



## German Language School Seattle Fall 2022 Health and Safety Guidance

At the start of school year 2022-2023, we continue to navigate the complex reality of quickly changing public health developments. The GLS remains committed to providing a healthy and safe learning environment for its community. To this end, the GLS has put measures in place that are aligned with guidance from the CDC as well as state and local public health agencies.

- The GLS endorses the CDC recommendation of vaccination as a critical tool against COVID-19 infection and encourages everyone eligible to get vaccinated and boosted.
- The GLS highly recommends the use of well-fitting masks inside the school building. The correct use of a well-fitting mask greatly reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19. Extra masks are available at school.
- The GLS follows current [CDC](#) and [DOH](#) guidance that anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home and get tested for COVID-19.
  - A person who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for five days. After five days, if symptoms improve, the person does not have a fever for at least 24 hours (without taking fever-reducing medications), and tests negative, they can return to school. Anyone returning to school after isolation should wear a well-fitting mask from day six to ten.
- Please notify the principal ([principal@germanlanguageschool.org](mailto:principal@germanlanguageschool.org)) if anyone tests positive for COVID-19.
- Students must be dropped off and picked up on the main playground. Parents may use the Lounge on the third floor while their students are in class.
- Consistent ventilation will occur through multiple open windows (top and bottom) in each classroom and all common areas.
- All students and adults will wash their hands and/or utilize hand sanitizer stations multiple times throughout the morning.
- The GLS strives to continue in-person instruction while keeping the community healthy and safe. As we monitor the situation, we may need to update our guidance and temporarily switch to outdoor or online instruction.

Thank you for your support to keep everyone healthy and safe!

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