



Dear GDS Community,

Gaston Day has worked hard to create an environment that will be safe for the opening of school. The most important thing we can do as a school community is stay healthy. Please be vigilant about following basic requirements for avoiding the virus:

- always wear a mask in public
- avoid large crowds
- practice physical distancing of at least six feet at all times
- wash your hands frequently
- take your temperature before coming to school
- stay home if you are sick

**The health and safety of our GDS Community involves all of us.** We must commit to doing our part to help prevent any spread or outbreaks. We have created **The Spartan Pledge** that outlines our expectations for all of us. Remember you can always visit our [reopening webpage](#) for more information and details. This page is updated frequently.



*Safety First!*

## THE SPARTAN PLEDGE

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The Gaston Day School Community pledges  
to protect one another in a unified effort to  
reduce the spread of COVID-19.

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### WE PROMISE TO:

#### PROTECT OURSELVES

Regularly check for  
COVID-19 symptoms

Stay informed of best  
practices and guidelines

Wash hands with soap  
and water and/or  
use hand sanitizer

Use good judgment and  
do not take unnecessary  
risks

#### PROTECT OTHERS

Maintain appropriate  
physical distances  
whenever possible

Wear a mask while on  
campus or out in the  
community

Observe the new COVID-19  
related signs and  
procedures on campus

SPARTAN SAFE | SPARTAN SMART | SPARTAN STRONG

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We have also adopted **3 Daily Questions** that each of us should ask ourselves before coming on campus everyday. This includes GDS Faculty, Staff, Administrators, all students, parents, coaches, volunteers, substitute teachers, and outside vendors.

## ONE

**Have you had close contact** (within 6 feet, mask or no mask, for at least 10 minutes) **in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?**

- Yes** | You should not be at school. Please contact the school and follow our return to school policy.
  - No** | You can be at school if you are not experiencing symptoms.
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## TWO

**Do you have any of these symptoms?**

- Fever
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- New cough
- New loss of taste or smell

If you have any of these symptoms, you should go home, stay away from other people and family members & should call your healthcare provider.

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## THREE

**Since you were last at school, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?**

- Yes
- No

If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 based on a test, your symptoms, or do not get a COVID-19 test but have had symptoms, you should not be at school and should stay at home until you meet the guidelines within our return to school policy.

I'm excited to begin school this Thursday and **I hope you know how much I care about you!**

**Remember we are all in this together!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard E. Rankin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Richard Rankin, Jr.  
Anderson Davis Warlick Head of School