



**German Language School Seattle (GLS)**  
**Fall 2021 COVID-19 Health and Safety Guidelines**  
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The German Language School Seattle is committed to providing a healthy and safe environment for its community. These guidelines are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Washington State Department of Health, and the Villa Academy's Safety Measures.

- All students and adults are required to wear [two-layer masks](#) (three-layer surgical-style masks for singing) at all times while at school, regardless of vaccination status.
- All faculty, staff, and volunteers are required to be vaccinated. Proof of vaccination (copy of CDC-issued vaccination card) must be submitted to [principal@germanlanguageschool.org](mailto:principal@germanlanguageschool.org). The law allows for religious or medical exemptions. In this case, the individual is required to get tested for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours before class.
- All eligible students are encouraged to be vaccinated and to submit proof of vaccination so that the school has accurate information on hand in the event of exposure or illness in the community.
- Schools are no longer required to conduct health screenings prior to building entry. All parents are expected to monitor their child's health each day and students who are experiencing COVID-19 or other illness symptoms must stay home.
- Students must be free of fever, coughs or other flu-like symptoms, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for 24 hours prior to the return to school.
- Guidance in case of COVID-19 exposure or illness is laid out by [King County Public Health](#) guidelines.

- Guidance for travel and quarantine requirements during the pandemic is laid out by the [Washington State Department of Health](#) guidelines.
- Parents will not be allowed to enter the building for drop-off and pick-up. The designated area for drop-off and pick-up will be the covered space next to the playground.
- Consistent ventilation will occur through multiple open windows (top and bottom) in each classroom and all common areas.
- Student desks will remain at least three feet apart during instruction. There is no eating or drinking allowed in the classroom. Students are expected to always keep a distance of at least three feet apart.
- All students and adults will wash their hands and/or utilize hand sanitizer stations multiple times throughout the morning.
- Recess will be staggered so that only one class at any given time is on the playground or in the lunchroom.
- Library use will be limited to classroom use by teachers.
- All classrooms and common areas will be thoroughly cleaned before and after each class.
- Remote learning will be available in the event of a COVID-19-related school closure.
- Community events will be structured for the highest degree of safety for both students and adults. Specific details for the format of scheduled events will be communicated in advance of each event.