COVID pandemic. We look forward to providing our students and staff with as much normalcy, to the greatest extent possible, this coming school year.

Finally, in our commitment to keep health and safety a top priority, we plan to adhere to the many health and safety measures we had in place this past school year, including the following:

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Learning Model	<p><b>GEO Academies plans to operate a full traditional in person and on-campus learning model for the 2021-2022 school year.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any change to a school’s learning model will be communicated to staff, parents, and students.</li> <li>● Groups will remain static in grades K-4 until Labor Day or COVID-19 rates decrease.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mask wearing policies for staff and students</b></p>	<p>Face masks will be mandatory for all staff and scholars. In addition, face masks are required on all school buses.</p>
<p><b>Physical distancing, cohorts, or learning pods</b></p>	<p><b>Physical distancing requirements will determine the maximum group size that may convene indoors in a single room.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GEO will encourage physical distancing of at least three (3) feet from other students, to the greatest extent possible.</li> <li>● Seating charts will be maintained and updated for contact tracing.</li> <li>● Scholars will utilize desk shields especially when in small groups at the teacher’s table.</li> <li>● Teacher/student small group interaction will not exceed 15 minutes of close interaction between the teacher/TA.</li> </ul>
Water	<p><b>GEO water fountains will remain off..</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students will continue to bring their water bottles filled with only water. (No juice or soda)</li> </ul>
Prevention: Hand Hygiene and Respiratory	<p><b>GEO Academies will continue to reinforce handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60%</li> </ul>

Etiquette	<p>alcohol can be used for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer.</p> <p><b>GEO Academies will encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes appropriately.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Used tissues should be thrown in the trash, and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol can be used for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer.</li> </ul>
Monitoring and Screening	<p><b>Parents and staff should continue to complete health screenings at home before coming to school/work for the safety of themselves and others.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No student or staff member should attend school or work when experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms.</li> <li>• Anyone with a 100.4(+) fever may not remain at school and must be picked up immediately.</li> <li>• Staff and students will have their temperatures checked daily before entering into the schools, and throughout the day for symptoms of COVID-19, as defined by the CDC.</li> <li>• Testing will occur weekly at each school site for staff/scholars who agree and have signed consent forms on file. Additional information will be provided soon.</li> </ul> <p><b>Each school has identified and designated an area used to isolate anyone showing signs of being sick. (The Isolation Room)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The designated area will be cleaned after being occupied by any sick student or adult.</li> </ul>
Visitors	<p><b>GEO Prep Academies will continue to limit visitors during the school day to only essential visitors.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The visitors will be required to wear a face mask, have their temperature taken, and practice social distancing.</li> </ul>
Activities and Athletics	<p>Athletics will follow requirements by the LHSAA. All other activities will follow the Louisiana Department of Education guidance.</p>

Child Nutrition	<p><b>GEO Academies Child Nutrition Department will provide students meal services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Breakfast will continue to be a “grab and go.”</li> <li>● Lunch may be served in the cafeteria as long as social distancing can be maintained.</li> </ul> <p><b>GEO Prep Academies will ensure healthy food preparation and meal services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GEO Academies will encourage proper student and staff hand hygiene.</li> <li>● GEO Academies will ensure proper cleaning and sanitizing.</li> <li>● Disposable plates and utensils will be used.</li> <li>● Cafeteria staff will be required to wear face masks and shields.</li> </ul>
Transportation	<p>All scholars are required to wear a mask on the bus daily. This year we have contracted with <b>First Student</b>. You may contact them at 225-654-9729.</p>
Social and Emotional Health	<p><b>GEO Prep Academies is committed to focusing on social and emotional learning, relationships, and supporting transitions.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There will be more frequent monitoring of students in the fall to ensure those who may need additional emotional or mental health support receive that support.</li> <li>● School counselors will conduct classes and small group sessions with students on a weekly or bi-weekly basis.</li> </ul>
Quarantine Guidance	<p>GEO Prep Academies will follow the recommendations of LDOE and LDH. Exposure is defined as being within six feet of a person who tested positive for 15 minutes or longer without a mask.</p>
School Closures	<p><b>The decision to adjust the learning models or close schools will be made on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will ultimately be made by the district/school leadership with guidance and expertise from the Louisiana Department of Health.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Factors that will be considered in closing a school or classroom will be community transmission, the number of students/faculty affected, and the risks of spread at the school.</li> </ul>
Environmental	<p><b>Adequate Supplies</b></p>

<p>Cleaning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Each school will be provided with the proper cleaning supplies for daily use, including soap, hand sanitizer, paper towels, tissues, and disinfectant wipes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>  <i>Staff will continue daily cleaning and disinfecting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● High touch surface areas will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.</li> <li>● Emergency contracted cleaning services will be utilized if needed.</li> <li>● Schools will be sprayed with the sanitizer daily after school hours.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ventilation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● GEO Prep Academies are equipped with an Indoor Air Quality (IAG) system or portable ventilation units in every classroom and throughout the building.</li> <li>● GEO Prep Academies will ensure ventilation systems operate and increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, for example by opening windows on buses.</li> <li>● HVAC filters will be changed 2X a month.</li> </ul>
<p><b>COVID-19 Vaccination policies for staff and students</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.</li> <li>● Weekly COVID-19 testing mandated for all students participating in extracurricular activities.</li> </ul>