



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN ACADEMY

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Hello GSLA Families,

I have great news! GSLA will be reopening in August!

Last week, the Illinois State Board of Education released guidance for schools and school districts to consider as they transition to in-person instruction. The document is over 60 pages and contains information and guidance regarding a number of school-related items. GSLA's School Committee and the faculty will be working through this document in the coming weeks to ensure we transition safely and responsibly.

Illinois Department of Public Health has stated that all public and nonpublic schools in Illinois serving prekindergarten through 12th-grade students must follow these guidelines:

- Require the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings while in the school building;
- Prohibit more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space;
- Require social distancing be observed, as much as possible;
- Require schools to conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings; and
- Require an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.

GSLA intends to return this fall to in-person learning with all students on campus five days a week. We will follow proper safety protocols and procedures. Those protocols and procedures will be reviewed and implemented over the course of the summer and certainly could change as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. Our teachers will also have a distance learning plan in place to smoothly transition to that environment if a mandatory lockdown were to go into effect again.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me at david.roekle@gsdg.org.

I pray you are all having a great summer and cannot wait to see you in August!

In Christ,

Mr. Roekle