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The Guelph Collegiate - Vocational Institute

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Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our new and returning students back to GCVI this month.

As you are aware, the Upper Grand District School Board has put extensive plans in place for the school year. Our school has now created plans that include both operational changes (how we manage the people and resources within the school) and health and safety changes (our response to the COVID-19 pandemic). We hope this document will help answer your questions about the specifics about the opening day and first week of school.

Please also look through our board Parent Guide, for more detailed information about the changes for this school year. Below is also a link to the board's reopening schools website and the Parent Question and Answer (Q&A) page:

- [Link to Parent Guide](#)
- [Reopening Schools Website](#)
- [Link to Board Website and Parent Q & A](#)

Parent Responsibilities – Screening of Students

Parents/guardians are asked to perform a daily screening of their child(ren) for COVID-19 symptoms **BEFORE** leaving for school. Monitor your child for COVID-19 symptoms (see below).

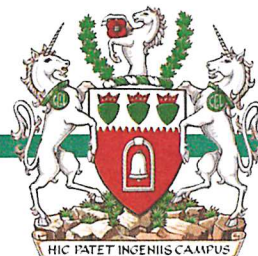
Common symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever (temperature of 37.8°C or greater)
- New or worsening cough
- Shortness of breath (dyspnea)

Other symptoms of COVID-19 can include:

- Sore throat
- Difficulty swallowing
- New olfactory or taste disorder(s)
- Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Runny nose, or nasal congestion – in absence of underlying reason for these symptoms such as seasonal allergies, post nasal drip, etc.

If your child shows any signs or symptoms, they must stay home and the school must be contacted.



For additional information on symptoms, please see the reference document linked below.

Resource:

- [COVID-19 Reference document for symptoms](#)
- [Public Health Resources for Parents](#)

Student Personal Belongings

Students should keep personal items that they bring to school to a minimum. Lockers and change rooms will not be used for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will be required to keep all personal belongings with them throughout the day.

Secondary students are to bring:

- knapsack or tote bag for personal belongings
- face masks
- personal water bottle
- seasonal outdoor wear
- only those items that are necessary for the day (e.g. laptop, textbook, notebook, pens/pencils, calculator, etc.)
- personal technology can be brought in, but it cannot be shared and must be wiped down when it comes into the school

Student schedules/timetables

Please check the school website and school social media pages for updates. Students attending GCVI for in-person learning should have received an email through their UG-Cloud account with important information regarding the first day of school. Timetables for the first quadmester will be available from their teacher in their first in-person class. Daily student timetables will follow the format below:

Grades 9 to 12 Staggered Entry				
Mon., Sept. 7	Tues., Sept. 8	Wed., Sept. 9	Thurs., Sept. 10	Fri., Sept. 11
Labour Day	School reorganization Students in Specialized Class Placements attend full day	School reorganization Students in Specialized Class Placements attend full day	Grade 9 Orientation (Cohort A attends in the AM) Students in Specialized Class Placements attend full day	Grade 9 Orientation (Cohort B attends in the AM) Students in Specialized Class Placements attend full day
Mon., Sept. 14	Tues., Sept. 15	Wed., Sept. 16	Thurs., Sept. 17	Fri., Sept. 18
All Grades, Period 1 – Regular schedule begins	All Grades, Period 1 – Regular schedule begins	All Grades, Period 1 – Regular schedule begins	All Grades, Period 1 – Regular schedule begins	All Grades, Period 1 – Regular schedule begins

Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM
*Secondary Remote Learning Begins				
Mon., Sept. 21	Tues., Sept. 22	Wed., Sept. 23	Thurs., Sept. 24	Fri., Sept. 25
All Grades, Period 2 – Regular schedule begins Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	All Grades, Period 2 – Regular schedule begins Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	All Grades, Period 2 – Regular schedule begins Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	All Grades, Period 2 – Regular schedule begins Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM	All Grades, Period 2 – Regular schedule begins Cohort A – AM Cohort B – PM

Please click the [link here](#) for the full first quadmester schedule.

First Day Procedures

Students will enter and exit the school through the designated doors, based on their classroom location. The specific entry and exit door was provided to each student from their period 1 teacher through an email last week. Students will be let in 15 minutes prior to the start of their class, at 8:45 for Cohort A and at 12:15 for Cohort B. Students are to go directly to class and not linger in the hallways.

For students being dropped off for school, please do not use the GCVI parking lot for for drop-off and pick-up. We are trying to reduce people congregating in our parking lots.

Expectations for Students in the School

All students are expected to follow the health and safety protocols in place around physical distancing, following markings and signs in the school, screening prior to coming to school, wearing a mask indoors and on the bus, hand hygiene, etc.

Parent Access to Schools

Only essential visitors are permitted inside the school (e.g., maintenance personnel). Parents and all other visitors will not be permitted inside schools during the pandemic, except in case of emergency. Meetings with teachers and/or administration will take place virtually in the initial stages of reopening.

Communication with the School

As information become available it is imperative that the school has up to date contact information. If your address, phone number, or emergency contact information has changed over the summer, please contact the school to update your information.

Please stay up to date by regularly checking our website at: <https://www.ugdsb.ca/gcvi/> and by following us at: @GuelphCVI

You can contact the school directly at: 519-824-9800

Payment and Fees

We are not collecting any student activity fees. Where fees may be applicable, parents/guardians/students are encouraged to use SchoolCashOnline.

Student Support

Supports are available to students. If students require additional support related to special education, mental health and wellness, academics, transitioning back to school and other concerns, staff are available to help. Please use the following contact information:

Jamie Hocken, Special Education	jamie.hocken@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 326
Heather Buck, Guidance	heather.buck@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 341
Colleen Anstett, Student Success	colleen.anstett@ugsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 336
Bill Bulmer, CYC	bill.bulmer@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 345
Lori Lutes, Social Worker	lori.lutes@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 356
Sandy Zahnd, IB Prep	alexandra.zahnd@ugdsc.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 332
Angela Snell, IB DP	angela.snell@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 351
Sarah Bolton, International	sarah.bolton@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 355
Amie Willoughby, VP	amie.willoughby@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 308
James Cako, VP	james.cako@ugdsb.on.ca	519-824-9800 x 307

I wish everyone a safe and successful return to school.

Sincerely,

Bob Scott
Principal